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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – DEC. 29TH, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: STEVE MULLER AND CARLY ELDER

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!

PRELUDE

GATHERING PRAYER

*Hymn #118 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 148

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all the angels; praise God, all the host!

Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God commanded and they were created.

The LORD established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

The LORD has raised up a horn for the people, praise for all God's faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God.

Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, though we are in awe of the dawn of your light in Jesus Christ, we remain self-centered and cling to the brokenness of the world.

We celebrate the birth of our savior, yet we struggle in our commitment to follow him.

We are called to pursue justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you; yet we are content to seek our own comfort and conveniently ignore the cries of those in need.

By the light of the Christ child, lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness, as we seek to love all of your bountiful creation.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Luke 2

...Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

From Colossians 3:13

...May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

*Hymn #128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON OT p. 235 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON NT p. 190 Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON

NT p. 55

Luke 2:41-52

HYMN SING

OFFERING

*Doxology GTG #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S
PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #113 Angels We Have Heard on High

*Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to determine who sits in the pew next to you.
Please join us for coffee hour following worship.
- Presbyterian Women meet for Bible study on the second Wednesday of each month, 9:30 am at the church.
- There will be a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, January 26 to approve the pastor's terms of call and hear reports about the budget and mission study.
- Starting in January there will be a 40 days bible study. More information is on the flyer below.