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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – JAN. 5TH, 2025
EPIPHANY



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER & STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: BOB BLANC

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #744 *Arise Your Light Is Come!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM MATTHEW 2

The glory of God has now appeared
through Christ our light, in flesh.
The reign of God has now arrived
through Christ our king, our eternal ruler.
The mystery of God has been revealed
through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.
With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,
we come, bringing our gifts to worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome,
drive out the selfishness in our hearts.
Forgive us for turning from your way, for denying your truth,
for resisting the life you would have us live.
Refresh us and restore us.
Focus us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him
more clearly and follow him more nearly, this day and every day.**
(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM MATT. 2, EPH. 3

...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 PSALM 72

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM

Adoration of the Wise Men

CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

OT P. 649

ISAIAH 60:1-6

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

NT P. 181

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 1

MATTHEW 2:1-12

SERMON

Peace and Tension

HYMN #152

What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright

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.

PASSING EPIPHANY STARS

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 #521

In Remembrance of Me

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*HYMN #853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

*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.
- 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.
- All quilters invited to a community-quilting group at Peace Lutheran Church 9 AM to Noon on Thursdays.
- The first group discussion of "40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew" will be Sunday, January 12th at 4 pm in the Vert Room. See the flyer below.
- Following worship on Sunday, Feb. 2, we will celebrate Groundhog Day with a potluck following worship. This is a summer picnic themed meal in hopes that spring will be here soon. Caring Connection will provide fried chicken. Please bring your favorite summer side or dessert.

40 DAYS

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Please join us for “40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew (Volume 1)” Bible study! The first part of this study will start on January 6, 2025 and end on February 14, 2025 (40 days). This daily devotional journal will take you through Matthew 15:20.

The second part of this study (40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew, Volume 2) will begin with Matthew 15:21-28 and will start on March 5, 2025 and end on Easter. This “40 Days” series is intended to be both devotional and journal that encourages the reader to study, reflect, discern and pray about that day’s Scripture reading.

There is space after each daily Scripture entry to write about the key words or phrases that resonate with you and a place to write your insights.

Group discussions will be led by Pastor Jonathan on the following dates:

(Part 1): January 12, January 26 and February 16.

(Part 2): March 16 and April 6.

Books will be provided by the Congregational Vitality Commission and are also available at Brett’s Books. Please let Darcey Ridgway know if you are interested so the correct number of books can be ordered. She can be reached at (541) 310-0951.

Any and all questions about this Bible study can also be directed to Darcey.