

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON
JANUARY 12TH, 2025
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & 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 in the Rogers Room.
- 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.
- The first group discussion of "40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew" will be today 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.
- Julie Imsland provided beautiful flowers in memory of Joyce Westerson and Jean Whitbread.

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

LITURGIST: Please join me in the call to worship from Psalm 29

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to the people!

May the LORD bless the people with peace!

LITURGIST:

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end.

Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our shortcomings and the brokenness of this world.

Please join me in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us.

Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name.

We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you.

Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have claimed us as your own, loving us without limit.

Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The love of God flows ceaselessly. The mercy of God never ends.

This is good news!

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 29

Peace is a gift of God's love. Let the Lord bless us and give us strength, as we share signs of this peace!

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

BELLS OF JOY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let us Pray. Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON OT P. 631

ISAIAH 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

*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 #480

Take Me to the Water

*BENEDICTION