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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – JAN. 19TH, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER & STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: LORI ALBRIGHT

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Luann Soderstrom provided beautiful flowers in loving memory of her mother, Frances Smead, and her grandmother, Ann Robertson.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 36

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Come, let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty.

For all the ways we fall short in our brokenness, forgive us, Gracious One.

Change us—like water into wine—to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM ISAIAH 62

...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 1 CORINTHIANS 12

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM *Brighter than the Sun* CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON OT P. 651 ISAIAH 62:1-5

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON NT P.163 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON NT P. 87 JOHN 2:1-11

SERMON *Abundant Grace*

*HYMN #302 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace*

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 #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

*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 in the Rogers Room.
- There will be a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, January 26 to approve the pastor's terms of call, hear reports about the budget, and mission study.
- 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.
- The next 40 days with Matthew Bible Study will be Sunday, Jan. 26th at 4 PM at the Vert Room.
- An unexpected tragedy visited us with no warning this New Year. The California Wildfires destroyed lives and homes and are still ongoing. Donations are welcome to the church or directly through the PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) PCUSA website. For more detailed information about the California Wildfires, please see the flyer below.

PCUSA: CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

“The beginning of this year has brought unprecedented challenges for our neighbors in California, who are now facing a devastating disaster. The harrowing images of wildfires consuming parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties have deeply impacted us all, stirring our hearts with sorrow and compassion. Authorities are reporting this as a historic and deadly wildfire event. More than 40,000 acres have burned, with over 12,300 structures destroyed, entire communities wiped out, and tens of thousands of residents displaced. Currently, 92,000 residents are under evacuation orders, and 89,000 more remain in evacuation warning zones, meaning they may need to leave their homes at a moment’s notice. Tragically, at least 24 lives have been lost, and the numbers continue to rise as fires remain uncontained. This is an ongoing disaster, and the extent of damage and loss continues to evolve, with figures expected to change as the situation develops.

As part of the ongoing response and in consultation with the Presbyteries of the Pacific, San Fernando and San Gabriel, as well as the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and its leadership, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in communication with faith leaders in the affected communities. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate assistance. Though the final outcomes of these fires are yet to be known, we are clear that the magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Presbyterians in the region are participating in coordination calls with nonprofit and faith-based disaster organizations to ensure that no one is forgotten.”

Full article:

[Presbyterian leaders from California share impact of devastating wildfires and look to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for support](#)

**Give:
Donation to
California Wildfires**

