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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON – JAN. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
*THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*



*PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL*

*MUSIC LEADERS: STEVE MULLER, CARLY ELDER & BELLS OF JOY*

*LITURGIST: CAROL BLANC*

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Sandy Ball and family provided beautiful flowers in loving memory of her late husband, Dale Ball, and parents and friends, Bill & Jerry Simonton, and George & Ethel King, who have been long-time church members.
- Darcey Ridgway and family provided the other set of beautiful flowers in loving memory of their aunt, Sue Nelson.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN #394      *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares  
knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
**yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the  
end of the world.**

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,  
**which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and  
like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of  
them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

**Come, let us worship the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light.  
We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need  
of you.**

**We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to  
stand up and work for the change we would like to see.**

**Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your invitation  
that we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people,  
sharing your light in ways great and small.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

...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 19

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

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

ANTHEM

*Footsteps in Faith  
(Carly Elder Pianist)  
(Please No Applause)*

BELLS OF JOY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

OT P. 650

ISAIAH 61:1-4

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

NT P.163 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 57

LUKE 4:14-30

SERMON

*Thesis*

\*HYMN #753

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

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 #772

*Live into Hope*

\*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 today, January 26 to approve the pastor's terms of call, hear reports about the budget, and mission study.
- The next 40 days with Matthew Bible Study will be today as well at 4 PM at the Vert Room.
- 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.
- 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.

# 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.*

## 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](#)**

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Donation to  
California Wilfires**

