

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

Sending of God's Word

CLOSING HYMN

The Days are Surely Coming

#357

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Veni, Veni (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

arr. by Chip Davis

No Sunday School for Elementary and Youth. Childcare is available during worship.

Happy Birthday to: Mikayla Irvin 11/29, Kim Uwate 11/29, Nikki Mirhosseyeni 12/02, Erin Goggins 12/03, Marita Talbott 12/04

Leading in worship today:

The Revs Marta and David Ukropina, Co-pastors

Ursula Damgaard, Music Director

Advent liturgy: Jim Mitchelmore, Bob & Robin Burk



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Eugene, Oregon

November 28, 2021

Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: The Candle of Hope

Jim Mitchelmore, Bob & Robin Burk

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are surely coming says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

Come, O people of God,

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*UNISON PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy one, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#82

CALL TO CONFESSION

Waiting and watching for Christ to come, we lose hope; we give in to despair and cease to trust in the providence of God. Yet God, whose faithfulness never fails, does not turn from us. In confidence, let us confess our need that the Lord's face may shine on us, and we may be reminded of the grace that has been given to us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice! And believe the promise! God moves ever near to us, gracefully pouring light over our dark places. Hear the glad tidings of the gospel of God: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

New Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the

house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

ANTHEM

Ave Maria

by Bach/ Gounod singer: Robin Burk

SERMON

"The Act of Waiting"

Rev. Marta Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed (381 AD)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.