

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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* BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE

Greensleeves

arr. Chip Davis

Our Lord Jesus said "*it is more blessed to give than to receive*" and one of the ways we do this is by giving our tithes and our offerings to support the ministry and mission of the church. At this time, we are not passing a shared offering plate, but there is a place for you to leave your tithes and offerings in the Narthex.

Christmas Eve Worship- Family Service at 4:30pm

We will be taking a special offering of food, diapers, children's underwear and children's pajamas

Candlelight and Communion at 7:30pm

Birthdays this week: Marta Ukropina 12/23, Tim Whitsel 12/24

Leading in worship today:

The Revs Marta and David Ukropina, Co-pastors

Ursula Damgaard, Music Director

Advent liturgy: Presbyterian Women- Teri Yerton, Arlis Wozniak, Marcee Long



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Eugene, Oregon

December 19, 2021

Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: WPC Presbyterian Women

Teri Yerton, Arlis Wozniak, Marcee Long

*CALL TO WORSHIP

My soul magnifies the Lord.

My Spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For the Mighty One has done great things.

Holy is God's name. Let us worship God.

God is always with us.

God's love surrounds us and fills us at all times.

Love came into the world in the birth of Christ.

We love because God first loved us! Let us worship God.

*UNISON PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for all of those people that have been set in our lives to show us your love. May we in turn share your love with others. As we journey through Advent, prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in your light as we seek hope, peace, joy and love. Come Lord, Jesus come. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In this season, we acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed Jesus Christ with all our heart and mind and strength. Trusting in God’s grace, let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary’s song, we still seek power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the cost of following you. We pass by the lowly in this world. Forgive us, we pray. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen. *(Prayers continue in silence.)*

SUNG RESPONSE

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vs.4)

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And you, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing: O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is for us and not against us. For that reason, God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

ANTHEM *A Time for Advent* Bob & Robin Burk, Steve & Jeanie Halberg, Anni Reidel

SERMON “The Sound of Trying” Rev. David Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.