
First Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS



SONG OF CONTEMPLATION #85....."Light One Candle"

*ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*GATHERING HYMN #749....."Come! Live in the Light!"

KYRIE

(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

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Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

Gracious God,

we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship "Love" born into this world.

We would like to be those who recognized you in vulnerable human form, who could seek out wonder and rejoice wildly with others.

And yet, merciful God,

we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod.

Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions,

find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety.

Whenever we choose to safely stand back, judging the attempts of others rather than joining the work ourselves. Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear what it would cost to change, the injustices of this world.

Loving God,

we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, Living in the rhythm of your grace.

In the name of Christ,

the one who showed us the way, we pray.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.

God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it.

We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN #88....."O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 1 & 6

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING.....Romans 1:1-7 (pg 158)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING.....Matthew 1:18-25 (pg 1)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON Joseph Made Space for God (to be) With Us

Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #100.....”My Soul Cries Out”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

***CLOSING HYMN #121.....”O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, December 18, 2022

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....	Rev. Michael Ozaki
Ushers & Greeters.....	Bill & Gloria Watro
Pianist.....	Annette Thompson
Music Director.....	Sandy Perkins
Reader.....	Marsha Odom

3 pm Children’s Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 21

12 pm Advent Pause for Peace
6 pm Bell Rehearsal

Thursday, December 22

1 pm Book Study
6 pm Session Meeting

Saturday, December 24

5 pm Christmas Eve Service

Next Sunday, December 25

Online Service Only *MERRY CHRISTMAS*

Monday, December 26 *Offices Closed*

Tuesday, December 27 *Offices Closed*