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# First Presbyterian Church

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11, 2022

\*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS



SONG OF CONTEMPLATION #85...."*Light One Candle*" vs. 1, 2,3

\*ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

\*GATHERING HYMN #92....."*While We Are Waiting, Come*"

## 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)

God of Advent waiting and the needs it makes us feel, we confess to you again:

**We still need you daily**

When sin and death hover around us like famished vultures,  
**you fill us with new strength, so they cannot feed on us.**

When bitterness tries to grab our hearts with its easy teeth,  
**You pry us loose with your scarred hands, to walk in faith with you.**

When we stack our hurts, like kindling wood, ready to set a match of anger to the pile,  
**you pour your spirit of forgiveness on them until soaked so thoroughly, destructive flames cannot get through.**

Jesus Christ, our help, our hope, our life, our peace,  
**we still need you daily.**

## KYRIE

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

*Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)*

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**Kyrie Eleison**

**Christe Eleison**

**Kyrie Eleison**

## SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE

### DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

The good news is this:

God loves the world so much he gave all to help us live,

God loves us all so much he always will forgive.

Like a cup of cold water,

Grace revives us, restores us and offers new life.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

### RESPONSE HYMN #88....."O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 2

### \*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.....Isaiah 35:1-10 (pg 735)**

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

**SECOND READING.....James 5:7-10 (pg 249)**

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

**SERMON        Anticipating Without Holding Our Breath**  
*Rev. Michael Ozaki*

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #123...*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"***  
*vs. 1, 4, 5*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #134.....*"Joy to the World"***

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

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## *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 11, 2022

10:30 am          Worship

11:30 am          Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....	Rev. Michael Ozaki
Ushers & Greeters.....	Wayne & Lori Folkers
Organist.....	Hannah Krueger
Music Director.....	Sandy Perkins
Reader.....	Lynne Mullins

2 pm                          Christmas Concert

#### Tuesday, December 13

6 pm                          PW Christmas Party

#### Wednesday, December 14

12 pm                        Advent Pause for Peace

6 pm                          Bell Rehearsal

#### Thursday, December 15

1 pm                          Book Study

6 pm                          Session Meeting

#### Next Sunday, December 18

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