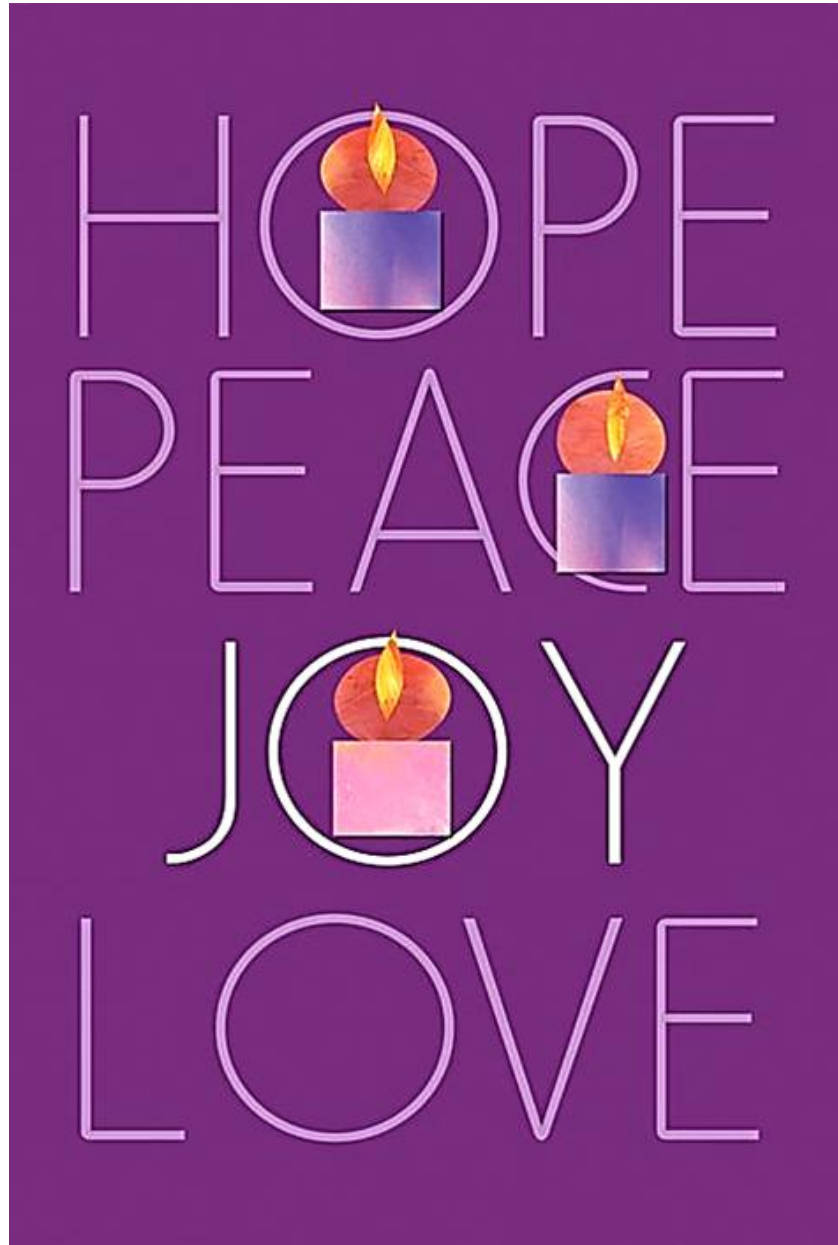




PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

ZOOM Worship 10:00 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Song of Mary)" by Wyeth / W. Douglass

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Candle of Joy

Reader 1: In a world of despair, where depression rates run high, where there has been so much sadness and loss, God, we call upon you to come.

Reader 2: In a world where joy is a distant memory, we call upon you, Great God of Joy, to come. (*Light the pink candle of Joy*)

Reader 1: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Joy into our world. We await the birth of the Anointed One, the Promised Child, who comes into our lives in a new way.

Reader 2: Come, Messiah, Come, and help us sing with joy!

All: Dear God, we pray for all to experience the joy that is found in Jesus. Today may we celebrate in song, the joy found in You.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Isaiah 12:5–6*)

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

for great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us!

*HYMN #104 "O Lord How Shall I meet You"

Melchior Teschnor, 1614

*O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?*

*Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!*

*O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,*

to do in spirit lowly

all that may please you best.

*Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.*

*You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of hope, peace and joy, you call us home from the exile of selfish oppression to the freedom of justice, the balm of healing, and the joy of sharing. Make us strong to join you in your holy work, as friends of strangers and victims, companions of those whom others shun.

Give us eyes to see Jesus today, among those who are oppressed, brokenhearted, and beaten down by life. Help us show in our actions your love that releases and sets free; love that repairs and builds up what is ruined. Give us ears to listen attentively to others in need and point them to hope in you, our Light of the world. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Our God of joy strengthens us when we are weak, enriches the poor with good hope, and gives peace to those who live in fear. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and redeemed!

Alleluia! Amen!

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Advent Candle Song"

Kim Seamans
by Mary Lu Walker

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 61:1-4

Kim Seamans

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Traditional Chant 9th Cent.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:46b-55

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour 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 for ever.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Our Spirits Rejoice!

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.*

[Refrain]

***I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.***

*I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]*

*I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

For love of your justice, O God,
keep your promise
to comfort the mourning
and relieve the oppressed.

**For love of your dream, O God,
keep your promise
to fill our tongues with joy
and bring peace among the nations.**

For love of your light, O God,
keep your promise
to speak hope to the lost
and gladness to the fainthearted.

**For love of your testimony, O God,
keep your promise
to relieve the poor and empty the rich,
to lift up the overlooked and devastate the powerful.**

For love of your anointing, O God,
keep your promise
to send us out with good news
and embolden us to live free of fear. Amen

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 #101 "No Wind at the Window"

John L. Bell, 1992

*No wind at the window
No knock on the door
No light from the lampstand
No foot on the floor
No dream born of tiredness
No ghost raised by fear
Just an angel and a woman
And a voice in her ear*

*Oh Mary oh Mary
Don't hide from my face
Be glad that you're favoured
And filled with God's grace
The time for redeeming*

*The world has begun
And you are requested
To mother God's Son*

*This child must be born
That the kingdom might come
Salvation for many
Destruction for some
Both end and beginning
Both message and sign
Both victor and victim
Both yours and divine*

*No payment was promised
No promises made
No wedding was dated
No blueprint displayed
Yet Mary consenting
To what none could guess
Replied with conviction,
"Tell God I say, Yes"*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Of the Father's Love Begotten" 13th Century Plainsong, Mode V

Preacher: *Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway*
Liturgist: *Kim Seamans*
Music: *Althea Wright, Myles Ellis, Dee Andrea*
Technology Director: *Norm Smith*
Scripter: *Bajun Mavawalla II*

PRAYER REQUESTS Please include in your prayers

- *The family of Dee Andrea's Uncle, Phil, who passed away unexpectedly.
- *The family of Lucy Poindexter, as they mourn her passing on Oct. 24, 2020.
- *The family of Althea Wright's ex-husband, Larry, who passed away Aug. 16th.
- *The family of Helen Burns, as they mourn her passing on August 14th.

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Bill Beaumont	Janice Holmes	Shirley Walton
Bob Bunting	Carolyn Kenworthy	Bob Weber
Patrick Butler	Margret Kram	Jill White
Peggy Call	Vivian Mazeski	Roger White
Doreen Cowden	Luu Maxwell	Helen Wikle
Dick Draper	Jessica Morse	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Danny Duchsherer	Pamela Sage	Betsy Yeager
Barbara Flannery	Debbie Seat	Avery Yudice
Marilyn Hilan	Bob Simmons	
	Sharon Sorani	

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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