



PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF THE ROSES

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People*



*Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5, 2021  
Worship 10:00 am*

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**First time here?** We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag.  
**Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are on the back tables. **Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins.

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.  
The bold type is spoken by the congregation.*

PRELUDE "Jesu Joy Of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in a basket by the doors.)*

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING LITURGY – Peace (from Ezekiel 34)

One: People of God, Ezekiel the prophet called for people to take better care of each other.

**All: We want peace to overcome discrimination, neglect and cruelty.**

One: We will reach out to the weak, the lonely, and the injured to provide the care they need.

**All: God will seek out the lost and bring the flock together again.**

One: Today we light a candle to symbolize God's peace.

We hope in the One who will come. We pray for God's peace to prevail.

*(Light the candles of Hope and Peace.)*

One: People of God, we are the flock of the Great Shepherd.

**All: We give thanks for the light of God's peace!**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come through the family of Jesse.

**All: This justice shall be for all of creation.**

One: Peace shall be established in all the world.

**All: Get ready! Prepare for God's peace to reign!**

One: Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN#104 "O Lord, How Shall I meet You?" Melchior Teschner, 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

One: May these be the days  
when conservatives will share  
a garden with liberals;  
when people of all faiths and none  
will offer safety to each other.

May these be the days  
when bullies and the tormented  
will serve side by side at the shelter;  
when little ones will show grownups  
the paths we have forgotten to follow.

May these be the days  
when justice will put on the tool belt  
filled with faithfulness, peace, and healing;  
when the most vulnerable around us  
will shower us with a harvest of hope.

**All: Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for Christmas parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. We let the fears invade the very center of our lives and find ourselves changing, moving from your light to the darkness of despair. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will and your welcoming ways. Help us prepare to show hospitality to those in need on behalf of you. We live far too much in darkness and fear. Forgive us, patient and merciful God. We ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.**

\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear. God is with us.

I declare to you in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God for mercy and grace! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Carol Michel

OFFERTORY

"Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"

traditional Negro Spiritual arr. by Alma Blackmon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"  
*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Malachi 3:1-4

Carole Michel

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

ANTHEM "Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord/Soon and Very Soon"

Sung by Steve Yeager and Nate Scoble

VIDEO "Mary's Mother"

DRAMA "Elizabeth & Mary"

PCOR Players: Joy Olsen, Nita Pinney, Bill & Nancy Morgan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:67-80

Rev. Dr Cynthia J. Alloway

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty saviour for us

in the house of his servant David,

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who

hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness  
until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsively)

One: May our God of Advent give you hope.

**All: May God grant you peace.**

One: Let us lift our hearts to God who offers righteousness to all.

**All: We open our hearts to the One who loves justice.**

One: Children of God, rejoice in the One who call us to live in harmony and  
welcome everyone. In those days when chaos reigned, creation appeared.  
Holy God, as you spoke the Word which caused snow to cap mountains;  
as you breathed out the Spirit which gave life to sheep and shepherds;  
as your steadfast love shaped all that is beautiful and good.

**All: All this was intended for those clothed  
in your image of grace and hope,**

**but we insisted on putting on sin's coat,  
cinching death's belt around our ways.  
Through the prophets of every age,  
we heard your words of encouragement,  
but chose to keep looking for life  
in the seductions offered to us by sin.**

*One:* So, in that moment that we least expected,  
Jesus came, to baptize us with the Holy Spirit's hope and peace.

***All:* Holy, holy, holy are you, God who gives hope to all.  
All creation gathers your harvest of peace.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who stands beside the most vulnerable.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*One:* In your holiness, God, we find righteousness and justice;  
in your Child, Jesus, we discover our salvation and hope.  
As we inch closer to Bethlehem, as we wait for the kingdom to draw near,  
we sing of the mystery of faith:

***All:* Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*One:* Now in these days, as we gather around the table gifted  
with the bread and the cup, may your Spirit of wisdom rest on us,  
so we will recognize the vulnerable and welcome their gifts in our lives;  
may your Spirit of might rest upon us,

so we may stand up to injustices around us;  
may your Spirit of unity rest upon us, so we may resist all people,  
all words, all things which seek to divide us;  
may your Spirit of compassion rest upon us, so we may remember, and  
serve, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, in this holiest of seasons.

***All:* And when your harvest of peace  
comes at the end of all time,  
and we are gathered with our sisters  
and brothers around your heavenly feast,  
we will sing and glorify you forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN#527

"Eat This Bread"

Jacques Berthier, 1984

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Christ and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread drink this cup, come to Christ and you shall not thirst!*

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give of ourselves for others and to show hospitality to all. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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#123 (vs 1, 2, 5) "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" Richard Willis

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world: above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,



when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Go Make A Difference" Steve Yeager and Nate Scoble

**The Advent Season.** The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming with healing and hope, always inspiring our troubled world to bring peace.



*Flowers are given by Suzanne Hanson  
in loving memory of her father, Michael Mills.*

**Featured Creche:** Today's featured creche is Pastor Cindy's and comes from Mexico.

The PCOR Players in Drama: *Joy Olsen, Nita Pinney, Bill & Nancy Morgan*

PASTOR: *Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway* LITURGIST: *Carol Michel*

MUSIC: *Althea Wright, Steve Yeager, Nate Scoble*

TECHNOLOGY: *Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Nico Wycoff*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS** *Please include in your prayers*

### **Those mourning the death of their loved ones**

\* The family of Janice Holmes as they mourn her passing on Oct. 23, 2021.

**Her memorial will be on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.**

\* The family of Tony Burille as they mourn his passing on Oct. 28, 2021.

\* The family of Jake Parsons as they mourn his passing on Oct. 29, 2021.

**His memorial will be on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.**

### **Those with health issues**

Bill Beaumont	Maryann Iodence	Bob Simmons
Dolores Borchers	Carolyn Kenworthy	Susan Smith
Patrick Butler	Margret Kram	Sharon Sorani
Peggy Call	Arnold Kuprian	Susie Vela
Doreen Cowden	Vivian Mazeski	Bob Weber
Pat Currier	Jessica Morse	Jill White
Eldon Davis	Spencer Nguyen	Roger White
Dick Draper	Nancy Pinney	Helen Wikle
Sam Gomes	Lynette Randerson	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Michele Hare	Rosa Rosillo	Chris Yen's mom
Phil Henry	Pamela Sage	Avery Yudice

### **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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## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Saturday, Dec 18th at 3:00

Meet at the church



See the Rose Clippings for more information

Welcoming all active adults.



# Advent Study

Pastor Cindy will lead us in learning about the writings that didn't make it into the Canonical New Testament.

## The Apocryphal New Testament

More stories of Jesus you'll love to hear!

MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY  
ZOOM  
NOV. 29-DEC. 20



# Alternative Christmas 2021



### Church World Service

Chickens to Tanzania \$15.00  
10 Books to Vietnam \$20.00



### PCUSA Mission Agency

Kitchen Kit \$25.00  
Supplies for Student \$30.00



### Doctors Without Borders

At work in Afghanistan  
25 Obstetrical Stethoscopes \$35.00



### Partners in Health

Helping in Haiti  
Emergencies \$30.00



### Man to Man Urban Youth Advocacy

Christmas gifts for prisoner dads  
to give their children \$20.00



### Santa Rosa YWCA

Combating  
Domestic Violence \$20.00



**Give to all \$195.00**

*Ways to make a difference this Christmas*