



PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF THE ROSES

*Reaching out with Nurturing Love to All*



## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**December 19, 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                    "Noel Pour Hautbois"    Trad. French Carol arr. by R. Warner

### 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.)*

MOMENT FOR MISSION                    Christmas Joy Offering

INTROIT by Bellissimo    "Christmas Joy Fanfare"    by Douglas E. Wagner

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING – *Love* (from Matthew 1)    Joy and Lindsay Olsen

One: People of God, today we hear the story of an angel appearing in a dream.

**All: Joseph was a righteous man who heard God's messenger.**

One: Because of his deep faith, he trusted in God's steadfast love.

**All: When we know God's love, we can extend it to others.**

One: Today we light a candle to symbolize the steadfast love of God. We hope in the One who will come. We pray for God's peace to prevail. Our joy will come with Jesus, God's son. God's love never ends.

*(Light the candle of Love to join the other lit candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy.)*

One: People of God, remember you are God's beloved children.

**All: We celebrate God's steadfast love!**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

One: Come and experience the wonder of God's presence.

**All: We are family! The family of God!**

One: The grace that came to us with God's son, our savior, brings us into community and wholeness, not just once a year, but 24/7.

**All: Our God has loved us and been with us before our beginnings and after our endings. May we be open to receiving eternal hope, joy, peace, and love. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN#121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Louis Henry Redner

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (*in unison*)

**All: Living God, moved by the coming of Christ into our lives, we seek to be your people. Order our lives with repentance and with compassion for all. We often fail to live faithfully for you and in harmony with one another. Help us to comprehend the great love with which you opened yourself up to our world, so that we may risk opening ourselves in love toward all your people. Let the peace of Christ guide us and let Christ's message of hope in all its richness live in our hearts and show through our lives. Amen**

\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with an awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue on our journey. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God for the precious gifts of loving forgiveness and merciful grace!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
(*including collection of the Christmas Joy offering*)

Nita Pinney

OFFERTORY

"No Room" by John Peterson arr. Fred Bock

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 5:2-5a

Nita Pinney

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**CANTATA** (insert) Candles & Carols: A service of hope, peace, joy, and love

Music and orchestration by Mark Hayes. New lyrics by Pamela Martin.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of Wonder, we come before you in anticipation of what is to come; We are excited; we are fearful; we are relieved; we are uncertain. In all these emotions, you are here with us, God of No Limits. We give you thanks for the boundless gifts you have given us: This universe which you have created with its infinite mystery; this earth that sustains us with its resources and beauty; this created life, with all its relationships, of which we are a part; for all these acts of love, we give you thanks.

**All: God of Love, we give you thanks for your Church. The community of those who came before, are here now, and are yet to come. Help us to work together in the building of your kingdom here on earth so we may live in justice, peace and harmony with all.**

One: God of Many Blessings, we call to mind all the ways in which you have blessed us individually. With family and friends that fill us with belonging, with studies and ministries that challenge and excite us, with good mental health

and happiness. In silence, O God, we give you thanks for other blessings that you have laid before us....

**All: God of Wisdom and Understanding, as we give thanks, we also hear the words of Scripture, urging us to bring all the concerns of our hearts to you....**

One: And so, we come with prayers of petition and intercession: for a time when all this world so badly needs peace and harmony. When hunger and oppression might end if we share our resources with equity. When those who suffer might know freedom from pain. In our individual lives, O God, we name and offer the sighs of our hearts. Hear them now as we lift up silently these prayers to you..... God of Patience and God of Surprises,

**All: Teach us, in this time of waiting, to be open to let go of all those things that hide your presence from us. Catch us by surprise, catch us with awe and wonder at the complexity of creation. Fill us with the gift of your grace and your love.**

One:In this time of Advent and all the days to come. In the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, your wonderful gift to us, we pray the words he taught us to say: **(The Lord's Prayer) Amen.**

#### 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 #140      "Once in Royal David's City"      Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild;  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern;  
day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless;  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

\*BENEDICTION

May you be strengthened as you go forth to carry God's love, as Mary did.  
A love that is radical, powerful, brave, and life-affirming.

POSTLUDE

"#1 Noel"

by Louis Claude Daquin



*Flowers are donated by Jill and Roger White  
in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
on November 21, 2021."*

**Why we light the Advent wreath:** 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.

Reference: Prayer of the People adapted:  
<https://www.liturgylink.net/2012/11/29/>

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**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

**Liturgist:** Nita Pinney

**Music:** Althea Wright, Linda Burille,  
Chancel Choir, Bellissimo

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

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING TO ANNOUNCE NEW  
OFFICERS ON JANUARY 2, 2022.**

**We still need 3 Deacons, and we  
are accepting self-nominations so  
please consider joining the  
Deacons!**

**Thank you, Church of the Roses**

**DEADLINE FOR 2021 GIFTS  
The last date to complete  
many gifts is  
11 am, Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.**

\*Gift checks mailed via USPS with postmark and check date on or before Dec. 31, 2021 will be counted for 2021 regardless of when they are received or deposited by PCOR.

\*Gift Checks dated Dec. 31, 2021 and hand delivered to the church office by 11 am, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2021 will be counted for 2021, regardless of when they are deposited by the church.

If we have your email address, your 2021 Giving Statement will be emailed by the end of January 2022. Otherwise, it will be mailed. Look for it!

**Giving Envelopes for 2022 can  
be picked up in Bowen Hall on  
Sunday, Dec. 26 and on  
Tuesdays throughout January.**

However, it is not necessary that you have these envelopes to facilitate your giving. You can continue to mail your offering to the church without the giving envelopes.



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

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

- \* The family of Shirley Weber, as they mourn her passing on Dec. 3, 2021.
- \* The family of Barbara McElroy as they mourn her brother's passing.
- \* The family of Janice Holmes as they mourn her passing on Oct. 23, 2021.
- \* 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.

### **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	Beverly Mueller	Roger White
Dick Draper	Spencer Nguyen	Helen Wikle
Sam Gomes	Nancy Pinney	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Michele Hare	Lynette Randerson	Chris Yen's mom
Phil Henry	Rosa Rosillo	Avery Yudice
	Pamela Sage	

### **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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**BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2022,  
The church office will also be open on Mondays 10-2pm.**



*Anna Maria Mendiotta*



# *Christmas Eve*

*Sing the Carols Candlelight Service  
with vocalist, Carol Menke, and  
Concert Harpist*

*Friday, December 24 at 7 p.m.  
family service*

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## **Understanding the New Testament**

**Returns in 2022!**

**Beginning January 10 at 7:00 p.m.  
on Zoom and at church.**



**Professor Brake continues his  
lectures on the Gospels with**

## **The Gospel of John**

**Reading this beloved Gospel  
ahead of class is recommended.**