



Sunday, December 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer, Marcia Beard,
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Bell Choir

Arlene Beibesheimer, Elaine Crane, Gail Cowdin, Jan Grim, Gail Knudsen
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WELCOME DESK

Gail Winsor

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Buddy Needham

USHERS/GREETERS

Delores Jennings, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor, Bill Bennett

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group 1
Ron and Kay Burroughs

AUDIO/VISUAL

Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHOIR ANTHEM “Christmas Gloria” Lloyd Larsen

WELCOME

PRELUDE “*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*” Arr. R.C. Wilson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Liturgist: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 1:46)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

With Mary, our spirits rejoice, and we sign God's praise.

Let us honor God with our worship this fourth Sunday of Advent.

***HYMN # 133**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The prophet Micah tells us that the “one of peace” will come from Bethlehem. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us confess our sins and set ourselves on Christ's path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Soon we will celebrate the Prince of Peace, but we are not a people at peace. We glorify violence and dismiss the pacifist as weak. We dominate and demean turning dialogue into debate. We wage war with enemies and invest in self-defense before giving non-violent strategies a chance. Lord, forgive us. Help us work towards your peaceable kin-dom, where swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Micah 5:4-5)

“And he will stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord ... 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.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 2:8-15

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those who he favors!

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“How Could the Shepherds Know”* Brad Nix

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Christmas Bells Are Ringing”* Mark Hayes

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- THURS:
9 am to 3 pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 248-688-8736. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons: December
Mary Hackleman
Gail Knudsen

12/15/2024 Attendance:
Members: 108 Guests: 10 Online: 12



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.

We are looking for volunteers to be ushers. Please contact Karen Schneider if you are interested in becoming one.

Also the sign up for 2025 Ushers and Greeters is in connector hallway.



The Christmas Carolers last Sunday

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 25 Arlene Biebersheimer

Dec 26 Barbara Greigo

Dec 26 Eleanor Springstead

Dec 27 Jerry August

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship—Advent 4
Christmas Music Celebration

Monday, December 23

NO EVENTS
Church office closes at noon

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve
Church office closes at noon
5-6pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight service—
Communion
5:30pm –6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
12-1pm- Christmas Meal (F/H)

Thursday, December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, December 28

NO EVENTS

Sunday, December 29

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Lessons in Carols Worship
Service

Starting in January, there will be a monthly game night hosted by one of the Shepherd Groups. The first will be Monday, January 27th, 3-5pm.