



Sunday January 5, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“O Come All Ye Faithful ”* E. Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 31:7-9)

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

Proclaim, give praise, and say ‘Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.’

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

Among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;

A great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back.

*HYMN #63

“The Lord Is God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Wisdom delivers a holy people from a nation of oppressors. She enters the soul of a servant of the Lord, withstanding dread kings with wonders and signs.

As we confess that our strivings for Holy wisdom fall short, we lament the oppression of the nations. As we confess that we don't always act as though our servant souls are imbued by God's wisdom, we lament the power of dread kings.

Let us offer, therefore, prayers of lament and confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeem your world, O Lord. We lament the destruction caused by worldly rulers extending their power through force. We lament the ways that the tendrils of oppression have taken hold among your people, your creation.

Redeem your people, O Lord. Too often, we fail to act in ways that reflect your love. Too often, we fail to speak your truth.

When it is easier for us to do nothing, help us act. When it is easier for us to say nothing, give us words to speak. Turn us away from sin, liberate us from the grasp of oppression, and lead us towards new life in Christ. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (John 1:16)

The Gospel of John reminds us that "from Christ's fullness, we have all received grace upon grace." Hear this good news with joy: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and, in Him, all things are being made new. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to “pass the peace” to those around you.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your
dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come
to you; your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of
the LORD.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 72:1-7

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

2 **May he judge your people with righteousness,**

3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

4 **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

5 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon throughout all generations.

6 **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

SECOND READING

Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking,

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?

For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay

him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief

priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where

the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people of Israel”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

“Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring that I may also go and pay him homage.”

⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped,

they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (John 1:1-5)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him is life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

As we read and reflect on your Scriptures, O Lord, we pray that your Spirit will move among us so that we might hear your Word, your light shining in the darkness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SERMON *“Light by Another Road”* Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

STAR-WORD† Pick your Star Word

*HYMN #169 *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”* (v1,2,5)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Inclusive Language Text of the Confession of 1967)

“In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.”

We respond to the gifts that God has given us with gratitude and by using our gifts in service to God and neighbor. Giving thanks to God, let us collect our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

“Light of the World”

Richard Miles

*DOXOLOGY #606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We thank you for all of the spiritual and material gifts that you have given us, O Lord. We dedicate these gifts to you in gratitude and in hope for the day where all will be fed, all will be sheltered, and all will be safe. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #265** *“Jesus Shall Reign Where’re the Sun”* (v1,2,5)

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

GOING FORTH #267 *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”* (vs. 1)

***POSTLUDE** *“The Power and Glory”* Lani Smith

†STAR-WORDS

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Kindness | 26. Peace | 51. Leadership | 76. Tolerance |
| 2. Caring | 27. Faith | 52. Discernment | 77. Wholeness |
| 3. Sharing | 28. Consideration | 53. Obedience | 78. Guidance |
| 4. Giving | 29. Fellowship | 54. Thoughtfulness | 79. Hospitality |
| 5. Compassion | 30. Unity | 55. Responsibility | 80. Foresight |
| 6. Love | 31. Teaching | 56. Patience | 81. Trust |
| 7. Openness | 32. Singing | 57. Forgiveness | 82. Learning |
| 8. Pardon | 33. Celebration | 58. Humility | 83. Proclamation |
| 9. Understanding | 34. Perseverance | 59. Faithfulness | 84. Encouragement |
| 10. Discipleship | 35. Judgment | 60. Hope | 85. Trustworthiness |
| 11. Servanthood | 36. Discipline | 61. Tenderness | 86. Inspiration |
| 12. Stability | 37. Courage | 62. Enthusiasm | 87. Wonder |
| 13. Hopefulness | 38. Confidence | 63. Evangelism | 88. Flexibility |
| 14. Innocence | 39. Clarity | 64. Healing | 89. Grace |
| 15. Prayerfulness | 40. Honor | 65. Assurance | 90. Graciousness |
| 16. Praise | 41. Contentment | 66. Rejoicing | 91. Integrity |
| 17. Gentleness | 42. Imagination | 67. Respect | 92. Helping |
| 18. Knowledge | 43. Commitment | 68. Insight | 93. Witnessing |
| 19. Happiness | 44. Friendship | 69. Selflessness | 94. Generosity |
| 20. Laughter | 45. Freedom | 70. Righteousness | 95. Perceptiveness |
| 21. Acceptance | 46. Creativity | 71. Loyalty | 96. Purity |
| 22. Self-Control | 47. Devotion | 72. Justice | 97. Prayer |
| 23. Restraint | 48. Joy | 73. Honesty | 98. Service |
| 24. Mercy | 49. Strength | 74. Wisdom | 99. Steadfastness |
| 25. Truth | 50. Comfort | 75. Awareness | 100. Determination |



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 on Call for January:
Susan Foster
Sharon Judson

12/29/2024 Attendance:
Members: 81 Visitors: 12, Online 17



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

On January 12th after service, there will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on Terms of Call. Please plan on staying for the meeting.

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

Our new flower calendar is here! Stop by the office to reserve a Sunday to provide flowers for service.

Please come join us on January 7th at 9:30am to take down the Christmas Decorations

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 6 Daryl Litton

Jan 8 Dotty Lewis

Jan 8 Dayna Plummer

Jan 11 Claudia Shelton

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship

Monday, January 6

1:00-2:00pm Operations (A)

Tuesday, January 7

9:30-10:00am Staff Review
10:30am-1:00pm Writing Group (P)
5:30-6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, January 8

9:30-10:30am Deacons Meeting
10:30-11:30am Staff Meeting (A)
3:00-4:00pm Congregational Life (C)

4:00-4:30pm Staff Review
4:30-5:00pm Staff Review
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 9

1pm-PW Meeting

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 11

9:00am Art Club (FH)
9:00am Stated Session (A)
2:00-3:00pm Celebration of Life for John Foss

Sunday, January 12

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship—
Communion, Installation of Deacons and Elders
11:00am Congregational Meeting- (Terms of Call)