

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** - share the peace of Christ with your immediate neighbors by saying, "The Peace of Christ be with you" and sharing your names.

L: The peace of Christ be with you. **U: And also with you.**

***HYMN #53** "What Child Is This"

***CHARGE**

***SENT TO PUT FAITH IN PRACTICE**

L: Let us go into the world

U: To be the church

L: A beacon of hope

U: Reviving the world through God's love. Amen.

***MUSICAL BENEDICTION** "Silent Night, Holy Night" PCN Music Ministry with PCN Bell Choir

POSTLUDE "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" PCN Bell Choir



Each Sunday we encourage you to join us from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the patio or in Trevitt Hall for coffee, conversation, and fellowship.

PCN WORSHIP ORDER

*As we enter, let us quietly prepare to worship God.
Please silence all cell phones so that we might have a reverent service.*

10:00 a.m. December 22, 2024
PRELUDE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" PCN Bell Choir

WELCOME
Prayer requests will be collected at this time.

CHORAL INTROIT "Emmanuel" PCN Music Ministry

COMMUNITY CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:2-7
L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in darkness, on them light has shined.

U: You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

L: For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, You have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

U: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

L: He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

OPENING PRAYER Bill Bradfield

**Please stand as you are able.*

***HYMN #15**

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Sydney Fletcher

*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School. (Sunday School is available for ages birth to 3 in the nursery/room 2; Pre-K through 5th grade in room 1. **Parents/Guardians, please pick up your child/ren from their classrooms directly following the worship service.**)*

LAYING DOWN OUR BURDENS

U: We come today O God acknowledging that we have expectations, hopes and dreams for our lives and for others we love, for our church, nation, and world. We confess that we sometimes lack a patient faith for those times when You fulfill Your promises in ways beyond our expectations and understanding. Pardon us for sometimes questioning Your faithfulness to us and to Your covenant promises. Renew us with Your Spirit that in this Advent season our faith may remain intact and even grow stronger. We thank You today for the gift of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, in Whom all Your promises are fulfilled. Through Christ our Redeemer we pray. Amen.

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Paul wrote to the Church in Colossae, “God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,

U: In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

L: Friends, believe the Good News!

U: Trusting in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven!

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

“Glory Be to the Father”

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**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

John Reuscher

GOD’S WORD READ

Luke 1:67-79

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

“Zechariah’s Great Expectations”

Rev. Dr. Kent Webber

***HYMN #601**

“Song of Zechariah”

PRAYERS WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

U: 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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The First Nowell”

PCN Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

PCN Music Ministry with PCN Bell Choir

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.