

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 11, 2022

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Advent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing”
ARR. MARTHA THOMPSON

Bell Choir

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation,

P: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

L: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; You provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

P: The meadows clothe themselves with flocks. The valleys deck themselves with grain. They shout and sing together for joy!

All: Let us worship God!

Advent Candle Lighting - James, Heather and Colin Barrett

*HYMN NO. 93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

In this Advent of expectation, draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation, draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of joy, God of life, God of hope, we define life by hoping for success and pleasure and have overlooked the joy You offer. We so frantically work at making a living, we easily miss the abundant life You bring. We hope for some good news in the world, but we have been so blind to miracles, that we miss the acts of love that generate rebirth. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive Your gifts; teach and inspire us to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠ Moment for Silent Reflection ✠

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

(Pg. 581 in red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end, amen. Amen.

*THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Josephs Lullaby”

ARR. MELODY BOBER

PIANO SOLO – Linda Schaller

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Luke 2: 8-18 (Pg. 58)

NEW TESTAMENT Psalm 131 (Pg. 574)

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2: 9-10 (Pg. 233)

L: Word of God for the people of God
P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Shepherds Journey To Hope: Ragtag Priests” Rev. Beth Utley

HYMN NO. 803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER
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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 451 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

POSTLUDE “Joy In The Morning” ARR.. LANI SMITH

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Gregory Menio Jr. and David Braithwaite.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by David and Barbara Braithwaite in memory of David’s parents.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

GREETERS for today are Rick and Becca Sanker.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff
Sandra Rydell Judy Schreck Jim Hall
Phil Lawrence Debbie Prince Lisa Swanson

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant
Keith Karkut	Technology/Sexton

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u>	~ Bell rehearsal, 9:15 a.m.
	~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m.
	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
	~ Session meeting, following worship
<u>Tuesday</u>	~ Inspararity Dialogues, 7:00 p.m.
	~ Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m.
	~ Men’s Lunch, noon
<u>Wednesday</u>	

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