



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

1st Sunday of Advent/10:30 & Virtual Service
Sunday, 27 November 2022

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.
 When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch,
 but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.
 At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord,
 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might,
 and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came - BESANCON, arr. Hal Hopson

Theresa Merrill

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

OPENING HYMN #83

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTT GART

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
 Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

CALL TO CONFESSION: In God's house, everyone is welcome-those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here." But we say, "Our lives are too messy." You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here." But we say, "It's too risky to hope." You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here." But we say, "Some things are easier to forget." God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow, There's room for every story. Amen.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

THE KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Family of faith, We who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here." From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #581: **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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Sharon Clegern

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT TEXT

Matthew 1:1-17

1 An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, 4 and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7 and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8 and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9 and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10 and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos[g] the father of Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. 12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the Messiah. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Hymn # 350

Keep Your Lamps

Spiritual, arr. Tom Merrill

SERMON

A Generational Laundry List...

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #85

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

TIF IN VEDELE

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel; God fulfills the promise.
Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.
Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.
Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He is coming; tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining.

BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry - PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, arr. Hal Hopson

Theresa Merrill

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE:

Nov 27 Advent Week 1:

Worship 8:30 & 10:30

Dec 4 Advent Week 2:

Worship 8:30 & 10:30

Activities with CE 11:30 (See flyer on last page)

Dec 11 Advent Week 3:

Healing Service

Worship 8:30 & 10:30



Dec 18 Advent Week 4:

Special Music

Worship 10:30

Dec 24 Christmas Eve:

Family Service 5pm

Candlelight Service 7pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day:

Worship 10:30 ONLY

Jan 1:

Worship 10:30 ONLY

THIS WEEK AT PRPC

Sun, Nov 27

8:30 am Service (Chapel)

10:30 am Service (Sanctuary)

Mon, Nov 28

6:00 pm Boy Scouts (Boy Scout Room)

Tues, Nov 29

12 pm: Bible Conversations

Wed, Nov 30

2:00 pm: TEAMWorks (Heritage Hall)

7:00 pm Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

Thurs, Dec 1

7 pm: Choir

LOCAL MISSION NEWS

The City Gospel Mission will have its annual Christmas store on Dec. 5th.

Starting Nov. 13th, the Christmas tree with new gift ideas for that opportunity to donate will be in Heritage Hall.

Gifts should not be wrapped but put in a bag or box with the gift tag attached.

The deadline for giving gifts will be Dec. 4th.

The annual toy drive for The Caring Place and PRM will start Nov. 27th and toys will be given to grateful families on Dec. 15th, 16th and 17th.

We are accepting new toys, books, and puzzles for children age newborn to 10.

Toys (unwrapped) should be brought in by Dec. 14th and placed around the Christmas tree.

HYBRID NEW LECTIONARY BIBLE CONVERSATIONS:

We have weekly conversations looking specifically at the Biblical Text that will be preached the following Sunday. **These will be weekly at Noon in the Library. Just bring your own Bible and lunch.** Everyone is encouraged to read the text prior to coming in order to join in the discussion. Each week, we will walk through three questions in concern for the text:

-What is going on in the text? What is this text saying to me? What does this text need to say to us as a congregation?

We look forward to seeing you there and to get you started, here are the texts that we will be looking at in the weeks to come:

-29 November: Matthew 1:18-25

-6 December-January 3 No Bible Conversations due to the holidays

Last, for those that cannot make it to PRPC at that time but want to join in too, please know that this is going to be a hybrid Bible Study. You can join in on ZOOM. Please email Jennifer for the necessary link at SULLIVANJRPC@gmail.com or see the links available in our Constant Contact email announcement.

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **Lorna McCafferty**, Recovering from surgery

- **Pam West**, friend of Jeanette Marshall, Health concerns
Serving in the Armed Forces

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm

Mission Coworkers:

- **Jim McGill**, in Africa

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of November: 1 Otto Budig, 2 Zach Steele, 3 John Coffey, 5 Joyce Thoma, 9 Jayden McNeill, 11 Hans Hammelrath, 20 Don McLennan, 28 Judy Kapfer.

Month of December: 2 Nancy Schmidt, 3 Robert Porter, 6 Alexander McNeill, 8 Jean Graham, 9 Connie Beckett, 13 Sally Budig, 15 Bruce Anderson, 17 Sheila Potter, 30 Sarah Downs.

SUNDAYS AT PRPC:



**JOIN your PRPC church family for the
2022**

Advent Gathering

Sunday, December 4, 2022
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Activities for all ages:

- * Dinner * Crafts * Cookie Decorating *
- * Bow Making * Chrismon Tree * Caroling *

Please Sign-up at front desk or register via email to
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