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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service

December 3, 2023

11:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Centering for Worship

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymn #135

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.

Peace on Earth

CCLI Song # 7067210 Michael Rossback | Paul Baloche © Integrity Worship Music

We come before You with hardships and fears
We lay down our burdens Lord draw us near
Blind to injustice we've turned our eyes
Lord heal our brokenness raise us to life

Chorus

Peace on earth peace on earth
Lord hear our pray'r Your peace on earth
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Peace, peace, peace

Jesus our Saviour You've made us one
Walls of division torn down by love
The cross has redeemed us all penance paid
Love through forgiveness we have been saved

Chorus

Friend of the widow hope to the poor
Proof to the doubting heart end of all wars
Mercy to sinners Light of the world
All pow'r and authority Lord speak Your Word
Chorus

Prayers of the People

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Prayer of Confession

Instrument of Peace

CCLI Song # 7158505 Isaac Wardell | Jessica Fox | Liz Vice | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach © 2020 Integrity Worship Music

Where is there hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me sow light
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life *Chorus*

Where there is sorrow let me sow hope
Where there is doubt let me sow faith
Where is injury your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain *Chorus*

Chorus x2
Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Assurance of Pardon

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – Peace

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Response and Offering

You are now invited to light a candle at the back of the sanctuary



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Song During Offering: Open Up John Arndt / David Gungor © 2011

You heard the cry of our hearts and you came down
Freely you gave us your love, showing us how

Make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me show love
Where there is darkness let me shine light and
May your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark

All that we do without love, it means nothing
Grant us the courage to give, as you're calling

First Scripture Reading - Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass;
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers; the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers; the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms
and carry them in his bosom
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Scripture Reading - Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight,’ ”

⁴ so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon

Silence – *Making Space*

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elder – Bekah Blanchard

Invitation to the Table + Communion

Song During Communion – Come, All Who Are Weary

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Come, all who are weary I will give you rest
Come, all who are striving Lean upon my breast
For my yoke is easy and my burden light
O come, all who are weary, come

Come, all who are wounded, crying out “How long?”
Come, all who are waiting for the break of dawn
Darkness will not hide me forever from your sight
O come, all who are wounded, come

Come, all who are weeping, all whose hope is gone
Come, all who are silent, all who’ve lost their song
Your every tear is numbered, your every sorrow known
O come, all who are weeping, come

Prayer After Communion

Comfort, Comfort Now My People – Hymn #132 (set to DIVINUM MYSTERIUM)

"Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim
that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling all to true repentance,
since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

Benediction

Thank you to our Leaders in Worship

Pastor: Rev. Drew Peterson

Pastor for Imaginative Worship: Rev. Dr. Taylor Telford

Worship Leaders: Carole Stuart, Lois Robertson, Nolan Carthum

Audio/Video Technician: Jason Stuart

Greeter: Nick Robertson

Upcoming Schedule

Dec 3	Worship & Communion	11:30 a.m.
	Christ Kitchen <i>Christmas Is in the Bag</i> Event-Bag filling & fellowship	After Worship
	Christmas Concert by BellaCristo Handbell Choir Millwood Community Presbyterian Church	3 p.m.
Dec 10	Ministry Team Meetings	Before Worship
	Worship	11:30 a.m.
	Resilient Threads Guatemala Fair Trade sale	Before & After Worship
Dec 14	Ministry Team Minutes Due	5 p.m.

Announcements

Christmas is in the Bag!

We are helping Christ Kitchen provide love and care to women in poverty by joining with CK in blessing the women with a gift.

We will gather after church today, fellowship over filling purses, writing notes of encouragement, and eating lunch together. The Mission & Discipleship Team is providing the soup.

Prayers

Middle East

Continue to pray for peace in Gaza and Israel.

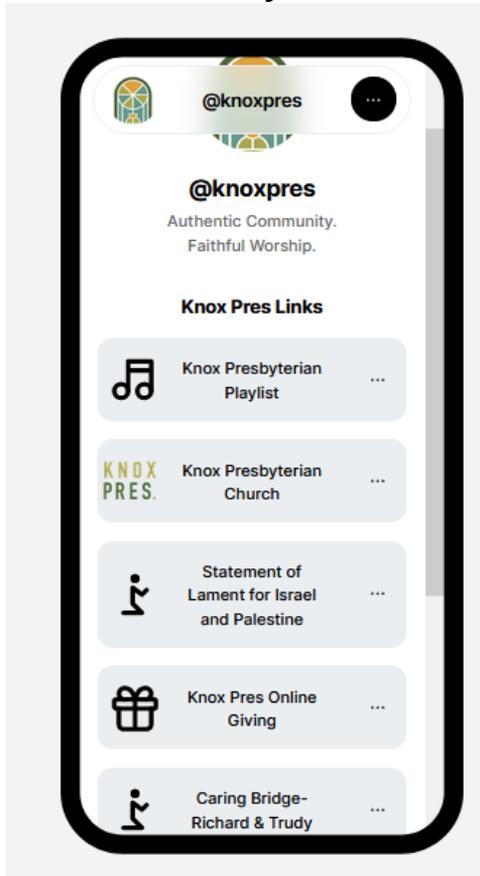
Richard Raymond

Pray for Richard Raymond's health, and strength for Trudy as they navigate through this uncertain time. You can leave a prayer and follow their journey on Caring Bridge **by scanning the Knox Link Tree QR Code below.**

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