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Sunday Worship Service

December 31, 2023

11:30 AM

Welcome and Centering for Worship

Centering Prayer

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Chorus

I wanna be where my feet are
I wanna breathe the life around
me
I wanna listen as my heart beats
right on time
I wanna be where my feet are

Verse 1

I chase my worries
I flee my sorrows
But what You give me is now
So take my burdens
and my tomorrows
I wanna be where my feet are

Verse 2

I run to capture
the next horizon
But what You give me is here
I get no farther
and still I find You
I wanna be where my feet are

Bridge

The ground below me
is how You hold me
I wanna be where my feet are
(x4)

Hope for Everyone

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Verse 1

Hear the angels sing
There is hope for everyone
To announce our King
There is hope for everyone
What good news they bring
There is hope for everyone
Angels sing there is hope for
everyone

Verse 2

They came from afar
There is hope for everyone
Wise ones saw the star
There is hope for everyone

Shepherds heard the choir
There is hope for everyone
From afar there is hope for
everyone

Chorus

We are waiting on the promise
Of the One who lights the
darkness
Bending low to be among us
Bring Your glory in the highest,
Jesus

Verse 3

Come let us adore
There is hope for everyone
On the manger floor
There is hope for everyone
What are you waiting for
There is hope for everyone
Come adore
there is hope for everyone (*Chorus*)

Verse 4

Coming on the clouds
There is hope for everyone
Hear the trumpets sound
There is hope for everyone
All of Heaven shouts
There is hope for everyone
On the clouds
there is hope for everyone
(*Chorus*)

Prayer of Confession

Instrument of Peace

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Refrain

Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace (x2)

Verse 1

Where there is 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 (*Refrain*)

Verse 2

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

Assurance of Pardon

Hope for Everyone Chorus

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Bending low to be among us, bring Your glory in the highest, Jesus

Prayers of the People

Doxology

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

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



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First Scripture Reading – Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

my whole being shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Second Scripture Reading – Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word,
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

Sermon

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn # 173

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation

Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above

Glory to God, all glory in the highest (*Refrain*)

Refrain

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Thank you to our Leaders in Worship

Pastor: Rev. Drew Peterson

Pastor for Imaginative Worship: Rev. Dr. Taylor Telford

Preacher: Angel Ainembabazi

Worship Leaders: Lois Robertson, Juan Chona, Carole Stuart, Camille Troxel

Audio/Video Technician: Jason Stuart

Upcoming Schedule

Jan 7	Worship & Communion	11:30 a.m.
Jan 14	Ministry Team Meetings	
	Worship	11:30 a.m.
Jan 15	Ministry Team Reports Due	5:00 p.m.
	Worship	11:30 a.m.
Jan 16	Session	6 p.m.

Prayers

Middle East

Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel.

Richard Raymond

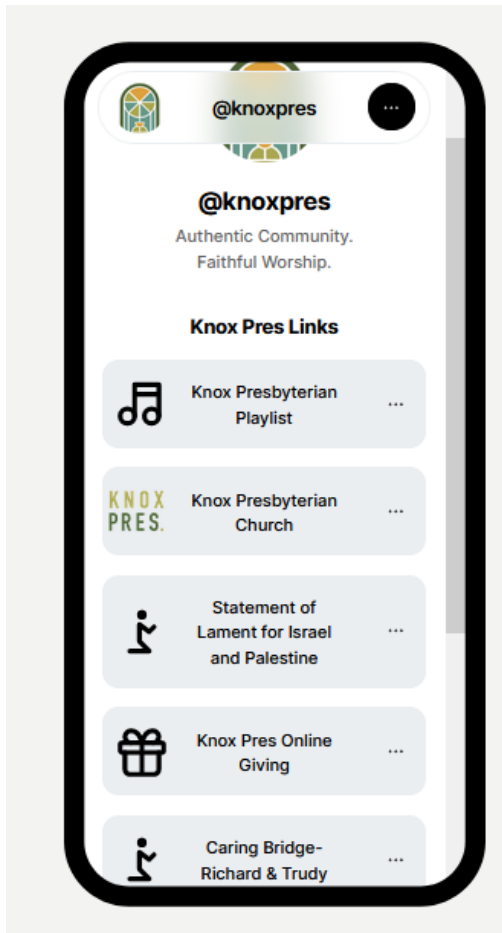
Pray for Richard Raymond's health, and strength for Trudy as they navigate through this uncertain time. You can leave a prayer and follow their journey on Caring Bridge **by scanning the Knox Link Tree QR Code below.**

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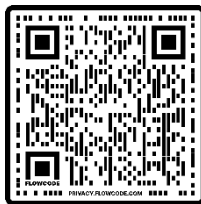


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