
First Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Christmas Sunday, January 2, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO SILENCE

(Silence is often a rare experience in our daily lives.

In lives that are so busy and pressured to do the next thing, it can feel wrong to just "be". But this is exactly where God's grace begins. At the realization that we are enough, just as we are. Therefore, to begin worship, you are invited to do just that.

As the bell rings and fades away, imagine all of the pressures and demands you have been holding fading with it. The freedom to just "be" is where we will begin our worship together.)

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)

Come and see!

The light of God has come into our world

to proclaim God's justice and love;

It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.

Come and follow!

Christ our companion has redeemed our world

He draws us into a loving family

From every tribe and family and culture.

Go and tell!

The Spirit has equipped us for service

To love our neighbors as we do ourselves

To bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

In God's Love the nations of the earth will put their hope.

***GATHERING HYMN #749....."Come! Live in the Light"**

KYRIE

(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

<i>Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)</i>	<u>Kyrie Eleison</u>
<i>Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)</i>	<u>Christe Eleison</u>
<i>Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)</i>	<u>Kyrie Eleison</u>

I imagine that for the Magi following a mysterious star was not easy.

Friends, we are not always the best versions of ourselves when we are faced with uncertainty or changing plans. Facing the unknown pulls on every ounce of our anxiety and fear. It rings all our stress alarms and can erode our patience, calm, and sense of perspective.

Fortunately for us, we worship a God who is gracious beyond imagination. So let us pray together now, knowing that even in our worst moments, we are held by God.

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

God of changed plans,
The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.
We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.
We resist change that might be holy.
We ignore that there is more than one road home.
We fail to hear your invitation.
So we confess that we need you to guide our steps to unfamiliar places.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD’S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life, God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there.

So hear and believe this good news:

No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

***RESPONSE HYMN #175 “Seek Ye First”**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**
Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy God,
You speak to us in Scripture and in prayers,
in sunrises and sunsets,
in friends and in strangers,
in dreams and in songs.
You are speaking all the time,
and how often do we miss it?
Still our minds so that we can listen with a depth that we
have not heard before.
Still our hearts so that we can receive with open arms what
it is you are offering us today.
We know you are speaking,
so we are listening.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READINGJeremiah 31:7-14 (pg 816)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING.....John 1:10-18 (pg 94)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

Rev. Greg Isaacson

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #526.....*Let Us Talents and Tongues*"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

God,

like the Israelites in the wilderness,

we too have known Your love,

and experienced Your care and provision.

You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—

to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.

And so, we bring the needs of our world before You now.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the many who do not have enough:

enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm.

enough employment, or money to pay their bills.

enough medicine or medical care.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We also pray for those who have more than enough,

but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life,

who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities

to dull their pain or loneliness.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, Your grace reaches out to all of us.
You call us to live as citizens of heaven,
working together with one heart and mind.
Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy
of the Good News we have received,
offering our lives in service of Your kingdom,
where the last are first, and the first are last,
and there is grace enough for all.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

INVITATION

This table of bread and drink is now ready.

It is Christ's table and connection with Him and all who love Him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

It is the table of reconciliation for friend and enemy, God and humanity and everything in between.

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;

You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;

You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come.

It is Christ who invites us and makes way for us here.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

We lift them up to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and drink to offer and receive, which has come from the earth and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing, so that we may know your touch and presence in all things. We celebrate the life that Jesus gave for our salvation, proved by his resurrection and shares among his community through the centuries and with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, living act of praise.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until he comes again.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you have given us your one Bread and the one Cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

***BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #136....."Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Amen.

***POSTLUDE**



Please continue to be in prayer for:

Kaylee Acevedo & Family	JoAnn Westburg
Alex Gullingsrud & Family	Brent Blake
Curt Hoppe	Randy Beattie
Duane & Betty Finkenbinder	Richard Gould
Scott Brolsma	

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:30 am Worship w/Communion

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....	Rev. Greg Isaacson
Communion Prep.....	Marley Melbye
Ushers & Greeters.....	Gary & Lori Hoerner
Organist.....	George French
Music Director.....	Sandy Perkins
Reader.....	Lynne Mullins

Wednesday, January 5

5 pm Bell Rehearsal

Thursday, January 6

1 pm Bible Study

Next Sunday, January 9

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....	Rev. Michael Ozaki
Ushers & Greeters.....	Marlys Mjoen / Lynne Mullins
Organist.....	
Music Director.....	Sandy Perkins
Reader.....	Sandy Perkins