
First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 28, 2021

*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.....*“See Fig Leaves Now Sprouting”*
Insert

*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)

Can one be homesick for something you’ve never known?
We are homesick for a just world, for peace like rivers, for the end of suffering.
Yes, we are homesick –
for joy that is contagious,
for nations that feel like neighbors, and for hospitals that run empty.
We are homesick for the world God promises.
We are homesick, but we are on our way.
God is here. God is still creating.
Let us worship Holy God.

GATHERING HYMN #88.....“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*
Vs. 1,2,6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

*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 #772.....“Live into Hope”*

*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	

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

- A: We hope for a world where all are fed.
B: We hope for a world with more bridges than walls.
A: We hope for a world with wide open doors.
B: We hope for a world with contagious laughter.
A: We hope for a world where trees grow tall, and creeks run clean.
B: We hope for a world where all people feel at home – in their bodies, in the church, in their physical homes.
A: We hope for that world.
B: We long for that world.
A: We are homesick for that world.
B: So today we light the candle of hope because hope keeps our hearts alive as we wait.
A: May this light be a reminder that the wait is always worth it.
B: We are close to home. May we carry hope with us. Amen.

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.)

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)
Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)
Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

Gracious God,
We find ourselves with two options every day –
Stay homesick for the world you had in mind, or to allow cynicism to win.
Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel?
Do we insist on a better world, or do we assume it’s impossible?
Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins.
Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt instead of using it to fuel a better world. Kindle in us a hope that won’t let go.
Gratefully we pray.
Amen.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD’S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

Family of faith, even when we throw in the towel, even when we give up on hope, God does not give up on us. We are loved. We are claimed. We are invited closer to God’s home. So, hear and trust this good news: There is room for us in God’s house, and nothing can separate us from that love. We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are welcomed home.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

***RESPONSE HYMN #36 “Emmanuel”**
Insert

*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

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (pg 218)

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

SECOND READING.....Luke 21:25-36 (pg 87)

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

SERMON Some Of Us Are Homesick Because Home Left Us

Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #105 “People Look East”**
Vs. 1,2,5

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:

Pastor – Rev. Michael Ozaki

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Calendar for this week:

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5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

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