

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 6, 2020 | 10:00 am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us) BWV 645* J.S. Bach
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Words of Welcome Wes Avram

Call to Worship *While We Are Waiting, Come* Don Cason
Small Group

*With power and glory, come; with power and glory come,
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*** Opening Hymn** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

1 "Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.
"Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.
To my people now proclaim
that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover,
and their warfare now is over."

2 For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here.
O, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise in meeting
and the hills bow down in
greeting.

3 Straight shall be what long was
crooked,
and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's 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.

Lighting the Candle of PEACE The Felt Family

Jesus Christ is our peace. He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace.

Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation.

On this second Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of peace.

Jesus, guide our feet into the path of peace.

Choral Response

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
To us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O, Israel.

Children's Message

Hillary Mackowski

"Virtual Church School" is available to preschool-5th grade students each Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 am via Zoom.
Email Director of Children's Ministry for login instructions; hmackowski@pinnaclepres.org

Choral Response (sung by the choir as children leave)

Go, My children with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8; Mark 1:1-8

Michael Hegeman

Sermon

Three on Waiting pt 2: Waiting for That Special Someone

Michael Hegeman

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Wes Avram

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

For those joining us online, you may make your donation by texting pinnaclepres to 77977 or
online at pinnaclepres.org/give

Offertory

Musical Offering

Lo, How a Rose / The Rose

arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Small Group, David Allen, director • Melissa Trafficante, solo • Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, piano

* Choral Response

All praise to You, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with Creator we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

Our Common Life

Wes Avram

The Charge

Michael Hegeman

Sending Music

Prelude and Fugue in c-minor BWV 549 BWV
Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, organ

J.S. Bach

* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-8

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 people 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 people are 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.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 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 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside 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 thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- *For the police men and women who work every day to protect us;*
- *For successful retina surgery for Barbara's right eye on Thursday;*
- *For Susan, with COVID in her nursing home;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family of Shirley Simandl as they mourn her loss.

Contact Lisa Boswell at prayer@pinnaclepres.org or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.

Christmas Poinsettias



Members and friends of Pinnacle are invited to order poinsettias, in memory of and/or in celebration of a loved one, that will adorn our Sanctuary and Chapel for Christmas. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by **noon on Monday, December 14, 2020.**

Flower(s) given by: _____

In Memory of / In Celebration of *(Please Circle One)*

Phone # (in case of questions): _____

Each plant is \$15.

Enclosed is my check for _____ for _____ plant(s).

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