



Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 5, 2021 | 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme BWV 645
(*Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us*)
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Call to Worship

O come, O come, Emmanuel
Schae Chapman, soloist

*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!*

Lighting the Candle of PEACE

The Olmert/Sidoti 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 grant us continually God's 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.*

*** Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 2

1 *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.*

2 *Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

*By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

Call to Confession

Michael Hegeman

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Michael Hegeman

God of the past, present and future, you are coming in power to set all things right. We are often so distracted by the season's busyness, and by the stress of commitment, that we overlook the true meaning of Christmas. Forgive us when we miss seeing you in our midst, for the times we have doubted your presence, and for when we fail to hold the holidays as holy days. In this season of waiting, prepare us for the greatest gift of all: Jesus, our coming Lord. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

*** Congregational Response**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
**All praise to You, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.**

No. 10, v. 4

*** Passing of the Peace**

Michael Hegeman

Children's Message

Wes Avram

Choral Response

**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.**

Our Common Life

Wes Avram

For those joining us online, you may make your donation by texting pinnaclepres to 833-245-8445 or online at pinnaclepres.org/give

Offertory

Musical Offering

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director • Aleks Izotov, piano

arr. Howard Helvey

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
as those of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.*

*O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.*

* Doxology (*Old Hundredth*, no. 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2

Allen Hilton

Sermon

Setting the Stage Pt. 2: Timing

Allen Hilton

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Terilyn Lawson

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Public Reception of New Members & Baptism of Craig Rundbaken

Wes Avram, Michael Hegeman, Mary Upchurch

*Closing Hymn

People, Look East

No. 12, vs. 1, 4, 5

1 *People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.*

5 *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.*

4 *Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.*

The Charge

Allen Hilton

Sending Music

Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

J.S. Bach

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

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Leslie Colliopoulos, Beth Heisler, Rick Hess, Suzanne Moon, and Mark Steel; **Head Usher** is Lisa Ann Ranson.

Student Greeters are Lia, Zadie & Gwendolyn Jensen, and Annabelle Ranson.

The Flowers are given by Nancy Conover, in memory of Hollis M. Conover, Jr.

About the Lord's Prayer: In response to our just completed worship emphasis on the Lord's Prayer, we are using the more recent translation of the Lord's Prayer from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*, 2018 edition, in today's service. Worshippers may want to pray in versions or languages of their choosing. A variety of voices, words, and languages may join together in a shared voice of prayer.

About the Advent Wreath

This season, we enjoy an Interactive Advent Wreath. Last week, our readers added a beautiful ribbon as we bind our church family together during this season of anticipation. This week, we add red berries, representing the blood that Jesus shed on the cross on the day he was crucified.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- *For Ann, in the ICU with pneumonia;*
- *For Bart, with stage 3 colon cancer;*
- *For Carla, with B Large Cell Lymphoma and started chemo;*
- *For Elizabeth and the family of her mother, Robin, who passed away at the age of 79;*
- *For my mom, Mary, as she struggles with the passing of my dad, Grant;*
- *For Giselle and her family;*
- *For Susan P., who has COVID;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

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 for Christmas. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by **noon on Monday, December 13, 2021.**

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