

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 27, 2022 | 10:00 am
1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Magnificat

Johann Pachelbel

Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Marian Medley

arr. J. Honoré

Pinnacle Pealers Handbell Ensemble, Valerie Harris, director

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Lighting of the Candle of HOPE

The Green Family

No. 92

While We Are Waiting, Come
(first sung by the Soloist, then by All)

**While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.**

The world says, "All is lost."
God says, "All is loved."
The darkness says, "The light is dying."
The light says, "The fire is catching."
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."
As we light our first Advent candle,
All: we pray for holy hope of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
All: Come now, O Prince of Hope.

*Opening Hymn

My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout

No. 100

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

Call to Confession

Leah Quarles

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Leah Quarles

Almighty God, you have invited us to be a part of your work in the world. We often ignore opportunities to choose your way. May we experience your grace; and in your grace may we be inspired anew. Hearing again your invitation, may we reflect on ways we can follow you more closely. Now hear our silent prayers of confession.
(silence)

***Congregational Response**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

No. 107, v. 4 (verse adapted by W. Avram)

**Rejoice, rejoice, our hearts in the night.
Though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun has crowned us with light;
with strength so loving and fearless.
Love is our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
God has filled every day we share
and brought us at last into glory.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leah Quarles

Children & 6th-8th Grade Youth leave for Church School

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 547

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

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Offertory

Musical Offering

Gospel Magnificat

Patti Drennan

Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director • Schae Chapman, soloist
Valerie Harris, piano

*Oh, my soul magnifies the Lord.
Holy and Mighty Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.*

*He has seen in me a humble servant.
Now generations will call me blessed,
For God has done great things for me,
And holy is His name.
He gave food to the hungry
With food to eat and banished all the rich away.
The promise of His mercy fills me with you today!*

*Oh, my soul magnifies the Lord.
Holy and Mighty Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
God, my Savior, glorify!*

*Doxology (*Old Hundredth*)

No. 606

**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

Luke 1:46-55

Erik Khoobyarian

Sermon

Declaring Deliverance

Erik Khoobyarian

Hymn

My Soul Gives Glory to My God
(1st & 2nd verses sung by the Soloist; vs. 3-5 sung by All)

No. 99

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Michael Hegeman

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.

***Closing Hymn**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

No. 377

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. (Refrain)

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

***Charge & Benediction**

Erik Khoobyarian

Sending Music

Magnificat Primi Toni
Valerie Harris, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

* Please rise.

Scripture

Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song of Praise

46 And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;

50 indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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About the Bulletin Cover Art

Bulletin artwork is *Mary & Elizabeth* © Lauren Wright Pittman (lewpstudio.com).

From the Artist:

"Mary and Elizabeth affirm, comfort, and support one another in the unexpected, strange circumstances of their pregnancies. Elizabeth instantly recognizes that Mary is pregnant and is filled to the brim with the Holy Spirit, so much so that she exclaims that Mary is blessed among women and the mother of the Lord. What an amazingly confident and prophetic statement she makes. The reason for Mary's visiting Elizabeth is unclear. She may have been seeking comfort or community, or she may have been wanting to offer comfort to Elizabeth. Whatever her intentions, it is clear that Mary is emboldened and empowered by Elizabeth's affirmations as she breaks into the *Magnificat*. It is as though Elizabeth's words, 'Blessed is she who believed,' creates space in Mary's heart to proclaim the broad implications of what is taking place within her womb. I wanted to depict the creative energy, communication, and power that was taking place in Mary and Elizabeth's wombs in this moment. Mary's womb swirls with the knitting together of the One through whom all things came into being, while Elizabeth's womb radiates joy with the leaping of the one who will spend his life directing attention, awe and reverence to the One in Mary's womb."

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Kaaren Gotwals, and Michelle & Gary Holcomb. **Head Usher** is Greg Sharp.

The flowers are given by Nancy & James Lipscomb in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For the family of John, as they mourn his loss;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities during these challenging times;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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