



Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 4, 2022 | 10:00 am
2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
Chorale Prelude on 'In dulci jubilo' BWV 729
Valerie Harris, organ

Johann Pachelbel
J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Lighting of the Candle of PEACE

The Gotwals Family

While We Are Waiting, Come, No. 92
(first sung by a Soloist, then by All)

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

A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."
A choir sings in the silence,
"Come, Emmanuel."
Every valley shall be filled.
Every heart shall be made whole,

for peace is stronger than turmoil,
and love is louder than hate.

As we light our second Advent candle,
All: we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
All: Come now, O Prince of Peace.

***Opening Hymn**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

No. 106

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing,
their adoration voicing.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

Call to Confession

Erik Khoobyarian

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Erik Khoobyarian

We await your coming: to welcome you into our hearts, to invite you into our homes, to follow where you lead, to hope, against hope, for your Kingdom. We want to be ready for a life changing faith. May it be so, despite all we do differently. Prepare us. Soften us. Forgive us. Give us hope. Make us ready. 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**

Erik Khoobyarian

Children's Message

Michael Hegeman

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

Erik Khoobyarian

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Offertory

Musical Offering

Every Valley

John Ness Beck

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

*Ev'ry valley shall be exalted,
And ev'ry mountain made low;
And the crooked made straight,
And the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
Amen.*

***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

Colossians 1:15-20

Wes Avram

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Who is this Jesus? Christ Over Us

Wes Avram

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Leah Quarles

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.

Public Reception of New Members

Wes Avram, Michael Hegeman, & Merry Cole Bender

***Closing Hymn**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

No. 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

***Charge & Benediction**

Wes Avram

Sending Music

Toccata on "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Brenda Portman

* Please rise.

Scripture

Colossians 1:15-20

The Supremacy of Christ

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

About the Advent Wreath

As we prepare for the coming of Christmas during Advent, the Advent Wreath helps guide us as it develops each week. On the first Sunday of Advent, a ribbon was added, binding us together as a family in the hope of the coming Christ. This morning on this Sunday of Peace red berries have been added to remind us that the Prince of Peace shed his blood on the cross when he was crucified. May you reflect this week on the mysterious way that God brought Peace, even through the death of Jesus.

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Brooke Davis, Laurel Davis, Audrey Hart, Julia Matura, and Adam Rogers. **Head Usher** is Lily Rogers.

The flowers are given by Nancy Conover in memory of my husband, Hollis M. Conover, Jr., and Nancy & James Lipscomb in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Welcome New Members

Carol Hoy
Reaffirmation of Faith



Mary Kuentler
Certificate of Transfer



Matthew & Aedriel Moxley
Reaffirmation of Faith



Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Terry, Hope, and Keziah on the loss of Mark (husband & father);
- For the family of Vema, as they mourn her loss;
- For Mary L.;
- For Christopher, having heart surgery in December;
- 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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