

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 11, 2022 | 10:00 am
3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

A Wreath of Carols
Valerie Harris, organ

Margaret Sandresky

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Lighting of the Candle of JOY

The Moakley/Mulumba Family

While We Are Waiting, Come, No. 92, v. 2
(first sung by a Soloist, then by All)

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.”
The world says, “Worry,”
and we say, “Rejoice.”
The news says, “Fear,”
and we say, “Rejoice.”

The world says, “Be happy,”
and the church says, “Be faithful.”

As we light our third Advent candle,
All: We pray for hope, peace, and joy.
Come now, O child of Mary.
All: Come now, O Prince of Joy.

*Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 88, vs. 1, 2, 6, 7

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:

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to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

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

Erik Khoobyarian

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Offertory

Musical Offering

Simple Gifts / Amazing Grace

arr. Ridenour / King

Chip King, bassoon • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano • Valerie Harris, organ

*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

Psalm 116:1-14

Leah Quarles

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps!

arr. Andre Thomas

Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, director • Valerie Harris, percussion
Ensemble: Schae Chapman, Samantha Jorgensen,
Thomas Strawser, and Brady Lawson

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
'Til your work is done.*

*Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.*

Scripture Reading

1 John 2:1-2

Wes Avram

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who is this Jesus? Savior for Us

Wes Avram

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**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

No. 96

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch forth your hand; our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

***Charge & Benediction**

Wes Avram

Sending Music

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Valerie Harris, organ

Alfred Fedak

* Please rise.

Scripture

Psalm 116:1-14

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

- 1 I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"
- 5 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.
- 6 The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- 9 I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
- 10 I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";
- 11 I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar."
- 12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

1 John 2:1-2

Christ Our Advocate

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

About the Advent Wreath

Our Advent Wreath continues to develop as we journey with one another to Christmas. The first week a ribbon was added, reminding us of our connection to God and one another as we hopefully await the coming of Christ. Last week, we added red berries to remember the blood shed by the Prince of Peace. This week on this Sunday of Joy we add cinnamon sticks to remind us of the gifts the Wise Ones brought for the newborn Jesus. Where might you find Joy in this Advent season?

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Rick Hess, Shelly McCahan, John Thompson, and Mary Upchurch. **Head Usher** is Robert Armstrong.

The flowers are given by Mary Upchurch in loving memory of James, and in honor of what would have been their 34th wedding anniversary.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For the recipients of our Angel Tree gifts;
- For Brandon C. in Alabama, to recover from a heart attack;
- 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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