

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 1, 2023 | 10:00 am
1st Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Nöel Étranger
Valerie Harris, organ

Louis-Claude Daquin

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Call to Worship

Wes Avram

*Opening Hymn

What Star is This, with Beams so Bright

No. 152

1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
glad tidings of our God to bring.

2 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";
and lo! the eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

3 While outward signs the star displays,
an inward light the Lord conveys
and urges them, with tender might,
to seek the giver of the light.

4 O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.

Call to Confession

Michael Hegeman

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Michael Hegeman

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hides the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

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All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

*Passing of the Peace

Michael Hegeman

Children's Message

Leah Quarles & Erik Khoobyarian

Children & 6th-8th Grade Youth remain in worship with their families.

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

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

Offertory

Musical Offering

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella
Valerie Harris, organ

arr. Keith Chapman

*Doxology (*What Child Is This*, No. 145, v. 3)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

Erik Khoobyarian

Testimonials

Tiffany & Audrey Hart
Ben McConaughy
Jan Larson

Sung Response between Testimonials

**O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**

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.

***Closing Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

No. 462

***Charge & Benediction**

Erik Khoobyarian

Sending Music

O, Come All Ye Faithful
Valerie Harris, organ

arr. James Kasen

* Please rise.

God's Faithfulness, By Three

Tiffany & Audrey Hart

Audrey is a junior at Desert Mountain High School (DMHS). She started attending Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in July 2022. She is currently involved in the youth program, participating in confirmation, and recently played the handbells for the Christmas Eve service with the youth music program. She is looking forward to her senior year, getting her driver's license, interviewing for her first job, and applying to colleges. Audrey loves dogs, being creative through music and art, and being with friends and family. She plays the cello in the concert orchestra at DMHS and participated in dance for 9 years.

Tiffany started attending Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in May 2022 and became a new member a few months following. Following her BS degree from University of Wisconsin-River Falls in Journalism and Sociology, she entered the insurance field and has been there for 14 years. Currently, she works as a Risk Manager. Tiffany is an avid reader and often can be found reading or listening to an audiobook in her downtime. While Tiffany is initially shy in groups, with time though, she will become the most loyal friend you may know. In January 2024 Tiffany is slated to complete her Master of Business Administration from the University of Arizona-Global Campus.

Ben McConaughy is a retired lawyer. After practicing law, he attended seminary at Seattle University. Ben has served the church at the local, Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels. He also works as a spiritual director. Ben and his wife, Dawn, have a home in the Boulders, and have attended Pinnacle for several years.

Jan Larson was raised in Wisconsin and lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for 26 years. She has one daughter. Jan moved to Arizona in 1976. She was a divisional manager for a cosmetics firm. Jan and her late husband, Joe Larson, are charter members of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church.

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-11

The Visit of the Magi

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” 9 When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped,[g] they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Kaaren Gotwals, Michelle & Gary Holcomb, and Adam Rogers. **Head Usher** is Robert Armstrong.

The flowers are given by Parris Richie, Bunnie Feller Richie & Carlton Richie in memory of Kiyoko Feller.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Linda, in the hospital and a possible surgery;
- For Carl C., for hope and healing as he begins a second chemo;
- For Connie H. and family as they adjust to a new normal;
- For prayers of hope to those whose recovery from Covid is a continuing struggle;
- Prayers of gratitude to the entire staff of PPC for their caring love this past month;
- For the family of Sarah, as they mourn her loss;
- For Jennifer's son, as he struggles;
- For the recipients of our Open Table program;
- 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.

To add your prayer requests to the Pinnacle prayer list, please email prayer@pinnaclepres.org or call 480.585.9448.

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