



Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

*December 11, 2022*



# December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent

## TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

*Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.*

**PRELUDE** "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Karg-Elert

Organist, Larry Gillum

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Jack and Jan Boatman

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Grace Stephen

Liturgist: Be patient! God is coming to us!

**People: The One who teaches joyous songs to all of creation, comes to open our ears to life.**

Liturgist: Be strong! God is coming to be with us!

**People: The One who paves a path to Bethlehem will walk with us every step of the way.**

Liturgist: Do not fear! Here is your God!

**People: We worship the One who comes to save us. Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 2** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

The Rev. Chris Davis

**For all the times and all the ways we have resisted your rule in our lives, Lord, have mercy upon us. For seeking our salvation through lesser things; for standing in the pride of our own power; for insisting on our own tired, broken ways instead of embracing your life-giving Way; Christ, have mercy upon us. For our narrow vision of your expansive love; for our stinginess with your extravagant grace; Lord, have mercy upon us. Free us from our sin, loving God. Lead us into the new life you give us, so we may follow the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**\*RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri"

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

**JOYFUL BELLS ANTHEM**

“Still, Still, Still” (Hymn 47) arr. Krug

Kathye Osborne, Flute

Patti Dolezal, Director

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 11:2-11*

**MESSAGE**

The Rev. Chris Davis

**MEDITATION IN MUSIC**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

“In the Bleak Midwinter” Darke

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH (Unison)**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Offertory

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (Hymn #2)

Prichard

In the setting of Chopin’s Fantasia Impromptu

arr. Taylor

Pianist Stan Osborne

\*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*The congregation responds, “hear our prayer”  
following each petition which concludes, “God, in your grace...”*

**LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

*(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God’s call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)*

**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 308** "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Traditional Carols

## ***The Week Ahead . . .***

### **Monday, December 12**

**9:30 am — Pastor Nominating Committee**

**10:30 am — Finance Committee**

### **Tuesday, December 13**

**10:00 am — Buildings and Grounds Committee**

**4:30 pm — Stephen Ministers**

**6:30 pm — Session and Deacons Joint Meeting**

### **Wednesday, December 14**

**4:00 pm — Joyful Bells**

**7:00 pm — Oratorio Society Dress Rehearsal**

### **Thursday, December 15**

**10:00 am — Staff Meeting**

**3:00 pm — Columbarium Committee**

**4:00 pm — Chancel Bells**

**7:00 pm — Chancel Choir**

### **Friday, December 16**

**7:00 pm — Oratorio Society Christmas Concert**

### **Saturday, December 17**

**2:00 pm — Oratorio Society Christmas Concert**

### **Sunday, December 18**

**8:30 am — Journeys Class (Zoom)**

**10:00 am — Worship (Livestream available)**

**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by Joyful Bells.

**“Just Coffee” is for sale in the Narthex today**, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. For \$12 you may purchase ground or beans, regular, decaf, or half and half.



**Our Mission and Outreach Committee will be collecting food and toiletry donations each month for Crossroads Ministry to benefit those in need.** Items may be placed in the grocery cart in the narthex on Sunday, December 18. A list of needed items may be found on the cart.

**Stewardship**—If you have already made a pledge for 2023, thank you for your continued support. If you have not yet decided on your pledge, take a moment to reflect on the importance of our church to you, your family, friends, and the community. Thank you.



**Please plan for your December year end giving.** Charitable contributions may be claimed in the year that they are delivered to the church, including checks mailed in the appropriate year. Donations made on our website are deductible in the year the donor makes the donation. Our office will be closed Friday, December 23 and the week of December 26-30. We will check mail and make any deposits during this closure. Thank you.

### **Church Staff**

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*Note: The calendar includes all known church events at time of printing.*

