



Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies



*Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m.*

# December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day

## 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**      "Unto Us a Child is Born" from Cantata 147      -J.S. Bach  
Organist, Larry Gillum

## WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Liturgist: Wonder of wonders, God has come to us!

**People: Not as a judge, but a Savior, not in power, but as a servant.**

Liturgist: Wonder of wonders, God comes to us!

**People: Not in silence, but in the Word made flesh; not in the shadows, but bringing Light.**

Liturgist: Wonder of wonders!

**People: God is with us!**

**OPENING HYMN: CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS**      PCCR Bells & Congregation

"O Come all Ye Faithful"      "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"      Director, Patti Dolezal

"Away in a Manger"      "Silent Night"      "Joy to the World"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**      The Rev. Chris Davis

**You came in weakness, Mighty God: forgive our grasping for power. You came in humility, Prince of Peace: forgive us for wanting more than others. You came in poverty, Everlasting One: forgive us when we do not see your family sleeping in our streets. You came in gentleness, Wonderful Counselor: forgive us for the anger we speak and the pain we cause. Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today: forgive us, heal us, make us new; then we will join the angels in singing your praises this Christmas Day and all the days to come. Amen.**

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE

***"Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel." (repeat)***

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call to the Sacrament

Family Baptismal Questions

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## Congregational Covenant

Elder: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Autumn by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

**People: We do.**

Elder: Please join me in the congregational covenant:

**People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Autumn into Christ's church.**

**Because we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, encourage, and support her.**

**We promise to share the good news of the Gospel with Autumn and help her study, know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.**

## The Baptism

### The Affirmation of the Community of Faith

**Unison: "We believe that in Baptism the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise to include us and our children in God's gracious covenant.... Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.... For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love God.... God's grace and our response to it are not tied to the moment of Baptism, but continue and deepen through life."**

### The Baptismal Prayer

## A SERVICE OF JOY

**"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"**

**No. 46**

**"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

**No. 37**

**"What Child Is This"**

**No. 53**

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory "Come, All Ye Shepherds" - Sharon Elergy Rogers

\*Doxology (Hymnal #592)

Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal p. 16)

*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. 29 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Traditional Carols

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

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

**Monday, December 26**

**10:00 am — Pastor Nominating Committee**

**Sunday, January 1—New Years Day**

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

**The beautiful white poinsettias in the sanctuary today** are provided by the Schweitzer family, in celebration of Autumn's baptism.



**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Membership and Hospitality Committee.

**Church Office Closure:** Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Monday, December 26 to Monday, January 2nd. We will still be collecting mail during that time.

**If you have prayer requests** you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Chris at [pastor@pccrusa.org](mailto:pastor@pccrusa.org), or call **414-690-4488 (cell)** or **970-586-4404 (church)**.

### **Church Staff**

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*Merry Christmas!*



