

## December 24, 2024

## Christmas Eve

"All the peace and favor of the world cannot calm a troubled heart; but where this peace is which Christ gives, all the trouble and disquiet of the world cannot disturb it." —Robert Leighton(1613-1684)

### TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Carols of the Season

arr. Gillum

Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Mike Dempsey

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

\*OPENING HYMN

"Adeste Fideles"

Dobrinski

PCCR Bell Choir/Organ/Congregation

Director, Patti Dolezal

O Come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! Refrain

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE ("WE LIGHT THIS CANDLE")

Lisa & Peter Plaut

Words by J. Richard Dixon



Music by J. Richard Dixon



LESSON: JESUS' BIRTH FORETOLD Isaiah 11:1-11

EVCS "Before the Marvel of this Night" arr. Dixon

Director, Rich Dixon

Luke 1:26-38

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 38 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" verses 1,2,4

Children are invited to come forward during the last verse

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mike Dempsey

LESSON: MARY VISITS ELIZABETH Luke 1:39-45

PCCR BELL CHOIR "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Dobrinski

Rich Woessner, cello

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHANCEL CHOIR "There Shall a Star from David" Mendelssohn

Director, Rich Dixon

LESSON: THE BIRTH OF JESUS Luke 2:1-7

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 25 "Away in a Manger"

MESSAGE "The Peace of Christ" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 59 "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night" verses 1,2,4

Luke 2:8-20

PASSING OF THE LIGHT Rich Woessner, cello & Kathye Osborne, flute

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (SEE FOLLOWING PAGES) "Silent Night"

CLOSING LESSON John 1:1-5

\*HYMN OF SENDING (SEE FOLLOWING PAGES) "Joy to the World"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Carols of the Season arr. Gillum

\*Please stand if you are able.

## SILENT NIGHT

- Silent night, holy night!
   All is calm, all is bright,
   Round yon virgin mother and child!
   Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
   Sleep in heavenly peace,
   Sleep in heavenly peace.
- Silent night, holy night!
   Shepherds quake at the sight,
   Glories stream from heaven afar,
   Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
   Christ the Savior is born,
   Christ the Savior is born."
- Silent night, holy night!
   Son of God, love's pure light
   Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
   With the dawn of redeeming grace,
   Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
   Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
- Silent night, holy night!
   Wondrous star, lend thy light;
   With the angels let us sing,
   Alleluia to our King;
   Christ the Savior is born,
   Christ the Savior is born.

### JOY TO THE WORLD!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
 Let us our songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- No more let sins and sorrows grow,
   Nor thorns infest the ground;
   He comes to make His blessings flow
   Far as the curse is found,
   Far as the curse is found,

   Far as, far as the curse is found.
- He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

## Thank you to all who purchased Poinsettias and gave to the Joy Offering this 2024 Christmas season!

Lory McDonald in Memory of Angela Hicks

Steve & Evelyn Wilson in Memory of our good friend Bo Winslow

Pete & Bonnie Vanderveen in Memory of our mothers & fathers

Verlene Thorp in Memory of Roger Thorp and Kevan Holdsworth

Tony & Diane Palmer in Honor of our children & grandchildren, and in Memory of Ella

David & Katha Schweitzer in Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Albert Schweitzer and Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hannie; and in Honor of our grandchildren Autumn, Aspen & Adam

Amy Fox in Memory of Susie Manhoff and Charles Norman Manhoff

Carol & Brian Rood in Memory of Reverand John Symonds

Jim & Karen Daugherty in Memory of our parents Bob & Jean Terry and Don & Betty
Daugherty

Dennis & Anne Jacobs in Honor of our loved ones

Donn & Sylvia Adams in Memory of Colleen Carney, George & Ella Adams, and Nathan & Ellen Andrews

### Anonymous

Kari Morrill in Honor of Donald K. & Sylvia Adams, and in Memory of Colleen Carney

Kelley & Brad Anderson in Memory of the departed Anderson and Dowis families, and Catherine Moon; and in Honor of Carol Davis & Bettye Walsh

Barb & Chuck Slicker in Memory of our parents, our brother Jake Slicker and sister Diane
Gratta

Sibyl Gardner in Memory of Romaine Gardner

Tim & Carolyn Hull in Honor of our family

Randy & Terry Brigham in Memory of our parents Howard & Jean Brigham and Howard & Marilyn Eichner

Joanne White in Memory of Jim White

Marilyn Irwin in Honor of my granddaughters Ramona & Amelia Irwin

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Larry & Linda Emsing in Honor of Chris & Lora Emsing and our great grandchild

Mimi & David Hardendorf in Honor of Charles Ridenour

Jack Holmquist in Memory of Carolyn Holmquist, Mollie Holmquist and Tim Kuster

Susan Landers in Memory of my parents Dave & Mary Lou Camp

Jeff & Sandy Moren Lindberg in Memory of Joe & Dick Lindberg, and John T. & Rema Moren

Kent & Betty Meyer in Honor of our children, Ethan & Jo

Tina Myers in Memory of Jim Myers

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Darin & Jennifer Workman

Sue, Justin & Ebonie Yowell in Memory of Jack & Helen, Joyce & Kent, Jack Jr. and Bill & Sheila Yowell

Bob & Joy Holcomb in Honor of our family and friends

Joanie Kleckner in Honor of my wonderful family

Dave & Sue Thomas in Memory of Verneal & Lucile Thomas and Oden Alreck; and in Honor of Joanne Alreck

Stan & Kathye Osborne in Memory of Phil & Solveig Ingersoll; and in Honor of Verlene Thorp and Patti Dolezal

Ivan Wilkinson in Memory of Ginger Wilkinson

Nancy & Bill Almond in Memory of our parents Joe & Carolyn Hart and Pat & Henry Almond

Jim & June Gamet in Memory of our parents

Phil & Dot Rohrbaugh in Memory of Leonard & Jo Wissel and Darold & Lois Rohrbaugh; and in Honor of our children Ryan, Becca, Lindsey & Aneudy, and Gavin, and the Sosa Family

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Following the service, please join the Hospitality Committee in the Narthex for Cookies and Hot Chocolate.



# On behalf of the staff of Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

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