

Community Presbyterian Church

10:30 am Dec 5th, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Pastor: Rev. Ken Meissner

Musician: Donna Bennett

Prelude (A Time of Quiet Meditation)

The tradition for the Second Sunday of Advent includes the lighting the Candle of Peace. Because of Jesus' work on [the cross](#), we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace ([John 14:27](#)). Not only do we have the peace that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.

2nd Sunday of Advent.. The Candle of Peace.

Jerry and Becky Holbrook

(sing following reading)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 6, sung following reading)

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, And bring us comfort from afar! Dispel the shadows of the night, And turn our darkness into light. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to you, O Israel!

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Call to Worship:

"I Wonder as I Wander" (verse 1-3)

Pastor Ken

(Please join in the 4th verse)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die?
For poor on'ry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander...out under the sky.

***Hymn #2** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

***Call to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Father God, you have promised to make pathways straight so your people may walk in joyful safety. But in our arrogance and our selfish ways, we create dangerous roads, secret ways based

on privilege, which suit our human standards, not yours. Forgive us. You promise a way of justice and equity so that all may dwell in peace. But the valley between the haves and have-nots has become a larger chasm for far too many of your children: We often neglect the poor, the immigrant, the orphan and the feeble. Unintentionally, we often cause them to become hungrier. Forgive us, God. You rescued your children from the hands of their oppressors and called all of them to find joy in your glory. Remind us to also be faithful in this path you made for us and as you call us to serve others. Forgive us for our failings and open our hearts to the truth of your Word. Come again, Lord! Make our hearts alive with your truth in Jesus Christ, our Lord and the Savior of all!

***Assurance of Pardon** (Unison)

Hear this gracious promise: I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God, who sees our flaws and loves us into doing better day by day. **Amen.**

***Gloria**

People for Prayer/ Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

"'Twas the First Night of Christmas":

Children's Christmas Program - Community Presbyterian Church of Lawton

(*Sunday School Teachers: Amy & Nate Lahrs, Sue Horsley & Jodi Lieber*)

Part I: Mary and Joseph, Innkeeper, Animals

"Away in the Manger"

Part II: The Animals

"The Friendly Beasts"

Part III: Angels and Shepherd

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Part IV: Shepherds

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Part V: Wisemen Following the Star

"We Three Kings"

Part VI: Conclusion

"Joy to the World"

Cast of 'Twas the First Night of Christmas'

Mary - Mya Lahrs; *Joseph* - Tate Timmins; *Inn Keeper* - Carter Lahrs;

Narrators: Avery Timmins, Sydney Lahrs, Brenna Myers;

Angel - Brooklyn Vennard;

Shepherd - Owen Schellinger;

Animals - Colton Schllinger, Hayden Timmins, Piper Mason;

Three Kings - Parker James, Devon James, Emmett Schllinger

Affirmation of Faith at Advent:

We believe in God, Creator and Maker of the earth, origin and destiny of us all. We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's joy in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, He broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise, where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the Body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful. We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by John the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, the Christ and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire. For the coming of that day, on this day, we work and pray:

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Communion Hymn #507 “I Come With Joy”

Communion at Advent (Insert)

Offertory:

* **Doxology #593**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn “Let There Be Peace on Earth”** Pew insert #21

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response “Alleluia”**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Worship Bronson 5:30 pm

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Pray for those at home and in rehab: Kingsley) Anna Packard, (Lawton Senior Living) Audrey Jensen, (Sunrise) Delores Handke, (At Home) Velura Stilwell,

Recent Prayer Request: The Mason family; Jeff & Cassie Loving; Brett Cropley (stroke); Raejean Furne; Debi Hammer (following surgery); Vera Horsley; Larry Lewis family; Lacy Oehlerking following accident); Kay Semple (passing of Scott); Joyce Roeschke family members (Aunt Joyce, Joanne Albers, Debbi Ebsen); Karen Wilcox Family (Karen's passing); Troy, Lindsey and Hunter Widman Family (continued prayers); those suffering from variants of COVID; those who are grieving and alone.

Liturgists and Worship Leaders Wanted: Please take time to sign up for the opportunity to read Scriptures for the Day, offer a Children's Message, share in Special Music Offerings and join as we worship together. A Sign-up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed. Don't be shy! Thank you!

Poinsettias for Christmas: \$18 ea. Orders due by Dec 5th. Signup in Narthex. On display 12/12 – 12/26.

The Biblical Quilters that meets at the Bronson Church is changing it's name to "Biblical Quilters/Crafters" We won't exclude any form of Crafting. The "Biblical Quilters/Crafters" Christmas party will be on Dec 28th @ Elliot Creek 12 – 4pm. Christmas Joy Offering (see insert)

Calendar of Events

Nov 28th – Hanging of the Greens

Dec 4th – Cookie Bake 9-2 see announcement

Dec 5th – Sunday school Christmas Program

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