SUNDAY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00 AM

### WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Prelude Greeting Introit Pastoral Welcome & Announcements Music Meditation

Call to Worship Joan Foster

One: If life was a home, then we would pray—

All: may love be the foundation. May God be the cornerstone. May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in. And may hope be the walls—holding us together.

One: In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

All: We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.

One: Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

\*Hymn #196

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Call to Confession Joan Foster

**Prayer of Confession** 

Holy God, when John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear.

We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it.

We forget that in the beginning we were made good.

We doubt that we could possibly be enough.

We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.

We deflect words of praise.

We hide behind shiny first impressions.

Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job.

Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Lori Leopold

Family of faith,

No matter how old we get,

God continues to say to us:

"You are loved; you are forgiven."

That is the foundation of our lives.

That is the truth upon which we build our home.

So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here.

Join me in proclaiming this good news:

All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle: PEACE

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ (safely pass the peace as we sing song #2186 "Song of Hope")

May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us in our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;

Singing, share our joy with all;

Working for a world that's new,

Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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# WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children in Ministry
Music to Lift Our Spirits

Jesse Hodge

Scripture: Luke 1:57-80 Joan Foster Message: "The Power of Blessing" Pastor Lori Leopold

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God's guidance as we sing #2203 "In Your Time" v. 2)

In your time, in your time;

You make all things beautiful in your time.

Lord, my life to you I bring:

May each song I have to sing be to you, a lovely thing in your time.

## Prayers of the People

**Holy Communion** 

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit...

...Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #234

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (v. 1-2)

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; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction

<sup>\*</sup>Eagle's Wings



Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your presence and participation. All are welcome at PBUMC!

We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. The service is livestreamed each week and you can join us online at phumc.org/live.

Sunday School: Children will meet in the Sunday School room at the start of service. This will simply be a time for them to gather and enjoy the company of one another in a safe environment as all are required to wear masks. They will then come out to regular service for Children's Moments and head back shortly afterward to the Sunday School room for a Sunday School lesson. Also, we are currently praying for Sunday School teachers. The goal is that once we have enough Sunday School teachers for our children, we'll be able to open the nursery back up for our little ones. If you or someone you know would possibly be interested in being a Sunday School teacher, please contact Jesse Hodge at youth@pbumc.org

For more information about PBUMC, please go to pbumc.org. To support the ministries of PBUMC in this community and beyond, please go to pbumc.org/give.

For pastoral support or spiritual conversation, please contact Pastor Lori at the church office or via the website.

Want to know what's happening at PB UMC? Sign up for our weekly emails! We have several different categories you can sign up for: there's the weekly news with a rundown of that week's sermon and events happening soon, a weekly email with prayer requests, a monthly email with a link to our Beach Breeze newsletter, as well as youth/Sunday school emails and memorial notifications. Whether you'd like to sign up for one or sign up for all, visit flocknote.pbumc.org!

#### This week:

SUNDAY, Dec 5

10:00 AM, Worship

2:30 PM, Games & Fellowship before Movie Night

5:00 PM, Movie Night in the Courtyard: *Elf* 

MONDAY, Dec 6

6:00 PM, Al-Anon

6:30 PM, Lenses of Advent Small Group on Zoom

TUESDAY, Dec 7

6:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, Dec 8

11:30 AM, Scripture and Sermon Study

4:00 PM, SD Project Grace

THURSDAY, Dec 9

1:00 PM, Coffee with the Pastor

FRIDAY, Dec 10

SATURDAY, Dec 11

SUNDAY, Dec 12

10:00 AM, Worship

6:00 PM, Christmas Caroling