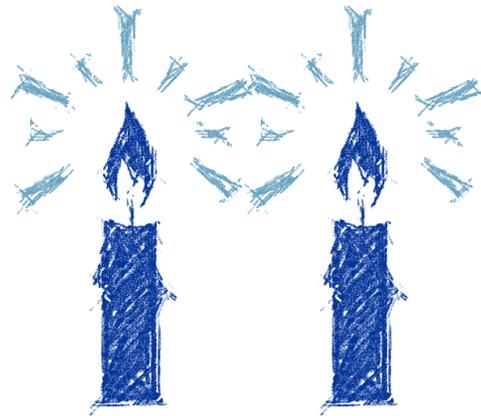


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SECOND OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2021

“What is meant here is not something made or forced, but something given and free. With God there is joy, and from Him it comes down and seizes spirit, soul and body. And where this joy has seized a person, it reaches out around itself, it pulls others along, it bursts through closed doors...”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Happenings!

A few things to be aware of

RidgeParadise Potluck, Sunday December 5th—Stay after church today for a soup and salad potluck in Paradise! We'll plan to eat at about 11:15am! Yay!

Catalyst Adopt-A-Family Gifts!—Today is the last Sunday to bring your gifts to support and love on families in our community impacted by domestic violence. If you forgot it today, you may also bring your unwrapped gift items to our church office by Tuesday, Dec. 7th between 9am-2pm. If you can, **please put a note on your gift indicating which family your gift is for**, as designated by the family's assigned number on the signup sheet. Thanks much for helping us make Christmas special for these children!

Purchase Rwanda Gifts!—Support the mission work of our friends Hope and Godfrey in Rwanda by purchasing an item or two brought by Becky Wion today! These handcrafted items have given women good work to help them escape cycles of poverty and prostitution. All proceeds will go towards furthering that work and other ministry projects like it. Visit <https://www.hagari.rw/> for more!

Christmas Eve at Shaffer Ranch: Dec. 24th—After a hiatus last year due to Covid, we're back on for Christmas Eve at the ranch this year! (3882 Keefer Rd.) Join us at 5:30pm for carol singing, scripture readings, food and fellowship. Bring finger foods to share if possible and warm clothes! See you there!

Community Service Partnership: Project 127—Join gospel minded folks to serve our community or be served yourself! Email: project127chico@gmail.com



Deacon Helpers at Vespers—We're really looking to bolster our volunteer groups as we transition into our new facility. There's a particular need for people to help Deacons with setup/greeting/ushering! Let us know if you want more info or are ready to dive in by scanning the code.

See our website for online giving, sermon links and more! Also, ask a pastor about small groups or about joining our community email "ListServ" group!

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Scriptures & Readings

For December 5, 2021

Call to Worship - Psalm 30:8-12a

“To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
‘What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!’

Together: “You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent...”

Scripture Reading for Advent: Joy - Luke 1:46-49

“And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name...’”

An Advent Prayer - Second Week of Advent

Father in Heaven –

As your people, some of us abound and brim to the top with joy in our hearts easily. Others of us struggle with joy and find ourselves often in numb and weary places. But you, O God, keep your Word, and you stand by your promises forever.

**Thank You Father, for sending your Son
in faithfulness to Your promises. How greatly
we need a Rescuer.**

As Mary herself was able to embrace the first advent of Christ with joy and thanksgiving, may we also, through faith in your Word, dare to rejoice in our Savior’s nearness. May the truth of Jesus’s first coming be all the fuel our hearts need to keep being joyful all our days, as we long for your full ...

An Advent Prayer - (Cont.)

... and final appearing.

**As we await our Savior’s return
may we, like Mary, truly cry out,
‘He has done great things for me!
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!’**

As we light the joy candle of our advent wreath, we pray together:

Come Lord Jesus. Bring Your joy. (*Lighting of Candle*)

“...the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Amen. (Nehemiah 8:10b)

Confession of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,** the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**separation from God*

***the Church in all times and places*

Preaching of God’s Word - Romans 5:1-5

Sermon Title: “Roman Candles: The JOY of Christmas in Romans 5”

Pastor Josh Lee

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper - Until He Comes!

Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26 “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you...”



O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)

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

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

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Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing

We will sing joy oh

Joy to the world the Saviour reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy

We will sing joy
We will sing joy
We will sing joy
Joy to the world

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

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Watts | Melodie Wagner | Michael Guy Chislett

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me