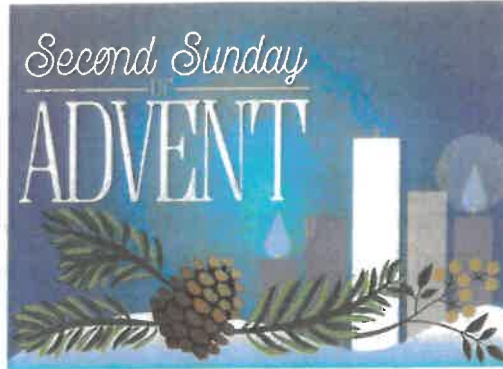


# First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

*"Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith"*



**December 4, 2022, 10 AM**

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"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."  
Romans 15:12

Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from 'getting to church' to 'being the church' as we worship together.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Quietly we call on your light of love, Quietly we seek your blessing, Quietly we try to still the beating drums of Christmas. Quietly we pray, Quietly we sit still and feel for your gifts of grace, Quietly we whisper words, Whispering psalters and prayers, poems and lyrics, hoping to speak our way into your light. Quietly we ask you, flicker in us, clarify us with love.  
All: Amen..

**PRELUDE**      **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**      **arr. Innes**  
**Adele Harrison, organ & Matthew Rupcich, piano**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Mark Juengel**

**Introit**

**Savior of the Nations, Come**  
**Chancel Choir**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Sherry Milliken**

**Leader:** The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices!

**People:** Open the gates before him, lift up your voices!

**Leader:** Who is the King of Glory; what shall we call him?

**People:** He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

**All:** Enter in, Lord of our life. Stir in us the old excitement. Receive our praise. We who worship here want to help clear your way into all the world.

**\*Hymn #102: "Savior of the Nations, Come"**

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

**Caruso Family**

**Leader:** "A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'"

**Leader:** The second candle is the candle of PEACE. Peace is the gift of God, the assurance that we are right with God and others.

**People:** It was of peace the angels sang as their great light filled the heavens and the shepherds learned of the Christmas gift of God in Jesus Christ.

(Light the second Advent candle.)

**Leader:** Jesus told us that the peace he gives us is a peace which can be found in no other place, from no other one. It is wholeness, health, and life itself.

**People:** And Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

**Leader:** Let us pray. Jesus be our peace. Help us to be your peacemakers that all people might be reconciled to you and each other. Peace on earth and good will to all! God now come to earth that we might find rest in you.  
**All:** Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sherry Milliken**

**God of peace, who sent light into the world in the coming of Jesus Christ: We confess that we have not followed the light given to us.**

**We have not searched for signs of your love, or trusted the goodness of your good news. We have failed to praise your Son's birth as we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**KYRIE**

**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Sherry Milliken**

Here the blessing of God, through Christ we have peace, a peace which passes all understanding. Drink deep the waters of life and be renewed by grace. **All: Alleluia Amen.**

**\*Congregational Response, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**The Rev. Mark Juengel**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Sherry Milliken**

Open our ears and hearts this day so we might humbly receive your word and your Spirit, your truth and your fire. **All: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

**Sherry Milliken**

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:1-13**

**Re. Mark Juengel**

**TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

**ANTHEM**

***Bethlehem Wind*  
Chancel Choir**

**Joseph Martin**

**SERMON**

**"The Most Important Room"**

**Rev. Mark Juengel**

**\*INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**Come Thou Long Expect Jesus  
Tonechime Choir**

**arr. Tucker**

**\*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #607, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all  
people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune  
God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn: #533, "In the Singing"**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### COMMUNION LITANY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise...

### SANCTUS (Hymn #1)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!,**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!**

**God in Three persons, blessed Trinity**

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARE THE ELEMENTS

### COMMUNION RESPONSE

Minister: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: And forget not all his benefits. Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN #104: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"**

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* arr. Kendall  
Adele Harrison, organ**

\*Please stand if you are able.