

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
11560 SE Market St, Portland, OR 97216
glcportland.org | (503) 256-1835
<https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland>

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

“Guide our feet into the way of peace.” – Luke 1:79

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! For the safety of our community, we ask that you sign in and wear a mask. Our worship service is broadcast live on Zoom and Facebook. Only the presenters in our worship will be recorded. Please see an usher if you have any questions.

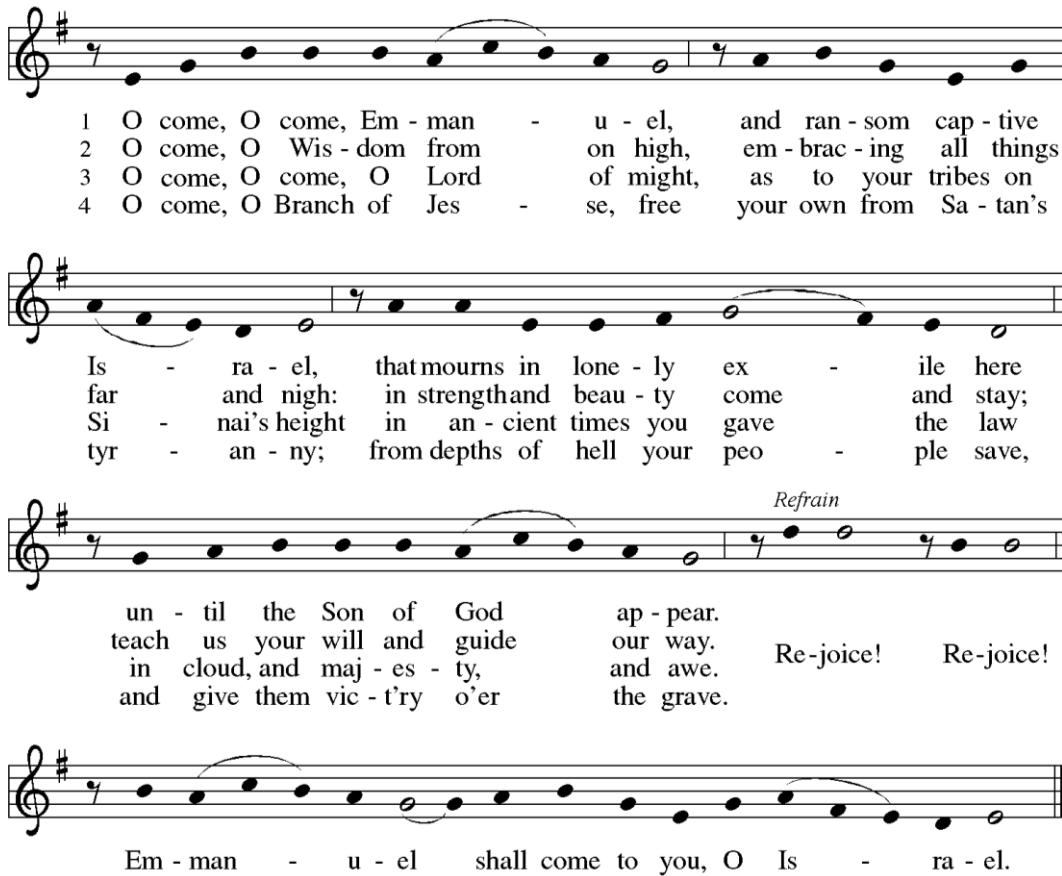
BLESSING FOR DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they grow in wisdom and grace, and help them to trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen circle
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wreath,
strengthen our hearts as we await your coming in glory.
Lead us in the ways of justice and peace.
Grant this through Christ our Savior,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

CANDLE-LIGHTING SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, ELW #257, v1-2



*Please stand as you are able.

***CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fulfills his promise,
who becomes one of us, for the sake of our salvation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We struggle to believe your promises.
We falter in your call to tend creation.
We find our sense of self in material goods.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.

Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, looks with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
† your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
claimed by God and sustained in grace.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

***GREETING**

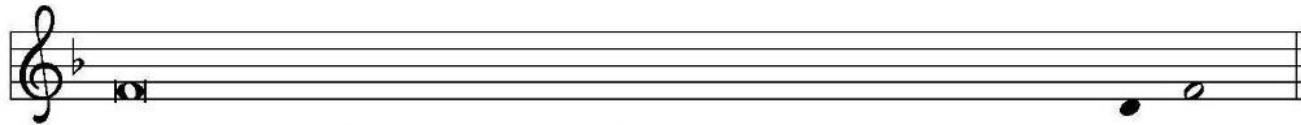
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*KYRIE

REFRAIN



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



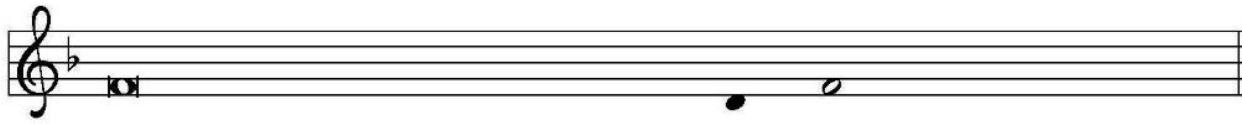
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



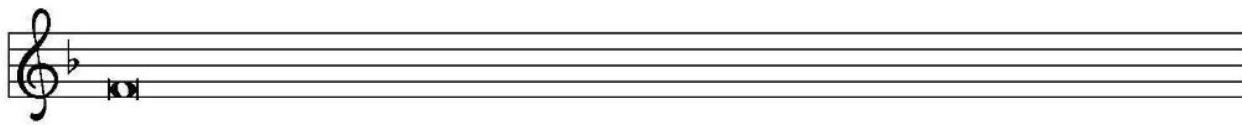
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



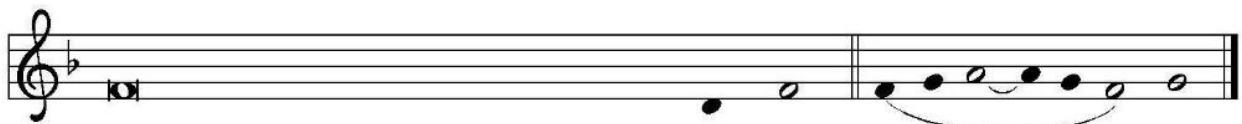
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and

strength, honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia. 3 Sing with all the people of

God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor,

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Welcome families! We're so glad you are here!

WORD

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from Malachi.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

REFRAIN

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high will break up - on us.

Luke 1:78

Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.
May be reproduced by permission for local use only.

TONE

Psalm tone reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.
May be reproduced by permission for local use only.

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the¹ God of Israel,
you have come to your people and¹ set them free.

⁶⁹You have raised up for us a¹ mighty Savior,
born of the house of your¹ servant David. R

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God

the dawn from on high will break up - on us.

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us¹ from our
enemies,

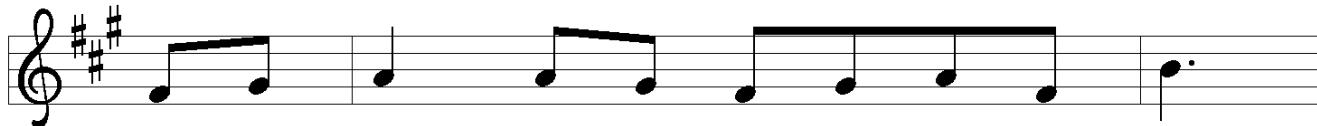
⁷¹from the hands of¹ all who hate us,

⁷²to show mercy¹ to our forebears,
and to remember your¹ holy covenant.

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our¹ father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. R



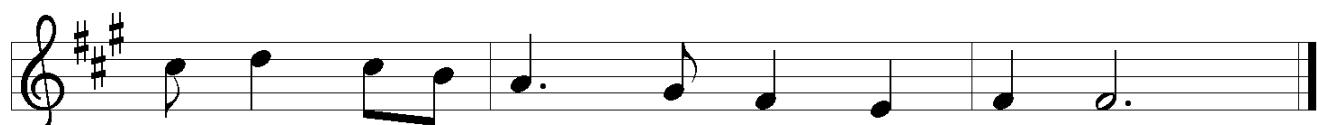
⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- pare the way,

⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. R



SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from Philippians.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how

I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign indicating one sharp, and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a different pattern of notes, and the lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." are written below it.

***GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*, ELW #256



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des -ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

*CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Holy One, send prophets to speak difficult truths. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill, especially those we remember now... Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your saints, especially those ancestors sent to challenge and inspire us. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please remain in your seat for a moment of peaceful reflection. Those joining us via livestream have the option of joining a breakout room. Breakout rooms are NOT recorded or broadcast.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may give online at www.glcportland.org/give or with Venmo.

OFFERTORY: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*, ELW #186

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a G clef, followed by a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics for this staff are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,". The second staff begins with a G clef and a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The lyrics for this staff are: "heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -". The third staff begins with a G clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics for this staff are: "san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who". The fourth staff begins with a G clef and a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The lyrics for this staff are: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est."

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

All are welcome to celebrate communion as part of our worship this morning! If you are joining us via livestream, any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up the bread and the cup as Pastor Elizabeth says these words:

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*If you did not pick up a communion cup as you entered, please see an usher.
Please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary today.*

*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*COMMUNION SONG: *Ubi Caritas et Amor*, ELW #642

U - bi ca - ri - tas
Where true char - i - ty
et a - mor,
and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas,
God is dwell - ing there;
De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*

Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Text and music © 1979 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent, 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.

www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

English text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the day to come, when your peace and justice liberate all people. Send us forth to make known your deeds and testify to the righteousness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*, ELW #282**



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be -neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - tning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Please leave the sanctuary quietly so that those who wish may remain to listen without interruption. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please plan to join us for our annual congregational meeting **TODAY, immediately after the second service** (around 11:30am). We will adopt our annual budget and elect our Church Council officers for 2022. Copies of the GLC 2021 Annual Report are available in the narthex.
- Join us for Bible Study on Tuesday, December 7th at 10 am in the conference room and on Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87038575330>). We will study the book of Ruth, Chapter 2.
- Come **decorate the church** for the holidays on **Saturday, December 11th from 10:00am to Noon** (or later, if needed, come as you are able). If you can help, please email Gloria Kelsay at gkelsay@hotmail.com. Thank you!
- Pr. Elizabeth will offer a “sacred pause” online gathering on Wednesdays at noon during Advent. This is an opportunity to take a breath and refocus on the holiness of the holidays. Join on December 1st at Noon on Zoom. Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87225860404>
- Come shop at the **Holiday Sale** in the Narthex hallway. Cash only (change not available). And get your bids in for the silent auction for the quilts!
- Volunteer to usher, read scripture, cantor or help with communion. Sign up online at: <https://signup.com/Group/1125944192029/> or email Brandee Leibrand, Worship Chair, at bplmbld@gmail.com.
- **Can you offer a ride** to church once a month (or once in a while)? **Do you need a ride?** Sign up on Rachel’s List in the narthex. Be sure to list what part of town you live in.
- The COVID Team has decided to do a trial run of **reopening the coffee bar**. Please be mindful of others and maintain social distancing. It is essential that we keep masks on for the safety of our church family. Thank you for being a community of care and grace!

- Worship with us on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505> To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 814 7643 6505. Or find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland>.



venmo

Scan to donate directly to GLC (@glcpdx)!