

*PRINCE OF PEACE*  
*Spokane, Washington*  
*December 7, 2025*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*(9am)*



*\*denotes to stand if you are able*

Welcome in the name of Jesus. If you are exploring faith in God for the first time, or if you are seeking a new church home, or if you've been coming here for years, we welcome you. *We welcome children in worship and we recognize their wiggles and giggles as a sign of the joy of the Lord within them.* We warmly invite you to take part and see the difference God can make.

**Gathering**

***The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.***

**Welcome**

**\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism.*

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**P:** Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P:** God of justice and compassion . . .

**All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,**

and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

L: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.

✝ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

All: Amen

## Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle / Prayer

### Hymn

#### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

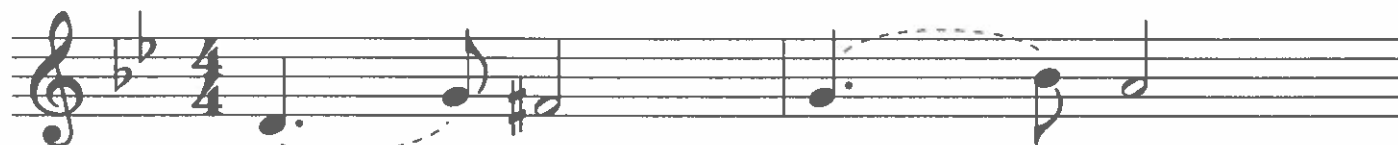
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## \*Greeting

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

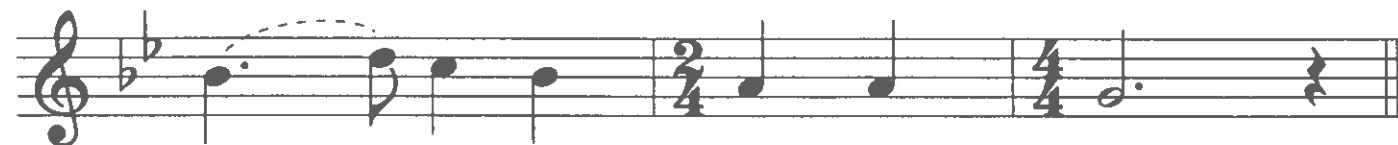
All: And also with you.

## \*Kyrle



1. Ky - ri - e,  
2. Chri - ste,  
3. Ky - ri - e,

Ky - ri - e,  
Chri - ste,  
Ky - ri - e,



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chri - ste e - le - i son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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## **\*Prayer of the Day**

**L:** Let us all pray together:

**All:** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.  
By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and  
peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

## **Word**

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.**

**Special Music**

**"Advent Prayer"**

**Adult Choir**

## **Readings**

### **Isaiah 11:1-10**

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
<sup>18</sup> **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**  
<sup>19</sup> And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

## Romans 15:4-13

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

<sup>4</sup> Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors <sup>9</sup> and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup> and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup> and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia**

*2 times through*

Sung to the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
A-lle-lu-ia

**\*Gospel**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.  
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' "

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Sermon

Sermon

Mike Sanborn

## \*Hymn

### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

#### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



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## \*The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again 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**

## \*The Prayers

**Response: L: Lord, in your mercy.  
 All: hear our prayer.**



## \*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
All: And also with you.

### *Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering Offertory

### People, Look East

Verses 1 & 2



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
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east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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## \*Offering Hymn

## Verses 1 & 2

### What Feast of Love



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!

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## \*Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray...

**All:** 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 Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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## \*Words of Institution

## \*The Lord's Prayer

**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,  
 forever and ever. Amen**



*"All who believe that Jesus Christ is present in this bread and wine as He has promised are welcome to join in the Lord's Supper."*

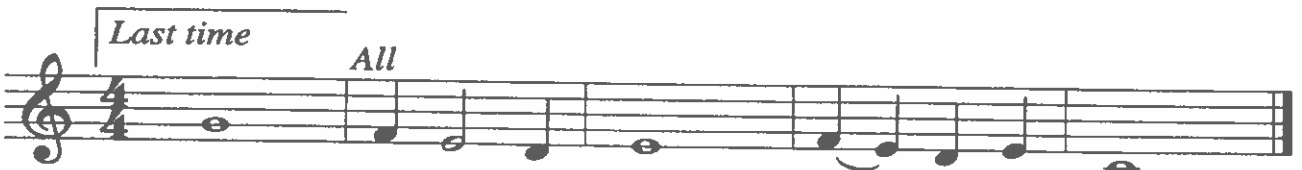
## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
Bread of Life,  
Sav - ing Cup,



world: have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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## Communion Hymns

### Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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### *"Eat This Bread"*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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### \*Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Live in peace, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen

### \*Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray . . .

All: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

Announcements-Please use the microphone

## ***Sending***

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### \*Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

### \*Hymn

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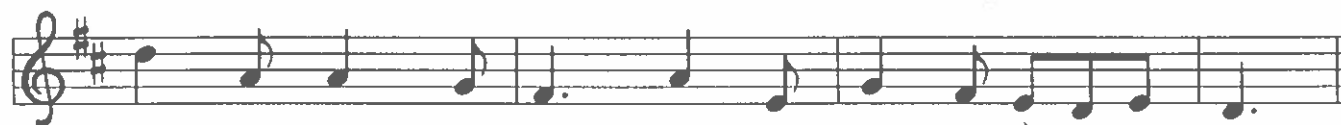
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## Prince of Peace's Purpose Statement

**L:** God's purpose for Prince of Peace

**All:** is to share the story of God's love in, with, and for the community.

**L:** Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**All:** Thanks be to God.



# **Prince of Peace Christmas Worship Schedule**



**Holden Evening Prayer**  
**Wednesdays during Advent**  
**December 10th & 17th**  
**at 7pm**



**Christmas Eve Worship Services: Wednesday, December 24th**  
**Candle Light Service— 7pm**

## **Prayers of the Church**

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### ***New requests of prayers for hope and healing for:***

Sharon Ballou, Michelle Buckley (daughter of the Hendrickses), Maya Burnett (Shadle HS student), Sara Jahay (granddaughter of Sanborns), MarJean Redinger (friend of the Sanborns), the family of Rev. Ron Rentner (retired pastor/pulpit supply), Judy Runion (sister of Curt Froscheiser), Melissa Skindlov, and Lindsay Steiner (friend of Skindlovs).

### ***Continued prayers for:***

Pam Carlson, Joyce Cleveland (friend of the Renfords), Amy Colwell & family (cousin of Joy Liezen), Denise, who struggles with mental illness & homelessness, Lewis Dennie (former member), Bill Dupuis, Laney Floyd (Kim & Diane Floyd's granddaughter), the great nephew of Froscheiser's, Josh Hawley, Gary & Sandy Johnson (friends of the Sanborns), Mike Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), Dora & Curt Larson (sister & brother in law of Iris Pehan), Doug Moeller (brother of Dave Moeller), and Hannah Stewart Longhurst (friend of Frank Christoff).

### ***Prayers of safety for:***

Alex Holden, Seth Hertel, Nolen Kajiwarra (friend of Ashley Christoff), and all Armed Forces serving around the world. We also pray for peace and comfort for their families during their time of separation.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at: 509-465-0779 or [popoffmgr@comcast.net](mailto:popoffmgr@comcast.net). Requests will remain on the list for a month unless the office is contacted to extend the request. Thank you.

## **Announcements**

### **Tree of Sharing-wrapped gifts due back 12/14**

Please select a tag and write your name on the sheet next to the tag number. Wrapped gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 14th for distribution. This is always a greatly supported outreach to the community and the congregation's generosity is very much appreciated!

### **Advent Worship Schedule**

Wednesday Advent Worship Services will be held at 7pm on December 10th & 17th. Please come and prepare for God's gift to us, his only Son, our Lord. We use Holden Evening Pray, a favorite of many!

### **Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve will be celebrated with one candle light service at 7pm. Bring your family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

### **Open Council & Leadership Positions**

The following church council & leadership positions need to be filled in 2026: Church Council, Treasurer, & Financial Secretary. If you are interested in any of the positions or have questions, please reach out to Sue Parrish, Randy Fleiger and Marie Tamura.

Thank you for considering how you can be a part of our church's leadership. With your help, we can continue to build a community rooted in faith, service, and love.

### **Trespassing**

There have been some incidents of trespassing and illegal camping on the church property. If you happen to travel past the church and see anything suspicious, please call crime check.

The address for the church is 8441 N. Indian Trail Rd.

**Crime Check #-509-456-2233**

### **Can You Help?**

Does anyone have washer/dryer in need of a home? If you or somebody you know has replaced their washer and dryer and have the old ones that still work, please contact Rebecca Hendrickson.

## POP Pantry – The Cupboard is bare!

### Food:

Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken,  
individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, soup, & boxed meals.

### Necessities:


Toothpaste, wrapped toothbrushes, deodorant, little lotions and dish soap



## 2025 Charitable Donations

If you are looking to bolster your charitable donations for 2025, all contributions need to be in the church offering by Sunday, December 28.

Your financial support of Prince of Peace is always appreciated.

Birthdays	Anniversaries
December 1-Randy Fleiger December 5-Karen Heimbigner December 8- Marie Tamura December 14-Cliff Hendrickson December 16-Helen Cogley December 21-Stephanie Feist December 22-Delores Shelton December 26-Carol Hawley Sue Parrish	December 21- Bill & Sue Burgermyer  

### Serving You Today...

**Pastor:** Joel Skindlov

**Worship Assistant:** John Renford

**Keyboarding:** Janet Robel

**Altar Guild:** Holy Christoff

**Fellowship:** Executive Council

**Ushers:** Joe Rock

**Media:** Bernie Polikowsky

**Communion Servers:** Holly Christoff

## **This Week at Prince of Peace December 7-14, 2025**

**SUNDAY**                      9:00 am              Worship Service

**MONDAY**                      10:00 am              Executive Council

**TUESDAY**                      9:00 am              Quilts for Kids  
5:30 pm              Praise Group

**WEDNESDAY**                      6:15 pm              Men's Choir  
7:00 pm              Advent Service  
7:00 pm              Adult Choir (following service)

**THURSDAY**                      1:00 pm              Bible Study

**FRIDAY**                      Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**                      9:00 am              Worship Service/Sunday School  
POP Pantry Sunday

### **To Contact Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

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