PRINCE OF PEACE

Spokane, Washington

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

(9:30 am)



***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

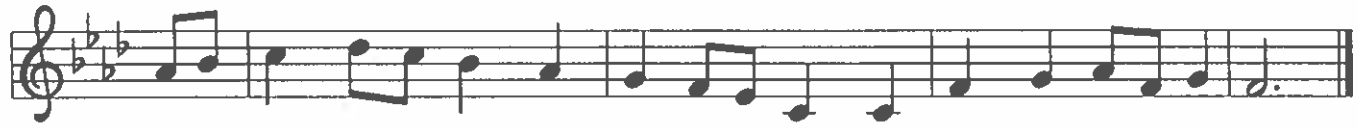
Invocation- In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
Call to Worship
L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?
C: **With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**
L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of eternal Christ?
C: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.
L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?
C: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.
L: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?
C: By hearing again the words of prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.
L: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn, but that the world might be saved.
C: Glory to God in the highest.

Hymn

The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

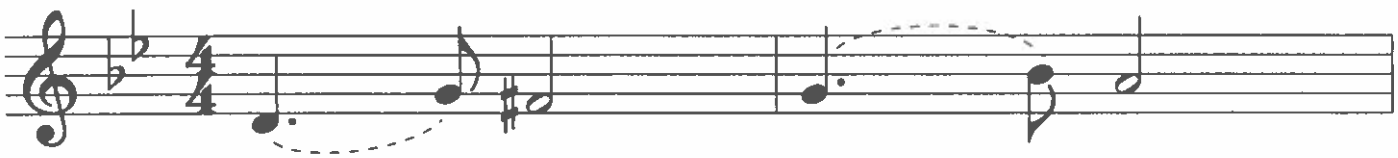
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Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

*Greeting

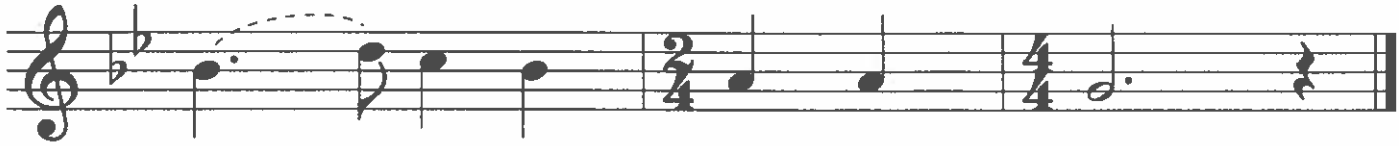
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Kyrie



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



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*Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together,
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Word

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

Children's Message

Readings Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

[1] O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— [2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] From ages past no one has heard, no ear

has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. [5] You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. [6] We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. [8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

HANGING OF THE WREATHS

L: The wreath, a circle, came to represent the eternal victory over death through Jesus Christ. The evergreens were a sign of the faithfulness of God to God's people, even in death, and the lighted candles were a reminder of the light of Christ brought into the world.

Evergreens are a symbol of things that last, a symbol of eternity, and a sign of God's everlasting presence. Jeremiah proclaims, "In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land". Let us notice God's coming in Jesus and God's everlasting faithfulness to us and through us.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: Let us go to the mountain of the Lord.
C: Come, let us walk together.
L: Let us live in peace with each other and our neighbors.
C: Let us walk in the way of the Lord.
L: In the midst of conflict and unrest, we are called to be messengers of peace.
C: In a dark world, we are called to be carriers of God's light.
L: We light this candle as a symbol of God's Peace.
C: Make us ready, O God, for the coming of Jesus, our light and our peace.

Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

[1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
[2] **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and come to help us.
[3] Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
[4] **O LORD God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
[5] You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
[6] **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
[7] Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
[17] **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
[18] And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
[19] **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— [7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

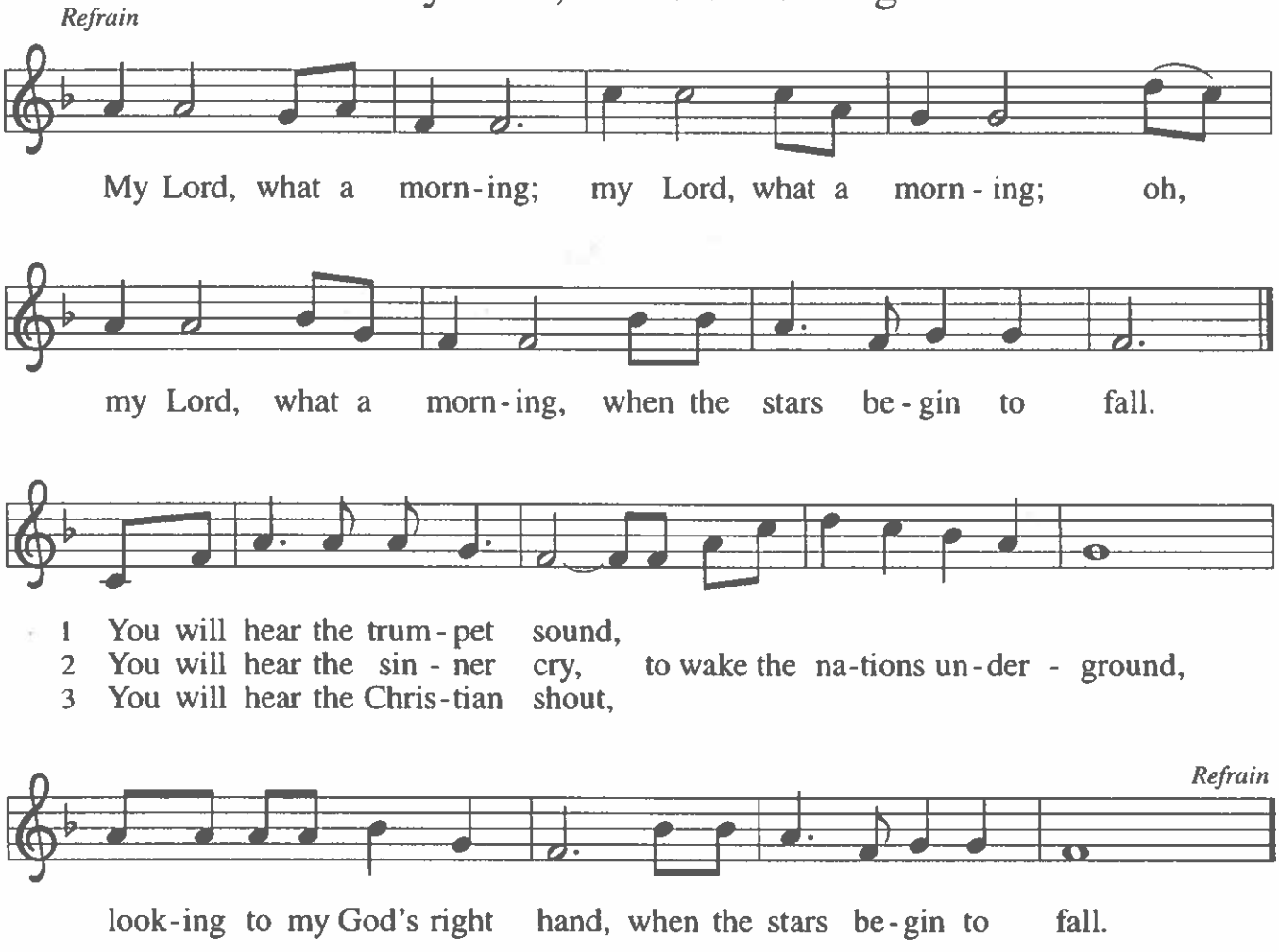
[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the
moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the
powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming
in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather
the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this
generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the
Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time
will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his
slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house
will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may
find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep
awake."

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

Sermon Pastor Joel Skindlov

***Hymn**

My Lord, What a Morning



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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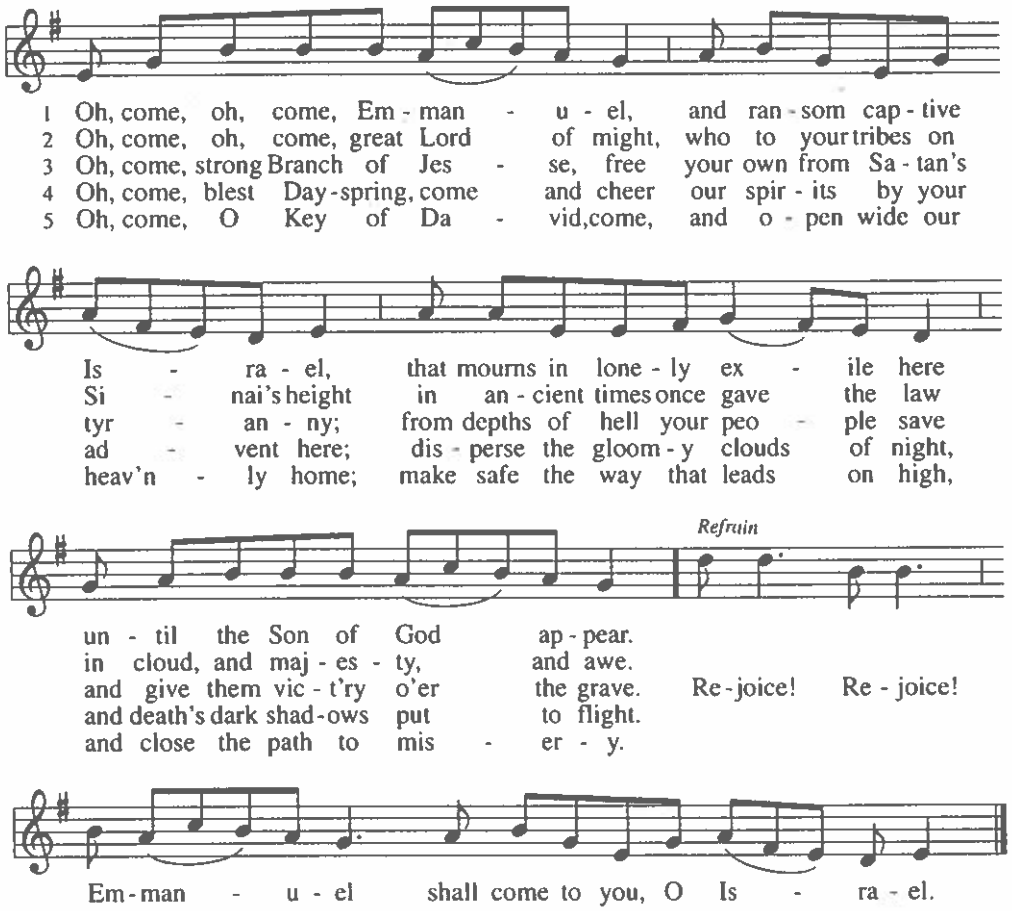
Decorating the Tree

With the Christmas tree, we remember God's
everlasting promises to the poor and needy...
Today, we decorate this tree with symbols and signs of Christ to
remind us of Christ's identity, God's story, and the Holy Trinity.

Hymn

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Verses 1 & 2



Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VENI EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

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Hanging of the Christmons

Leader:
Here in this place we prepare for the coming of the Lord.
Here we will remember his Advent,
his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant.
And here we rekindle our prayer,
"Come, Lord Jesus"
as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.

All:
Hang symbols and signs of Christ — ruler, prophet, priest.
Hang stars, crosses, triangles, the "alpha" and the "omega"
to remind us of his identity, God's story, and of the Holy Trinity.

*The Prayers

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

*Passing of the Peace

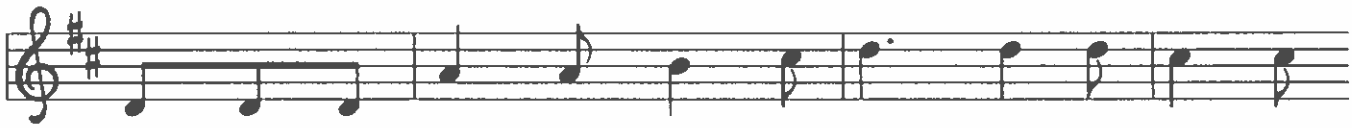
L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
All: **And also with you.**

Meal

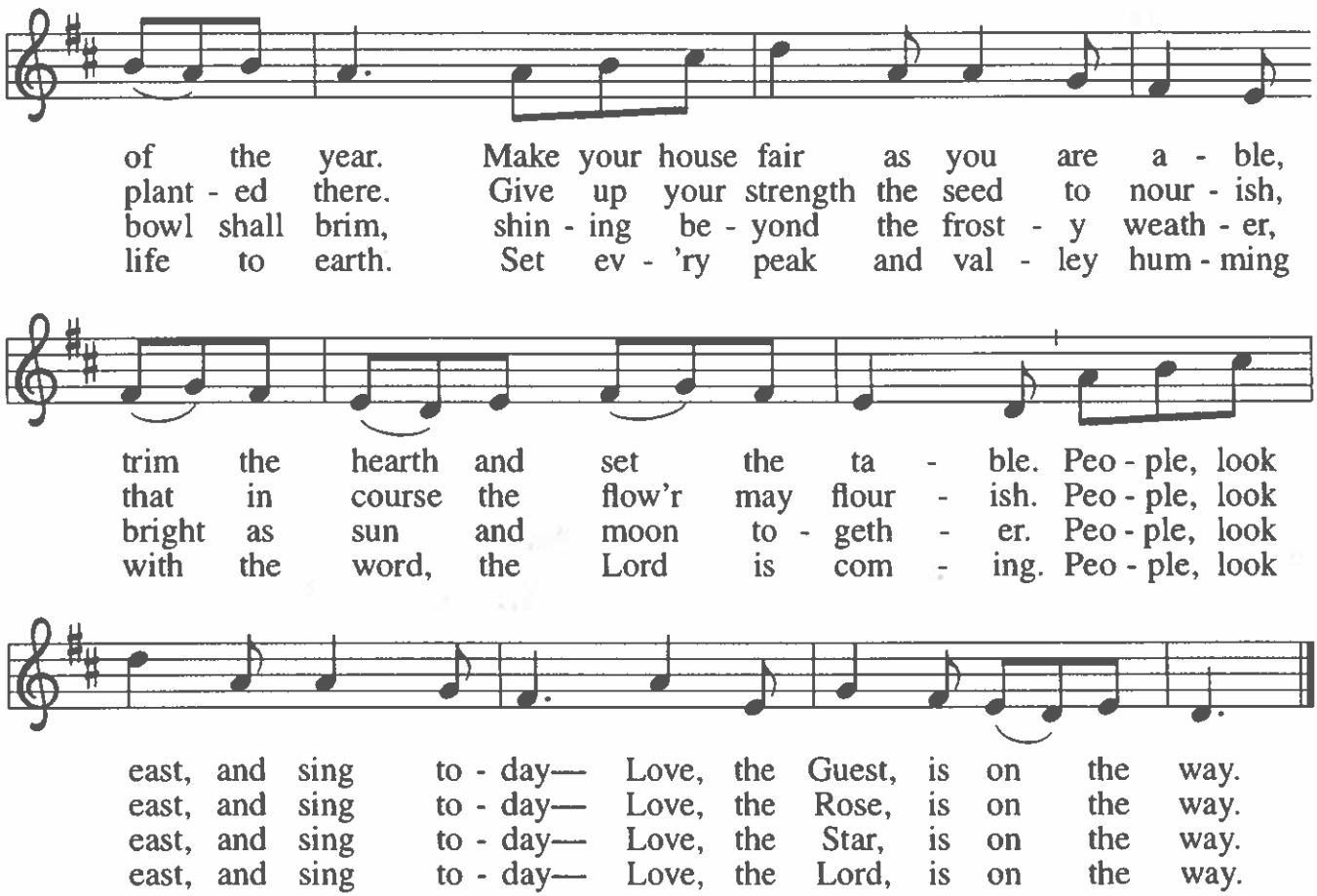
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering "The Holly and the Ivy" played by Janet Robel

Offertory *"People Look East"* Verses 3 & 4



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BESANÇON, French carol
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*Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray...

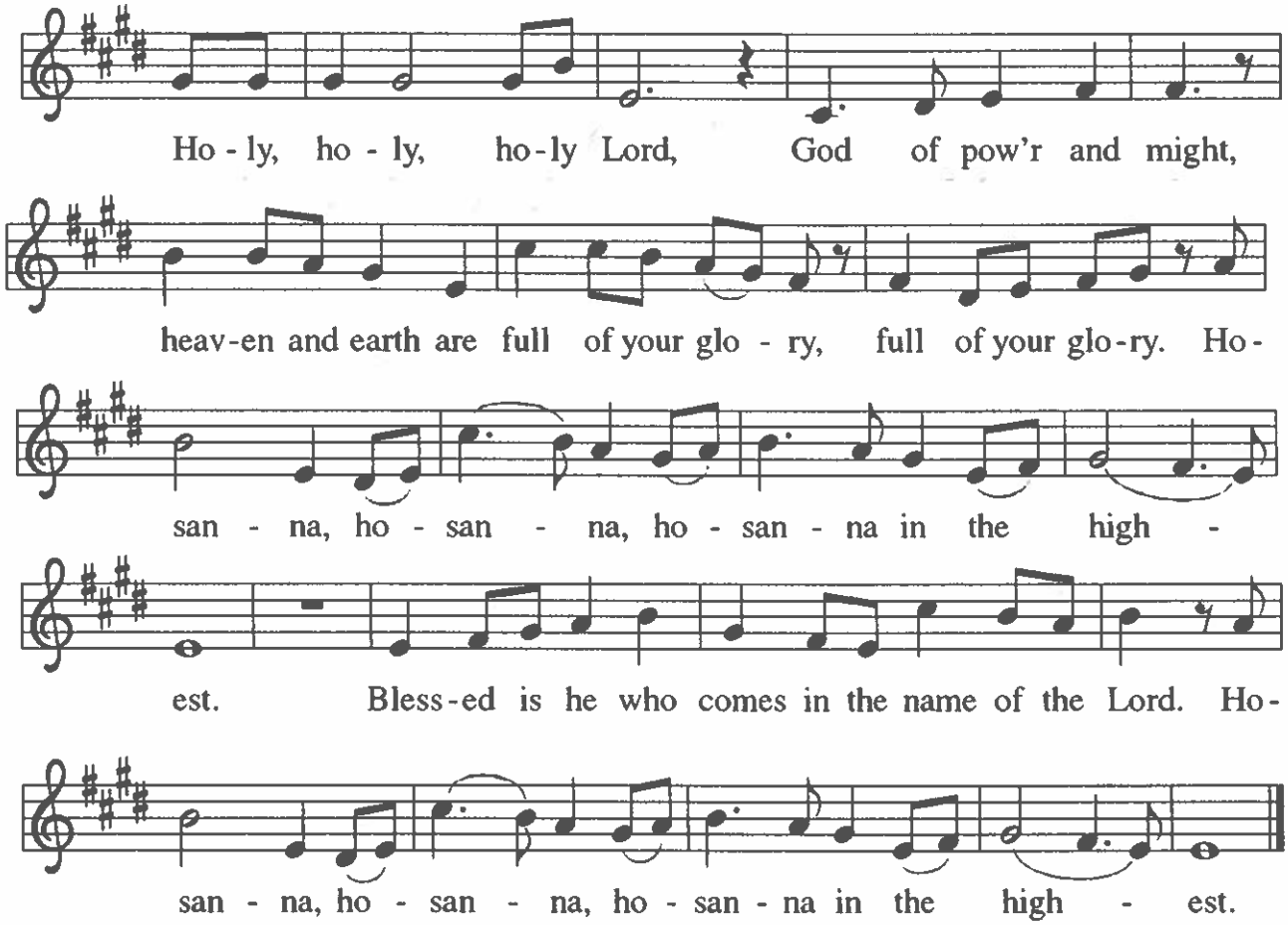
All: **God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*The Great Thanksgiving

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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***Words of Institution**

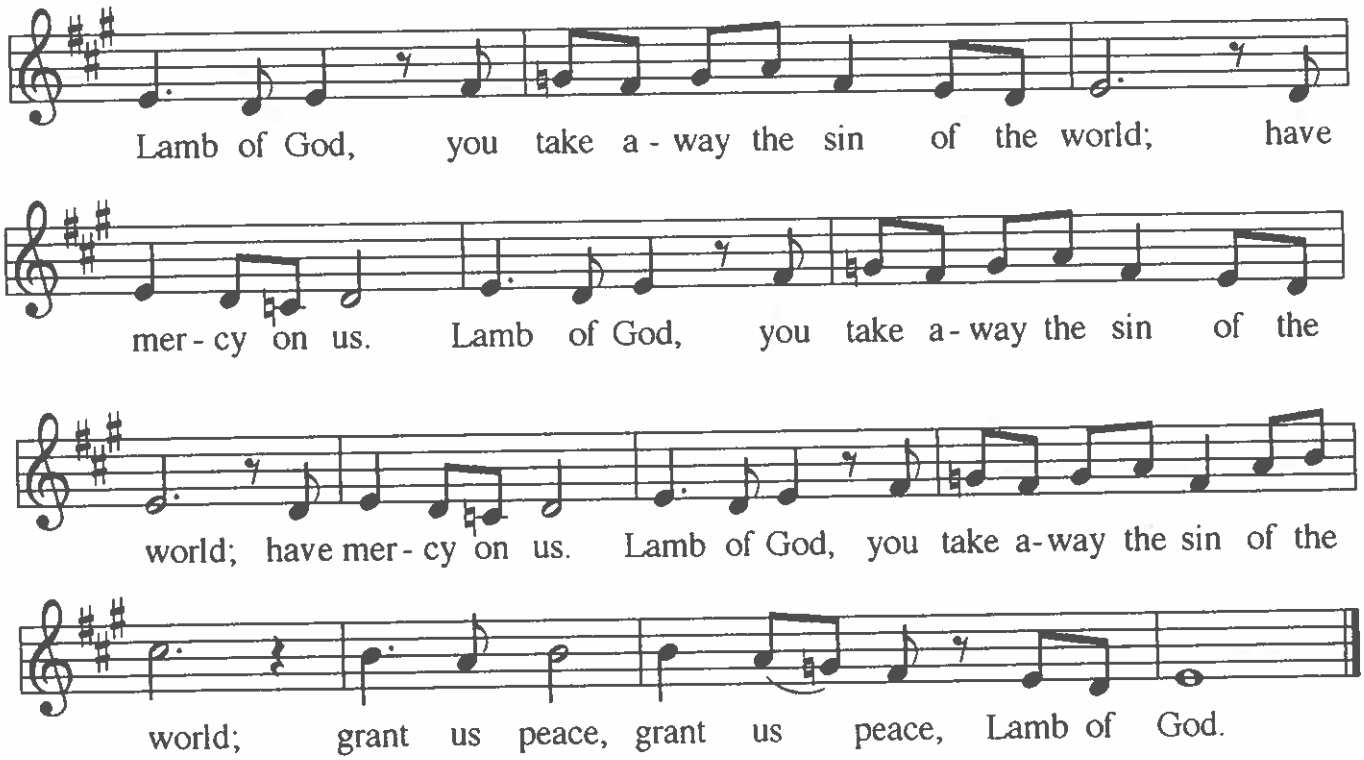
*The Lord's Prayer

**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

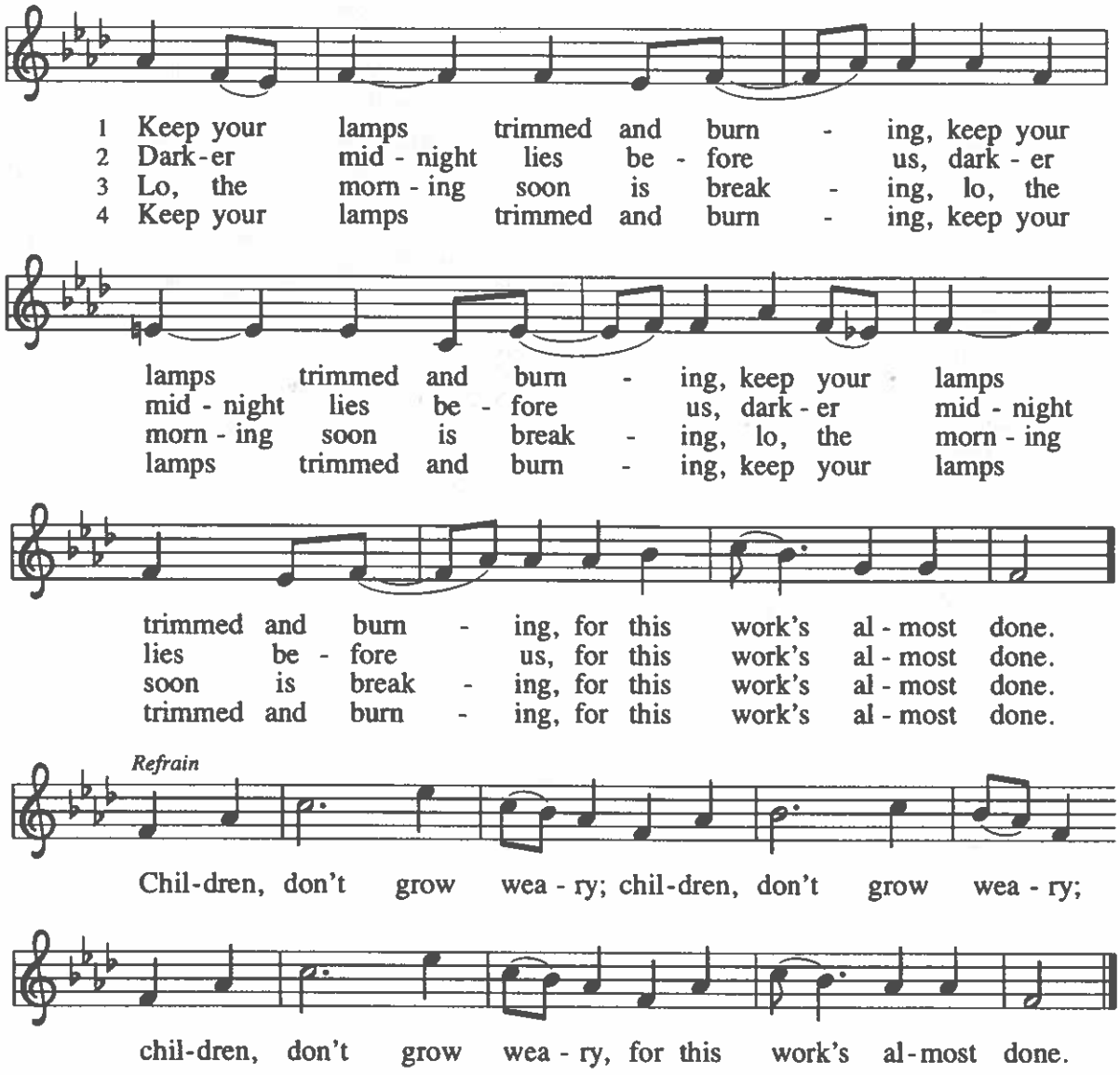


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Communion Hymns

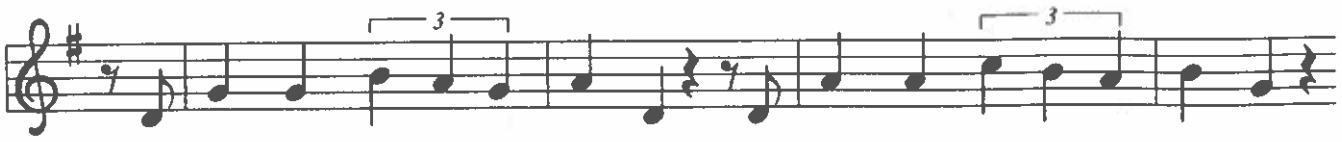
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

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He Came Down



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



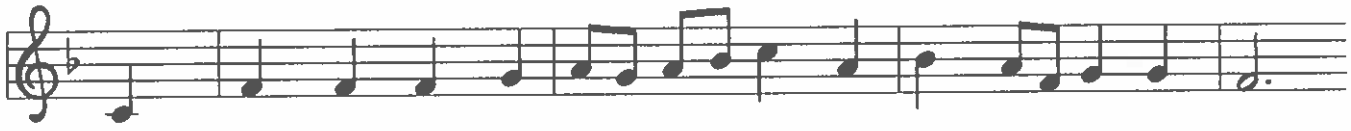
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he came down that we may have joy;

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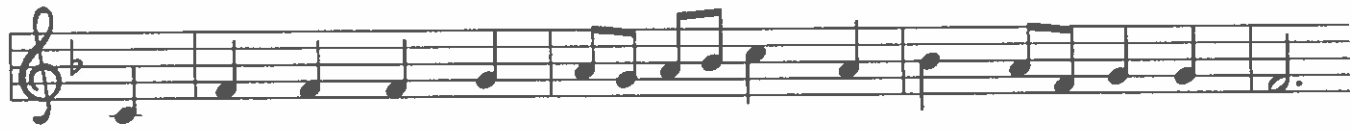
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Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

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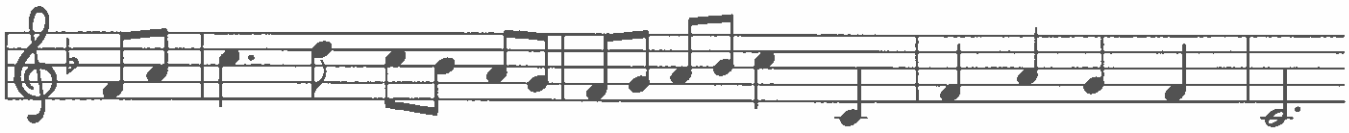
Blessed Be the God of Israel



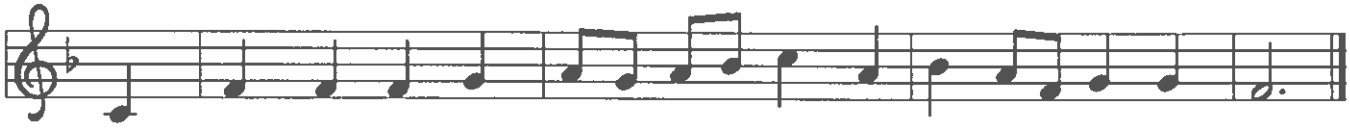
1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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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 microphone

Sending

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

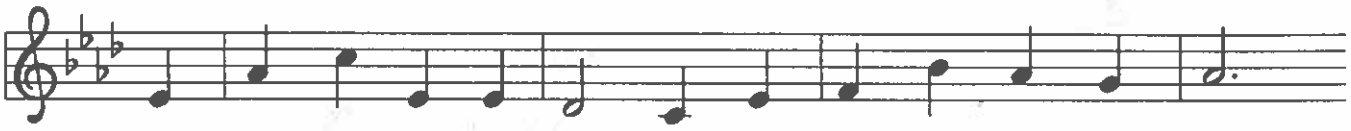
*Blessing

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.

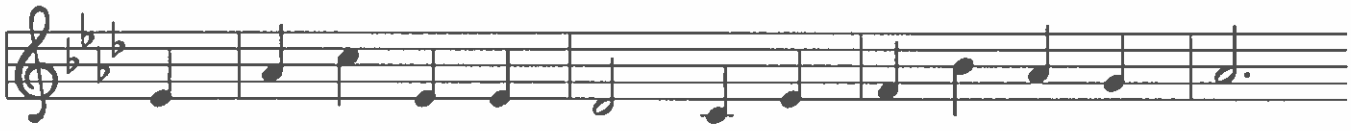
All: Amen

*Hymn

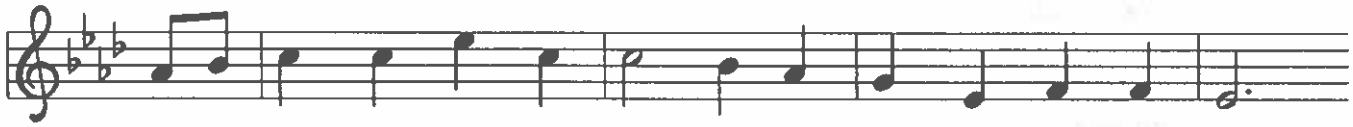
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



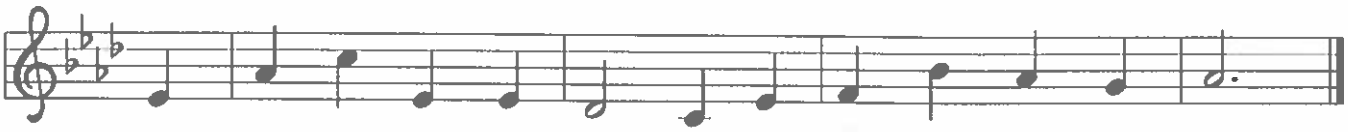
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark-er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor-row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be-night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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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.

Daily Prayer for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

Lord God, we thank you for your goodness and enduring mercy, for sustaining this congregation and for your continued provision. Lord, give us the strength and divine inspiration to renew our mission and purpose, both individually and collectively. Reveal to each of us how we are being called to serve. Please grant our church leadership, by your grace, the wisdom and discernment needed for decisions ahead.
You alone are King, you alone are the power; all honor and glory be yours Holy Father. Amen

Prince of Peace
Christmas Worship Schedule



Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesdays during Advent
December 2nd, 9th, & 16th
at 7pm



Christmas Eve Worship Services: Thursday, December 24th

Candle Light Service– 7pm & 9pm

Prayers of the Church

New requests of prayers for hope and healing for:

Sharon Ballou, Betty (friend of Sanborns), Brian Caroon (father of Susan Ames' daughter-in–law), Margaret Clark, De Dupuis, Joan Lofgren (family friend of Chaffins), Mary (friend of Janet Robel), family of Mark Nelson (former Assistant to the Bishop), Pam Nebelsieck, Ellie Powers (friend of Skindlovs), and Ken Staudinger (friend of Dave Moeller), Lisa Sanborn (daughter-in-law of the Sanborns), Trevor Stratton (son of Janice Hodneland), and Ronda & Dave Tolan (sister and brother-in-law of Todd Chaffin).

Continued prayers for:

Pam Carlson, Joyce Cleveland (friend of the Renfords), Lewis Dennie (former member), Bill Dupuis, Laney Floyd (Kim & Diane Floyd's grand-daughter), Josh Hawley, Mike Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), Doug Moeller (brother of Dave Moeller), Hannah Stewart Longhurst (friend of Frank Christoff) and Linda Strom (sister of Sue Parrish).

Prayers of safety for:

Seth Hertel (grandson of Sanborns) 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. Requests will remain on the list for a month unless the office is contacted to extend the request. Thank you.

Announcements

Tree Decorating

Please stay and help decorate the big tree and sanctuary following worship service today- First Sunday in Advent!

Tree of Sharing

The Tree of Sharing is up with tags ready to be taken. This year will be supporting Indian Trail Elementary families who were extremely effected by the Old Trails Fire and Cooper Elementary.
Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 13th.

Advent Worship Services

Advent Worship Services, using Holden Evening Prayer, will be held Wednesdays , December 2,9 & 16.

Your Church Needs You!!

Our church is entering an important time of transition, and we need members willing to step forward and serve on Church Council starting in 2027. **Several Council positions will be open, including Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.** These are important roles, but they are not meant to be carried out by just a few people. Our church belongs to ALL of us, and its future depends on members being willing to share their time, talents and ideas. Please prayerfully consider serving on Council and feel free to talk with a current Council member or Pastor.



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.





Pastor Joel– Office Hours

Pastor Joel will have office hours on Mondays 11am -12:30pm, Tuesdays 10:00 am-12pm, Wednesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm & Thursdays 10am—12pm. He is also available by appointment.
Pastor Joel's #509-951-0223.

Lefse

There are **5 packages** of lefse left, if interested ask Rebecca Hendrickson or somebody how to get it. $15 a package.

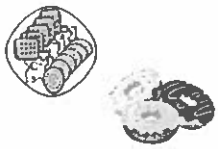


Thanksoffering

Through today, the chairs in the sanctuary will be adorned with the beautiful quilts that the two quilt groups have made this year! These quilts will be distributed into the world locally and afar. There are blue envelopes in the back on the bulletin table. If you would like to donate to the quilting fund it would be greatly appreciated. The funds are used to purchase batting and backings for the quilts. There is a basket to place your envelope into or you can put it in the offering plate and it will get the quilters.

Fellowship

Treats can be very simple, for example... donuts cut in half, store bought cookies, homemade treats, or cheese and crackers.



Helpful Reminder

If you're in the hospital or at home with an illness, the office will not know if we aren't informed. Please contact the office at 509-465-0779 or popoffmgr@comcast.net if you have a prayer request. If you're not able, please have a family member or friend contact the office on your behalf. If you would like communion brought to your house, please contact Pastor Skindlov –509-951-0223.

Birthdays

November 4– Ami Elliott
November 7– Mary Froscheiser
November 15– Mary Golden
November 17– Harper Skindlov
Hannah Skindlov
November 18– Jon Heimbigner
November 21– Kim Floyd
November 26– Jacob Basgal
November 29– Holly Christoff



Serving You Today...

Pastor: Joel Skindlov	**Fellowship:** Elliott
Worship Assistant: Holly Christoff	**Ushers:**
Keyboarding: Janet Robel	**Media:** Bernie Polikowsky
Altar Guild: Ginny Zimmerman	**Communion Server:** Ginny Zimmerman

This Week at Prince of Peace November 29– December 6, 2026

SUNDAY	9:30 am	Worship Service /**Decorate the Sanctuary**
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	4:30 pm	Praise Group
	6:00 pm	Fellowship/Outreach
	7:00 pm	Committee Night
WEDNESDAY	10:30 am	Women's Bible Study & Potluck
	6:15 pm	Men's Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
	7:00 pm	Advent Service
THURSDAY	1:00 pm	Bible Study @ Riverview
FRIDAY	**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	9:30 am	Worship Service

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