



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Deacons Offering** - Please remember this is the Sunday for the Deacons offering. The donations you give support the ongoing work of the Deacons.
- ◆ **Newsletter**—if you do not receive the newsletter via email, please pick up a copy.

Pastor Henry is Working from home

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Marilyn's Office Hours

Tues. 9am—12:30pm

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	DATE	TIME	
Sun.	Dec. 5	10:30 AM	Worship (Lockup: Sue Bain) 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Tues.	Dec. 7	7:00 PM	Focus on the Future via Zoom
Thurs.	Dec. 9	10:30 AM	Movies with a Message—at the church
		4:00 PM	Sacred Space via Zoom

Welcome! We're so glad you're with us for worship today. Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and power in your life. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we hope First Presbyterian Corona becomes a place you can call home.

Making disciples of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Ministry, and Mission.

December 5, 2021

10:30 A.M.

We Enter to Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements *(Please sign & pass the Welcome Book)*

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God's love endures forever.**

Gathering Song O Come, All Ye Faithful 41

***Call to Worship**

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

All: **Make God's paths straight.**

One: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

All: **The crooked will be made straight.**

One: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

All: **All will see the salvation of God.**

One: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

All: **The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!**

***Hymn** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 2

Lighting of Advent Candle

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, darkness surrounds us like a cold stone tomb, until your light bursts into our lives like a clear, bright dawn. We cover our eyes, we're so unprepared for your coming. Your light blazes forth like a white-hot fire, consuming all that it touches. How can we stand before you, Lord? The road that we thought was straight and wide is now exposed as a twisted, crooked path, blocked by a mountain of sin. Where can we turn? Who will guide us back to the way of peace—the way that leads to you?

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and forgiving, a great and compassionate savior. God rescues us from darkness and frees us from fear. Like a refiner's fire, the Lord makes us shine with the brilliance of the purest gold and silver. The one who began this work in us seeks to bring it to completion. May the day of Christ find us flawless and without blame. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

We Hear a Word from the Lord

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Malachi 3:1-14, Luke 3:1-6

Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 8

Children's Message

Sermon Fear Not

The Lord's Supper (see *Make A Joyful Noise*, pages A & B)

We Respond in Joyful Service

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Joys and Concerns/Prayer of Intercession/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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen

Offering

***Doxology** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go forth to Serve

***Hymn** Blest Be The Tie That Binds 438

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**We invite you to stand if you are comfortable standing.
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SMALL GROUPS / ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Bible Study Will resume at a future date
Transformed Ladies Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:30 AM
Loving Needles Group 3rd Tuesday 2:00 PM
Sacred Space..... Thursdays at 4:00 PM via Zoom

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Joys & Concerns

Terrie - Kim Wilson, a former member, passed away. Please pray for the Wilson family. Sharon Jones, daughter of a longtime friend, has been missing for the last 4 weeks. There is evidence of possible foul play, and Terrie feels she is dead. Asking for prayers for her family. Marilyn - she and Pete were the recipients of a "pay it forward" moment last week. They were at their nail salon, and as they were preparing to leave, another customer paid for their services. Delia - Julio has been healing from his recent fractures. However, he is now experiencing extreme pain in the bottom of his foot. They are going to see a specialist to determine what is wrong. Henry - Joyce goes to the hospital on Friday for a procedure to relieve her hernia. Awu & Ako - Last week Awu (Sarah) paid for dinner for someone. Henry - he and Joyce are concerned for the safety of their granddaughter who is an activist and does not back down from confrontation. Margie - prayers for her niece, Danielle, in Washington, who is trying to get her father (Margie's brother) into assisted living. Kathy - prayers for a friend in Arkansas whose husband, Fred, is recuperating from a very bad case of COVID.

Continuing Prayers

Prayers for our country and elected ones. All people, law enforcement & civilians, affected by current violence in this country. Lynn Rodisch - healing. Pete - healing. Kofi - prayer. Loren Nelson - continued prayer.

Please pray during the coming week for the families of:

- ◇ John & Qi Liu Nyeango
- ◇ Alison Osborne