

# Sunrise Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens Sunday, November 30, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz

\* Rise in body/spirit

Welcome and Announcements

The Holly and the Ivy arr. Joseph M. Martin

Kim Peachy

Call to Worship:

IIII Prelude

Eric and Pam Chigbrow

Leader: How shall we prepare this house of God's for the coming of the Light of the

World?

Leader 2: With candles to drive back the shadows, and light the way for our King.

Leader 1: How shall we prepare this house of God's for the coming of the eternal Christ?

Leader 2: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader 1: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy One?

Leader 2: By singing choruses of hope and songs of praise to God who comes near to us.

Leader 1: How shall we prepare our minds for the coming of the Son of God?

Leader 2: By listening again to the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving works of God.

Leader 1: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that through him all might be saved.

Leader 2: Glory to God in the highest! Enter, Prince of Peace!

Introduction to the Hanging of the Greens Service

The Candles

Advent Candle Lighting: Hope Sivak Family

☐ Hymn # 85 Light One Candle to Watch for the Messiah

(seated) Sing v.1 two times

#### \*Call to Confession

Joe Hoseck

Being children of God means responding to God's world in ways that are faithful to the word of God – with compassion, kindness, and wisdom. While often we succeed, we also often fail. To that end, we bring our failings to God, that we may be heard, and that we may find forgiveness.

#### \*Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Joe Hoseck

God of grace, sometimes we can become complacent. We can stray from following you. We listen to the voices of the material world rather than following your word. Forgive us, God. Help us to work toward justice and peace in the world so that we can ever work toward your reign on earth. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Joe Hoseck

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News: in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

\*Gloria in Excelsis Deo (refrain, 2x)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The People Who Walked in Darkness

The Wreath & Garland

Marcia Anderson



#### Blessing of the Greens: (unison)

Marcia Anderson

Eternal God, in the beginning you spoke, and your Word became the beautiful creation in which we dwell. We rejoice in this gift of creation, and in Christ, the Wordmade-flesh, who entered, into this world to live among us. May the wreaths and greens of the season remind all who see them of your eternal power and presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

**♪** \*Hymn #82

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus** 

#### Chrismons

Introduction Rev. Tim Lanham Lamb, Angel Trumpeting, Trinity Symbol Joe Hoseck

**☐ Hymn #721** Lord, You have Been to the Lakeshore (seated)

Eucharist Symbols, Chi-Rho Symbol, Hands in Prayer Marcia Anderson

The Celtic Cross, Nativity Star, Triumphant Cross Ember Woods

#### **Placing of Chrismons on the Christmas Tree**

You received a Chrismon ornament as you entered into the sanctuary today. You are now invited to come forward and place your ornament on the tree. If you are unable to bring your ornament forward, please hand it to someone else seated near you for them to hang on the tree.

# 1

#### Prayer following placement of Chrismons (unison):

**Ember Woods** 

Holy One, in this season of Advent, amidst distractions, obligations, gatherings, and the general hub-bub of the season, let us look upon this evergreen tree and see you.

Let us see the hope represented in greenery in winter, the signs of Christ at work in the world, the reminders of the many ways we as Christians are present for one another and for people who we do not know. May our church tree be a symbol of your love, and your dominion, in this world and in our congregation. Amen.

#### Invitation to the Offering:

**Ember Woods** 

We are called by God to present a harvest of righteousness- not by virtue of our own works, but by the grace of the one who began a good work in us, and is even now bringing it to completion. Let us bring the offerings of our lives to the Lord.

Offering trays are not currently being passed in the sanctuary though we continue to recognize the importance of blessings and giving through the offertory portion of our service. If you wish to make a financial gift, an offering tray is located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Financial gifts may also be made through the church website.

**Ⅲ** Offertory Music

#### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Mark Hayes

Kim Peachy

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

## \*Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

**Ember Woods** 

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #81

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

The Christmas Tree

Pastor Tim

The Nativity

Pastor Tim



Pastor Tim

Holy Lord, we come with joy to anticipate the birth of your Son; the one who rescued us from the darkness of sin, by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree before us, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life given to us through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns



#### Prayer of Intercession

Eric: Kings of Kings – We praise you for the wonderous gifts of life that you bring us. Even as we offer you praise, we see and name the brokenness of the world around us.

Pam: Lord of Lords – We offer our prayers to you today: for the world, for our country, for our state, our city, and our church community. Bless leaders with wisdom and foresight that they may follow your will in all things.

Eric: Emmanuel – We pray for those who are displaced by war, by natural disaster, and by change of circumstances. Give shelter to your people in need in all places where there are women, men, and children exposed to unforgiving elements and unsafe environments.

Pam: Prince of Peace – We pray for those who are sick, who are mourning, who are recovering from illnesses. We pray for those who are born on this day, and those who will die this day. May your presence be known in every circumstance.

Eric: Messiah – We offer you the prayers of our hearts this day as well. Know the places within us that are longing for you care. Know our needs before we speak them, and give our hearts both comfort and joy knowing that we are always in your care.

Pam: We lift these prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

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 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 forever. Amen.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

vs. 1, 2, 6

Sending Out God's People into the World

\*Benediction Rev. Tim Lanham

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\*\*Go tell it on the mountain. Over the hills and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in the lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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III Postlude

Deck the Hall

Kim Peachy

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arr. Michael Scott

\*Please rise in body/spirit as you are able.

### **Sunrise Presbyterian Church**

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Bulletin Symbols: ♣ prayer, ♣ congregational singing, Ⅲ music, ७ clapping, ♥ special church liturgy, \* standing, bold text indicates all speak/participate

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

| November Deacons: Pam Chigbrow & Sandy Lambert |     |          |   |  |  |  |
|--|-----|----------|---|--|--|--|
| Nov 30   | Sun | 9:30 am  | Worship with Rev. Tim Lanham: Hanging of the Greens |  |  |  |
|  |     | 10:30 am | Fellowship (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)                       |  |  |  |
| December Deacons: Janette Forsyth & Tana Harp  |     |          |   |  |  |  |
| Dec 3  | Wed | 6:00 pm  | Worship Committee                                   |  |  |  |
| Dec 4  | Thu | 10:00 am | Adult Bible Study                                   |  |  |  |
| Dec 5  | Fri | All Day  | Jessica is out of Office                            |  |  |  |
| Dec 7  | Sun | 9:30 am  | Worship with Communion (Just for December)          |  |  |  |
|  |     | 10:30 am | Fellowship  |  |  |  |
|  |     | 10:35 am | Congregational Meeting Following Worship            |  |  |  |
|  |     | 10:45 am | nday School <mark>(Last one for the year)</mark>    |  |  |  |
|  |     | 11:00 am | Deacons Meeting                                     |  |  |  |
| Dec 14 Sun 9:30 am Worship & Kids Christmas    |     | 9:30 am  | Worship & Kids Christmas Program                    |  |  |  |
|  |     | 10:30 am | Fellowship (No Sunday School)                       |  |  |  |
| Dec 16   | Tue | 5:30 pm  | Session (One Week Early)                            |  |  |  |
| Dec 17   | Wed | 6:00 pm  | Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee            |  |  |  |



## **DEACONS TREE - THE REMEMBER TREE**

Bring an ornament to hang on the tree to remember a loved one that has passed. Bring your ornament, and the name of the person you are remembering and hang it on our tree during advent season.



Christmas Wish List for Lewis & Clark Elementary

- Clorox Wipes
- Spin Mop
- Dry Erase Pens/Erasers (Bright Colors)
- Gently used games
- The game of Chess (5 of these please)



Millie has the complete list, please see her to get that. The deadline for these donations will be December, 17<sup>th</sup>. Kris will put a donation box next to the office. The teachers will be appreciative for anything you can give, but please try to stick to their list.

FISH has had an influx of individuals & families needing assistance with food. Here are the numbers from fish so far this month. Sunrise has donated over 40 lbs. of food this month alone. FISH has sent us a thank you email to our congregation! Keep up the good work!

| FISH Statistics   | Adults | Children | Total Fed | Pounds of Food Distributed |
|-------------------|--------|----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Month of November | 53     | 39       | 139       | 3,125                      |

#### Thank You!!

We want to give a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make sure that our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kids Christmas Craft event was successful. We had a record number of kiddos this year 37! Last year was right around 22, so this was awesome! We are already excited for next year.





