



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

4155 PICKLE ROAD + OREGON, OH 43616

CHURCH OFFICE 419-691-9407 + PRESCHOOL 419-693-8661

“DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME AND IN COMMUNITY”

WEBSITE: WWW.PRINCEOFPEACEOREGON.COM

CHURCH E-MAIL: JULIE@PRINCEOFPEACEOREGON.COM

November 28, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

November 29, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

Welcome to Worship! This Advent season, we Prepare for the celebration of Christmas as we Ponder, Pray, Praise, and Proclaim. As Mary pondered God’s message to her, we also are called to think about, digest, and dwell in God’s Word for us. We thank God for His Word that comes to us and brings us forgiveness, guidance, and life. Today, as God gathers us to receive His gifts, we ponder together – living God’s gift of life as we anticipate Christ’s coming in glory!

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

THE OPENING HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Burgundy Hymnal #332, vs. 1,2,3,4,8

Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel, now, o heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh –
Woman’s off-spring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our King,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

THE INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: We are gathered in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

Pastor: (Isaiah 40:3) A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God!"

**ALL: BUT OUR LIVES ARE ROCKY
AND OUR PATHS ARE CROOKED**

Pastor: We go to the Lord in confession:

**ALL: HOLY GOD,
AS WE PONDER OUR LIVES
WE SEE THAT OUR WAYS ARE NOT STRAIGHT
OUR LIVES ARE MADE CROOKED
BY THE SINS WE COMMIT AGAINST YOU
AND AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.
WE HAVE FAILED TO MAKE A PERFECT PATH
FOR YOU, OUR KING
WE PRAY TO YOU, MERCIFUL FATHER
POUR OUT YOUR GRACE ON US
PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND LIVES TO RECEIVE YOU, LORD JESUS**

Pastor: Jesus Christ was born, lived, died, and rose again – for you.
Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: AMEN!
WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD
AND PROCLAIM YOUR MERCY TO ALL PEOPLE**

Pastor: (John 14) Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions...
I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
that where I am you may be also.

**ALL: AMEN!
COME QUICKLY, LORD JESUS!**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Arise, O Christian People" (Projected)

Burgundy Hymnal #354, vs. 1,4

Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone the truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven to all the world is shown.



Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You this blessed Adventtide.
From stall and manger low come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly and forth Your glory show.

OUR FAITH GROWS AS WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

THE BIBLE READINGS

The Old Testament Reading: Joshua 1:1-9

The New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:15-17

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE

I believe in one God,
The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And of all things visible and invisible
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary;
and was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose Kingdom will have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
Is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SONG

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”
Burgundy Hymnal #350

(1) Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

(2) Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine!

(3) My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

(4) Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

THE MESSAGE

THE PRAYERS

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
THE RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

FOR GUESTS: WELCOME AND INVITATION

Welcome to our guests whom the Lord has gathered with us today!

Please sign the Rite of Fellowship (red tablet) located on the usher's desk. Please include an email address if you would like to receive weekly email announcements.

At this time, we are not passing offering plates in the pews. Members, recognizing all we have as a gift of the Lord, return the first portion in love and trust by bringing tithes and offerings with them as we come to the Lord's Table for communion. There is no expectation for guests to contribute -- Please give to the Lord through your home congregation. Should the Lord lead you to give a special offering today, we thank you!

All of life is a gift from God. In thanksgiving, love, and trust, we make commitments to the Lord. As you come to the Lord's table, place your offering in the plate and your commitment in the basket. Sealed commitment cards will remain on the altar for the coming year.

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a sacred action of God, instituted by Christ Himself, based on His Promise conveying, offering, giving and sealing the gift of forgiveness of sins to those who have received Jesus as Savior and Lord. We believe that we receive not only the bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus, as He announced, "This is My Body... This is My Blood." We share this Sacrament today, knowing it is for Christians who share like faith and understanding in Jesus Christ and in this Holy meal. If you are a guest and share in the same faith as described, you are welcome to commune with us.

White grape juice is available at the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot consume the wine.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREETING OF PEACE Out of love for one another, please consider a non-physical sign (wave, etc.)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

THE COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God, You take our sin

Lamb of God, You take our sin

Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Grant us peace, O Lamb of God

Green Hymnal #250

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see
thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the
silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the
everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met
in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all
above,

While mortals sleep, the angels keep their
watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy
birth;

And praises sing to God, the King, and peace
to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift
is giv'n!

So God imparts to human hearts the
blessings of His heav'n.

No ear may hear His coming, but in this world
of sin,

Where meek souls will receive Him still, the
dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us,
we pray.

Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us
today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad
tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord,
Emmanuel.

THE FINAL COMMUNION HYMN

Green Hymnal #196

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us
adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all
the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His
name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the
Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKS

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG

Burgundy Hymnal #387

"Joy to the World"
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✝ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:20 a.m. – "Ordinary People – Extraordinary God"
- ✝ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Join us in

person or on Facebook Live starting around 7:20 p.m. Zoe will resume in January.

✝ **TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY** – 9:00 a.m. at Pop – and on Facebook Live

✝ **THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – Megaphone of Hope

✝ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – Love Rules (a study of the Ten Commandments)

Last week's attendance: 80 Last week's offerings into the general fund: \$3498.00

Advent Wednesday Devotions and Family Activities

"O Come, Emmanuel – the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

December 2 – 6:30 PM - Devotion

7:00 - Decorate the church

December 9 – 6:30 PM - Devotion

7:00 - Family Advent Craft

December 18 – 6:30 PM - Devotion and Christmas Carol Sing

Members are encouraged to sign up as a family so we may ensure proper space for guests at all services. Through our website, princeofpeaceoregon.com, go to the sign-up. There are slots for 10 families at each service, which allows guests to sit at the other end of pews with smaller families. Overflow seating will be available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. All services will also be on Facebook live (Prince of Peace Luth Church).

NATIVITY EXTRAVAGANZA

December 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy numerous Nativity displays and the Living Nativity!

(Costumes and practice Sunday, December 13th at 12:00)

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

December 19th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Help shop, pack, and deliver Christmas baskets for local families in need.

All of life is a gift from God. In thanksgiving, love, and trust, we make commitments to the Lord. If you missed the opportunity to bring your sealed commitment on November 1st, you may place your envelope in the offering plate as you come to the Lord's table. Sealed commitment cards will remain on the altar for the coming year.

Angel Tree: Help spread Christmas Joy to the residents of Luther Home of Mercy. Pick up a heart tag, Bring the gift (unwrapped in a gift bag) by December 3rd.

As we gather indoors for worship again, if you are willing to serve within services, please contact Julie or Pastor John.

God at Work: How has God been at work in your life? God is at work in your life in big ways and small ways, through everyday occurrences and miracles. Let's encourage one another in God's work. Share a story of God's work in your life – maybe it's how God brought you to faith, maybe it's a "small" event recently or years past. Write a note or email. Put the story in Pastor John's mailbox or email him pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com. (Your story will not be shared without your permission.)

MITE BOXES – DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR MITE BOXES TO SUPPORT THE MISSION PROJECTS OF THE LUTHERAN WOMENS' MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Scripture is the rule of our faith by which all else is measured. Every person should have their own appropriate Bible – from a "Beginner's Bible" with colorful pictures to "Easy to Read" with large print. Let us know if you need a resource!

Good News Class: Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace? Are you a member looking to "refresh the basics"? Do you want to become a member of Prince of Peace? New class is starting soon. Talk with Pastor John! (the schedule is flexible depending on those who are interested.).

Weekly Readings Study – dig into the next week's readings – Every Tuesday outside in the memorial garden and on Facebook Live at 9:00 a.m.! Next week's readings: Psalm 141:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Luke 1:5-25

Keep in touch with your PoP family: Website: princeofpeaceoregon.com; Facebook: Prince of Peace Luth Church; PoPBlast: email princeofpeaceblast@gmail.com to get on the list!

"The Word of the Lord endures forever..." 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.: Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study will resume in January.

Would you like to walk where Jesus walked? Would you like to study the land of Israel – by taste, smell, and feel? Mark Renner, one of our "adopted" seminary students is helping to lead a trip to Israel in 2022. Now is a great time to begin planning! For more information, talk with Pastor John.

We have started a 'Mini Food Pantry.' The mini food pantry at the southwest corner of the parking lot has been open for the past 4 weeks. It has been stocked 2-3 times a week, so it is definitely getting used!

Once, while stocking it (the last week of October), an older lady stopped to get a few items. This was her second visit and she related how grateful she was for the pantry. "I am on a limited income and can't drive very far, so this helps me out."

The most popular food items in the pantry seem to be cereal, canned tuna, canned chicken, Spaghettios, peanut butter, jelly, baby food, fruit cups and juice boxes. Toiletry items are

always in demand! Popular items are diapers, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, laundry soap, dish soap, toothpaste and body soap. Thank you, POP family, for your contributions!

This month, we celebrate with those who have **birthdays** and *anniversaries*: **Wendy Alder, Melissa Barry, Owen Campbell, Samantha English, Susan Gabriel, Chris Genszler Dawn Hall, Jeremy Hartke, Jon Hartke, Joshua Hartke, Josh Henneman, Ariel Keiser, Nora Lants, Sarah LaPlante, Kate Mayer, Mitch McCoy, Marcine Miller, Phil Miller, Bernie Roberts, Ryan Shafer, Elizabeth Spears, Emersyn Stelmaszak, Saylor Vanderhorst, Alice Williams, Rod Young, Kevin and Jamie Campbell, Don and Jodi Halka, John and Teresa Hart, Tony and Lisa Maletich, Mike and Kym Snyder**

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Russ Bell, Marilyn Brown, Delia Mestousis, Kate Mayer, Deb Hartke, Bob Roe, Mike Thanasiu, Rocco Donofrio, Sue Jones, Glendora Boway, Dwight Griffin, Kym Snyder, Carol Cicak, Tom Bragg, Jason Rhuland, Chris Peters, Sue Pfefferle, Bill Kelly, Carol Rigg, Paige Ozanski, Chuck Brinkman, Michael Wells, Becky Kuelker, Fred Bordner, Jean Newman, Vicki Melms, Steve Jones, Pat Miller, Pam Downour, John Danford, Joyce Smith, Barbara Camp, Deanna Snyder, Don Williams, Lyle Brinkman, Richard Stanley, Jim Fennewald
(Please contact the office if you would like someone added to the prayer list, or no longer would like your name on the list.)

+ for those dealing with the reality of the pandemic for friends and family

+for your church – our vision and leaders and the commitment to follow God's will

+for those serving in the armed forces – Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler, Stacy Galla

+for our missionaries –

- Pastor Tim Heiney, Global Lutheran Outreach in Guinea, West Africa
- Pastor Dave Erber, LCMS missionary in Nigeria, West Africa
- Mike and Becky Kuelker, IAM missionaries in Mexico
- Joe Boway, New Life Lutheran Church missionary to the children in Liberia
- POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), a mission to Muslims
- Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo
- The Pregnancy Center, Toledo
- Rachel Meyer, LCMS missionary in Uganda, East Africa

+our 'adopted' seminary students –

- Miguel and Rachel Gonzalez
- Mark and Dana Renner



**Discipleship at
Home and in
Community**

Our Ministries at Prince of Peace

Missionaries	<i>All members of Prince of Peace</i>
President of the Congregation	<i>Jim Bragg</i>
Vice President	<i>Gary Garbers</i>
Board of Elders	<i>Phil Miller, Gary Garbers, Bob Roe, Jim Bragg, Don Halka, Mark Sattler, Tom Smith, Lyle Stine</i>
Discipleship Team Leader	<i>Leader Needed</i>
Outreach Team Leader	<i>Jordan Jones</i>
Youth Ministry Team Leader	<i>Kyle Barry</i>
Family Life Team Leader	<i>Corrine Sattler</i>
Stewardship Team Leader	<i>Cathy Reichow</i>
Preschool Team Leader	<i>Laura Roe</i>
Properties Team Leader	<i>Dan Reichow</i>
Prayer Team Leader	<i>Gary Garbers</i>
Technology Team Leader	<i>Leader Needed</i>
Preschool Director	<i>Wendy Kelly</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jackie Reynolds</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Vicki Melms</i>
Pastor	<i>John Genszler</i>
Secretary	<i>Julie Cox</i>
Pianist	<i>Pam Downour</i>
Organist	<i>Cindy Fennewald</i>
Praise and Worship Leader	<i>Jon Hartke</i>
Choir Director	<i>Pastor Gerald Hartke</i>
Prayer Chain	<i>Judy Young</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jodi Halka</i>
Men's Cherry Street Team	<i>Jim Bragg</i>