



## **PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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"DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME AND IN COMMUNITY"

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**January 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m.**

**January 3, 2021, 8:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Worship! Happy New Year! At this time of year, in the middle of winter, much of our light comes filtered through clouds or given by candles and light bulbs. We often feel like darkness reigns. But God gives us a new understanding – an Epiphany. His light is never dimmed. Like the Magi, we are led to the Light of the World – Jesus. Together, we receive His salvation and share His light as we are sent out into the world.

## THE PRELUDE

## THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

## THE OPENING HYMN

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

Burgundy Hymnal #397

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

**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: (Psalm 27) The Lord is my Light and my Salvation:

**ALL: WHOM SHALL I FEAR?**

Pastor: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**ALL: OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?**

Pastor: We confess our sin to God.

O Lord,

**ALL: YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
BUT SO OFTEN WE SIT IN DARKNESS  
WE TRY TO HIDE OUR SIN  
WITH IGNORANCE AND EXCUSES**

**SHINE YOUR LIGHT ON OUR SIN  
REVEAL OUR DARK PLACES  
GUIDE US TO TRUE LIFE IN YOU**

Pastor: (John 1:5) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
(John 1:14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
Jesus, the light of the world, was born for you. Though His death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: (John 1:14) WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, THE GLORY OF THE ONE AND ONLY SON, WHO CAME FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.  
(Psalm 27) THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION.  
THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE.  
PRAISE THE LORD!**



## **THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

"More Precious than Silver" (Projected)  
Green Hymnal #88

Lord, You are more precious than silver;  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with You.



## **OUR FAITH GROWS AS WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

### **THE BIBLE READINGS**

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence He will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE SONG

"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"  
Burgundy Hymnal #409

(1)Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,  
In Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You,  
In Your Church rejoice to live,  
See Your glory and adore You,  
Thankful for the grace You give.

(2)Once far off but now invited,  
We approach Your sacred throne,  
In Your covenant united,  
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to eastern sages,  
See the Star of Mercy shine,  
Myst'ry hid in former ages,  
Myst'ry great of love divine.

(3)Hail, O all-inviting Savior!  
Gentiles now their off'rings bring,  
In Your temples seek Your favor,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit,  
Live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,  
Grateful anthems ever raise.

## 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

Burgundy Hymnal #849/Green Hymnal #293

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

(1) Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with  
the very Bread of peace.

(2) Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons with  
the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the  
desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

(3) Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ,  
who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious that we may  
know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what  
our God has done;

Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the  
One who makes us one.

**THE FINAL COMMUNION HYMN**

Green Hymnal #196

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

(1) O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us  
adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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

(3) We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him  
all the glory,

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

(4) 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 #411

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

(1) I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

(2) I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

(3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

### Adult Bible Studies:

- ✝ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:20 a.m. – “Star of Bethlehem and Beyond” – Beginning next week – Freedom in the One Gospel – the Book of Galatians
- ✝ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – 7:00 p.m., the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. Join us in person or on Facebook Live starting around 7:20 p.m. Beginning this Thursday – Romans II
- ✝ **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month – Megaphone of Hope
- ✝ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month – Love Rules (a study of the Ten Commandments)

**Last week's attendance: 61    Last week's offerings into the general fund: \$3489.00**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to get the church building ready for the new year -- this Sunday at 12:00. Pizza lunch provided.**

**We need someone willing to pick altar flowers up from Beth Allen's on Saturdays before services. If you are willing to do this ministry, please contact Julie or Pastor John.**

**Thanks!!**

Matthew Mosier found out – suddenly around Thanksgiving when he totaled his car as a result – that he has brain cancer. He had just started a new job THAT DAY, so has no insurance and three young children at home, his mother living in the home so he could help her, and a grown daughter with a grandson out of the home. We will continue to be in contact with this family



after Christmas to support in prayer and any other way we are able. Thank you for all who've given to help.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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](mailto:pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com). (Your story will not be shared without your permission.)

Celebrate with the Renners! Mark's Ordination is January 17<sup>th</sup> at St. John's, Marysville. His Installation at Hosanna, Columbia Station is February 7<sup>th</sup>. We keep Mark Renner and his family in prayer as they enter public ministry!

### **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 and on Facebook Live at 9:00 a.m.! Next week's readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11

**Keep in touch with your PoP family:** Website: [princeofpeaceoregon.com](http://princeofpeaceoregon.com); Facebook: Prince of Peace Luth Church; PoPBlast: email [princeofpeaceblast@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeaceblast@gmail.com) to get on the list!

**"The Word of the Lord endures forever..."** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

The pantry continues to be well used by our community. While stocking it this past week an older couple stopped to get some food for their grandchildren, who are now living with them. They used the pantry once before and related how grateful they are to have it nearby. Here are some resources for anyone who is experiencing food insufficiency, or needs help finding utility, rent, or any other type of financial assistance.

\*United Way: Call 211 or go to <https://www.unitedwaytoledo.org/get-help/united-way-2-1-1-support/>.

\*Lutheran Social Services: Call 419-243-9178 or go to <https://www.lssnwo.org/>  
God Bless, Corrine S. Sattler

This month, we celebrate with those who have **birthdays** and *anniversaries*: **Dolly Ames, Judy Brower, Heidi Christy, Karen Coffey, Alyssa Disher, Ben Genszler, Emily Hartke, Chris Hoover, Tom Jones, Andy Laurell, Lydia Maletich, Brandon McCoy, Demetris Mestousis, Nathaniel Miller, Kevin Pfefferle, Jay Pollex, Kattie Richards, Laura Roe, Mason Shafer, Samantha Smith, Deanna Snyder, Jacob Stine, Sue VanCamp, Sierra Vanderhorst, Ron Wells, Cathy Workman, Tom and Denise Wells**

## 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, Matthew Mosier, Bob Young, Andrea Martin

*(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**

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