



### The Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Service

10:15am

December 13, 2015

The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole is a church where every member is a minister, passing on the faith, as we...

**Gather** to love God and others;

**Grow** to know and follow Jesus; and

**Go** to make a difference in the world.

### Thoughts for the Day

*"Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul."*

~Anonymous

*"Of all the religions in the world, there is none with the wealth of music that the Christian faith offers."*

~Ravi Zacharias

*"Where words fail, music speaks."*

~Hans Christian Andersen

*"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."*

~Victor Hugo

*"If you've lost your faith in love and music, oh, the end won't be long."*

~Carl Barat

## **WE GATHER IN GRATEFUL WORSHIP**

Today is a special Sunday with a full orchestra and choir. Children are welcome to stay in worship and listen to the Christmas Cantata. Alternatively, the nursery is available for kids 0-2 years old and Sunday School is available for children 3 years old and up starting immediately at 10:15am in the Chapel.

### **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

*(Lighting of the Advent candles)*

### **Song of Praise**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Julie Whitlock

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another. We neglect to keep you at the center of our lives as we turn our hearts to worship false idols. Too often we search for comfort in material things rather than in the promise of your incarnate love. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own faults. We ignore the cries of the poor, the children, and those on the margins as we grow weary of working for justice. Humble us, O Holy One, and let the brilliance of your love shine on us, that we may be saved. We pray this in the mighty name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Song of Response**

*Shine On Us*

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **A TIME FOR FAMILY CELEBRATION**

### **News of the Family**

*[Please submit all announcements to the church office by Wednesday so they can be included in the bulletin.]*

### **Every Member a Minister**

Joy Steiner

### **Presenting our Tithes and Offerings** *(Please sign and pass the welcome pads)*

*Tithes and offerings can be made online using credit or debit at [pcjh.org](http://pcjh.org)*

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer** *(Forgive us our sins)*

## **WE GROW BY LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **The Christmas Story: A Classic Carol Celebration**

### **Time for Reflection and Study**

Rev. Ben Pascal

*Singing Loud For All To Hear*

## **WE GO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD**

### **Benediction**

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*



# *A Classic Carol Celebration*

Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi  
Orchestration by Michael Lawrence

## **A note from the Director**

The PCJH Choir is so pleased to present this year's Christmas Cantata to you. As a collection of well-loved carols, it is sure to strike a nostalgic chord in you and bring out the Christmas Spirit as only music can. The fresh orchestration and lyrics will also surprise and enliven you, perhaps helping you to hear the message of Christ's coming in a new and inspiring way.

We pray this music will be a blessing to you and your loved ones as we gather to celebrate God's amazing gift to us in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Kenny Hadden

## **Program**

1. *The Awaited One, Rejoice and Be Merry*
2. *O Holy Night*
3. *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*
4. *A Midnight Clear*
5. *Rocking Carol, with Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*
6. *A Spanish Carol Suite, solo by Sue Consolo-Murphy*
7. *Wexford Carol, solo by Kraig Kobert*
8. *Sing We Now of Christmas, The First Noel, O Come All Ye Faithful*

**Narrators:** Ken Thomasma and Ponteir Sackrey

## **Choir**

***Sopranos:*** Bobbi Thomasma, Vicki Vivian Jones, Debra McSwain, Sue Consolo-Murphy, Juline Christofferson, Barbara VanGenderen, Judith Weikle, Joy Steiner, Julie Birrer, Kelly Peterson, Marian Meyers, Jenifer Snider

***Altos:*** Barbara Augé, Martha Birkett, June Nystrom, Cindy Dahlin, Therese Metherell, Deb Kopp, Ruby Erskine, Irene Lund

***Tenors:*** Barbara V. Simms, Jason Irvine, Patty McDonald, Marilyn Heck

***Basses:*** Bob Kopp, Kraig Kobert, Dan Peterson, Stan Steiner, Rich Viola, David Aiken, Bob Snider

## **Orchestra**

*Flute 1:* Ingrid Dingfelder

*Flute 2 & Piccolo:* Holly Balogh

*Oboe:* Liz King

*Clarinet 1:* Sue Bybee

*Clarinet 2:* Ed Fallon

*Bassoon:* Alan Goodman

*Violin 1:* Mimi Smith

*Violin 2:* Amira Burns

*Viola:* Ed Mellander

*Cello:* Vince Gutwein

*Trumpet 1:* Dean Scofield

*Trumpet 2:* Tim Day

*Horn:* Amanda Flosbach

*Trombone 1 & Tuba:* Ron Maassen

*Trombone 2:* Mark Barron

*Piano:* Keith Phillips

*Percussion 1:* Jane Copper

*Percussion 2:* Laura Wanek

**All Church Potluck**- TODAY in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 11:30am.

**Ice Lantern Fundraiser** - Light the path to your holiday get-together. What a wonderful message of light, hope and Christmas. Buy an Ice Lantern to support the PCJH High School Mission Team for their June 2016 Mission Trip. \$10 per Ice Lantern. Caroling Delivery (\$75, includes 2 lanterns). Sales at PCJH: TODAY & December 20<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am-12:00pm or order online!

**Ladies' Christmas Luncheon - O Come Let Us Adore Him** – The First Baptist Women's Ministry invites all ladies to attend this holiday time of praise & fellowship. Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-1:30pm in the Grand Ballroom at Snow King Resort. All are welcome! Please RSVP, 733-3706 or [office@firstbjackson.org](mailto:office@firstbjackson.org)

**Christmas Pageant** - Join us for our Christmas Pageant of the Christmas story: "Welcome to Our World" NEXT Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am in the Sanctuary. We are in need of volunteers to help with the production, and children to participate as Dancing Angels or Animals. Please sign-up on our website.

**Christmas Caroling & Potluck** - Join us for the second annual PCJH Caroling & Potluck, 4:00-8:00pm on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Colter & Alli Lane's house in Rafter J and carol around the neighborhood, then return to the house for food and fellowship. Contact Kenny Hadden for details, [music@pcjh.org](mailto:music@pcjh.org).

**Christmas Joy Offering** – By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you'll provide opportunities for students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Through your contributions you'll be helping the families of active and retired church workers through the assistance program of the Board of Pensions.

**Adult Fellowship** – Want to do something fun this holiday season? We will be going to a concert at Center for the Arts on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to see singer-songwriter Brett Dennen. He creates folk-pop music that draws from his influences of classic Americana singer-songwriters. Please let Cindy Dahlin know if you are interested in the concert and/or dinner beforehand, [cdahlin@pcjh.org](mailto:cdahlin@pcjh.org)

**From the Stewardship Team** - As we all consider our blessings and our call to support God's work through PCJH, the Stewardship Team asks for your prayerful consideration of your tithes and offerings for 2015. We currently need to raise \$311,270 more in order to meet our budget for this year. Contributions may be made in the baskets during the service, online from the homepage of the Church's website, by text message or by sending a check to the Church office.

**Text-Based Giving** - Tithes and offerings may be made to PCJH by texting the amount of the gift to [\(307\) 200-2175](tel:3072002175). For example, text the message \$1 to give \$1. The first time you text a gift, you'll receive a pop-up asking for billing information. After that, all you'll need to do to give subsequent gifts is to send a text. You may find it convenient to make a new contact in your phone for PCJH Giving. Please ask a member of the Stewardship Team if you have any questions.

**Save the Date! – ENGAGE – January 29-30, 2016** - PCJH is excited to host an upcoming workshop provided by Presbyterian Church (USA) which presents a new evangelism approach to help churches share God's good news. As congregations using Engage learn how to share their story and faith journey, they attract people to join them in following Jesus— in God's mission of transformation in neighborhoods and communities. The workshop will cover topics to equip us to give our testimony of God's work in our lives and discuss our transformation through God's love. Details and registration information will be released shortly.



**THIS WEEK AT PCJH**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**



**December 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**

- 8:00am - Worship Service
- 9:00am – The Story
- 9:00am – The Gospel of Matthew
- 10:15am – Christmas Cantata
- 11:30am – All Church Potluck

**December 14<sup>th</sup> - Monday**

- 8:45am - Women's Bible Study

**December 15<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday**

- 6:45am - Men's Bible Study at the Virginian
- 12 noon – Women's Bible Study w/  
Pastor Ben

**December 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday**

- After School Program–6:00pm
- 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner
- 6:45-7:45pm – Programs for all ages:
  - Choir, new participants welcome
  - Nursery
  - K-5 classes
  - M.S./ H.S. Youth Group
  - The Story
  - How to Think Like Jesus

**December 17<sup>h</sup> – Thursday**

- 12 noon - Men's Bible Study w/ Pastor Ben  
@ Jackson Whole Grocer
- 5:30pm – Little Lambs Christmas Program
- 7:00pm – Ascent: 20's & 30's Fellowship

**December 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday**

- 4:00pm – Caroling & Potluck

**December 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday**

- 8:00am - Men's Group

**Volunteer Recognition:**

Kathy & Billy Robertson for hosting the  
Session Christmas party!

**Save the Date:**

- 12/19 – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 12/20 – Christmas Pageant

**Thanks to:**

**Greeters:**

- 8:00am – Cindy Weber
- 10:15am – Meg Womack,  
Sandra Guido & Brian Bultema

**Lay Readers:**

- 8:00am – Michael Adams
- 10:15am – Julie Whitlock

**Snacks:**

- 8:00am – Sheila Weitz  
& Barbara Carlsberg
- 10:15am – Joanie Shipman,  
Melissa Tuttle & Kristy Steiert

**Wrangler:**

Brian Bultema

**Gift Counters:**

Julie Birrer & Kraig Kobert

**Coffee Preparation:**

Brad Herman



**Christmas Eve Services**

- 5:00pm - Intergenerational  
Service at PCJH
- 5:00pm – Candlelight Service at Hotel  
Terra in Teton Village
- 10:00pm - Candlelight Communion  
Service at PCJH

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~Rev. Ben Pascal  
~Rev. Steve Weber

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