

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Service

10:15am

December 20, 2015

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

<u>Gather</u> to love God and others;

<u>Grow</u> to know and follow Jesus; and

Go to make a difference in the world.

Thoughts for the Day

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

~Isaiah 9:6

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

~Luke 2:10-11

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

~John 1:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ~I like 2:14

WE GATHER IN GRATEFUL WORSHIP

Today is a special Sunday with a performance of the Christmas Story.

Children may stay in worship and enjoy the pageant.

The nursery is available for 0-2 year olds and there is no Sunday School.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent candles

Song of Praise

O Come All Ye Faithful

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Cindy Dahlin

Almighty God, we stand in awe of you, Creator of the universe. Your power and might is beyond understanding. The glimpses we receive of your nature boggle the mind. You are holy yet loving, all powerful yet caring, all knowing yet forgiving; you are eternal and yet you became one of us in Jesus our Lord. Thank you for your tangible touch. Thank you for your living example. Thank you for your invitation to be part of your family.

God of love and grace, in your wisdom, you have commissioned us to share with others all we know you to be. You have called us to extend your tangible touch with our friends and neighbors. We are overwhelmed with your trust in us. Forgive us when we are unfaithful to you. Forgive us when selfishness stands in the way of service. Increase the sensitivity of our heart so we might sense and obey your leading. Give us the courage to follow you with hearts full of love for you and others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Passing the Peace of Christ

A TIME FOR FAMILY CELEBRATION

News of the Family

[Please submit all announcements to the church office by Wednesday.]

Every Member a Minister

Tiffany Tate

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

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

WE GROW BY LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Welcome to our World

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Angel Dance

Angels We Have Heard on High

Joy to the World

Special Music: Light of the World

O Little Town of Bethlehem

lime for Reflection Rev. Ben Pascal

The Christ Centered Church

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

Benediction

Go Tell It On The Mountain

<u>Ice Lantern Fundraiser</u> - 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 - 8:00am-12:00pm or order online!

From the Stewardship Team - Be part of the miracle. As we all consider our blessings and call to support God's work through PCJH, the Stewardship Team asks that you complete your tithes and offerings for 2015. We currently need to raise \$256,596 more in order to meet our budget for this year. Contributions may be made in the baskets during the service, through text-based giving, online at pcih.org, or by sending a check to the Church office. We deeply appreciate your prayers and gifts in support of our Church.

Text-Based Giving - Tithes and offerings may be made to PCJH by texting the amount of the gift to (307) 200-2175. 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.

<u>Christmas Eve Joy Offering</u> – 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. This offering will be collected on Christmas Eve.

<u>PCJH Cross Country Ski</u> – We will be starting up soon so stay tuned! Please contact June Nystrom 733-0117 or Debbie Schlinger 733-9300 for additional details.

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 20th – 26th



December 20th - Sunday

- •8:00am Worship Service
- •9:00am The Story
- •9:00am The Gospel of Matthew
- •10:15am Worship Service
- •11:45am Children's Choir

December 21st - Monday

•8:45am - Women's Bible Study

December 22nd - Tuesday

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

December 23rd - Wednesday

NO PROGRAMS

December 24th - Christmas Eve

- •NO MENS LUNCH
- •5:00pm Candlelight Communion Service at PCJH, featuring the JH Brass Quartet
- •5:00pm Candlelight Communion Service at Hotel Terra in Teton Village
- •10:00pm Candlelight Communion Service at PCJH, featuring flute & clarinet



December 25th - Christmas Day

•CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

December 26th - Saturday

•8:00am - Men's Group

Save the Date:

1/1 – Church Office Closed
1/17 – Gondola Worship Service

Thanks to:

Greeters:

8:00am – Rick Walls 10:15am – Carol Poole & Suzanne Kemmerer

Lay Readers:

8:00am - Michael Adams 10:15am - Cindy Dahlin

Fellowship Snacks:

8:00am – Sally Byrne 10:15am – Deb Keenan & Pamela Stockton

Wrangler:

Sandra Guido

Gift Counters:
Julie Birrer & Kraig Kobert

Coffee Preparation:

Brad Herman

Volunteer Recognition:

George Scarlett for all his work for the WY Toys for Kids event

Laura Soltau for helping set up the Sanctuary on Friday

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~Rev. Ben Pascal

~Rev. Steve Weber

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