

December 5, 2021
The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole
The Gifts of Advent

Thoughts for the Day

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

~Augustine of Hippo

I am sure God keeps no one waiting. Unless He sees that it is good for them to wait.

~ C.S. Lewis

We applaud patience, but prefer it to be a virtue that others possess.

~N.T. Wright

Faith and patience are exceptional virtues in those that suffer. Patience is the fruit and evidence of faith.

~John Calvin

COMING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Laura Huckin

*The Prince of Peace, so wonderful
They worshipped then and we do still, His name is Jesus
(repeat)*

Song of Gathering (10am only)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Chorus
His name is Jesus, His name is Jesus*

*O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels*

Chorus:

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

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be the glory giv'n
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing*

Chorus

*Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest*

Chorus

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Pascal

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

8am: Becky Kimmel

10am: Sierra Fulton

Hymn of Praise (8am only)

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymn 41, v.1-3)

Song of Praise (10am only)

His Name Is Jesus (Heaven's Hope)

*The glory and the wonder, it still hangs in the air
The star that saw His face still shines
The song heard at the manger, the angel anthem raised
Still echoes through the ages today*

Chorus:

*Rejoice, peace on earth has come
His favor rests on us, His name is Jesus
Rejoice, the King has come for us
Receive what love has done, His name is Jesus*

*Heaven's hope wakened with a baby's cry
Still His voice breaks through the night*

Chorus

He is Almighty God, Immanuel

Responsive Prayer of Confession

8am: Becky Kimmel 10am: Sierra Fulton

One: Holy God, Maker of all

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All: Have mercy on us.

One: We can no longer play dumb. We not only know the lives we are called to lead, we are well aware of how we fail – through our words as well as our silence, by our deeds and our unwillingness to act. Let us confess to the God who comes to us.

(take a few moments for silent reflection)

One: Let us pray.

All: You call us home to live with you, Comfort of the lost, but we are too busy right now to listen. We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction, seeking the best prices. We rush to judge everyone around us, but ask you to be more patient with our repeated errors. We feast at the table piled high with broken promises and drink from the cup of fading dreams. Yet you continue to cry out to us, Broken Heart, speaking to us of your love. Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant companion as we journey with You, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Messenger of God's mercy.

Song of Response

Shine On Us

*Lord let Your light, light of Your face shine on us
Lord let Your light, light of Your face shine on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your light shine on us*

*Lord let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us
Lord let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life*

*To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your grace fall on us*

*Lord let Your love, love with no end come over us
Lord let Your love, love with no end come over us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your love come over us
Let Your light shine on us*

Words of Assurance

One: At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for us.

All: **God comes! Not to punish, but to gift us with peace, not to judge, but to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

(Take a few moments to greet one another)

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

Time with Children (10am only)

(Children are now dismissed to Sunday School)

News of the Church Family

Sharing Gratitude Together

Kacy O'Hare

Moment for Mission

Laura Soltau

Giving Generously of our Tithes and Offerings

(Baskets are in the lobby; electronic giving instructions at pcjh.org)

Gloria Gloria (Hymn 576)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

8am: Becky Kimmel

Romans 8:22-25

10am: Sierra Fulton

Time for Reflection and Study

Rev. Ben Pascal

The Gift of Patience

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are welcome to share in the sacrament. Those who are not ready to take communion will receive a blessing from the pastors.

Invitation to the Table

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

pg.15 in Hymnal

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Instructions for the Lord's Supper

For those at home: Please prepare beforehand to have bread and juice (or some other fruit of the vine) to share among those in your household.

For those in the sanctuary: When prompted by the pastor please go to the station nearest you to receive the bread and

cup. Take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup and consume the elements at the station before heading back to your seat.

Those who are not ready to take communion, for whatever reason, can receive a blessing from the pastors. The pastors are also available to pray for you as you feel called.

Sharing in the Lord's Supper

Song of Reflection (10am only)

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

*Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew and hear my cry for mercy, Lord*

*Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze,
I stand redeemed by grace alone*

Chorus:

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied*

*So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave
His steadfast love has made a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice*

Chorus

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight*

Closing Prayer

BEING SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD

The Benediction Sung

Let There Be Love Shared Among Us

*Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes
May now Your love sweep this nation, cause us, O Lord, to arise
Give us a fresh understanding of family love that is real
Let there be love shared among us, let there be love*

The Benediction Spoken

Postlude

Musicians

Piano and Vocals: Laura Huckin
Guitar and Vocals: Melissa Elliott
Bass: Ben Pascal
Percussion: Danny Weber