

Arcata Presbyterian Church



November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Ryan McGaughey

***Call to Worship** [responsive]

Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

PEOPLE: Stir up your might and come to save us.

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven and see, have regard for us.

PEOPLE: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your holy name!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Song of Praise** **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** **Hymn #9**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

3 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bind envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

Announcements

Call To Confession [Responsive]

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; hear our voices and be attentive to our cry for mercy.

People: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession [Unison]

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Your past is finished and gone, the future is fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

PEOPLE: IN JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN!

Singing Glory to God for Grace

Offering/Offertory

Blessing the Gifts Given

Children's Time

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song of Reflection

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn #41

1 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.

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore
him, Christ the Lord!

2 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory
to God, all glory in the highest: [Refrain]

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. **2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.** 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. **4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.** 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. **6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.** 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! **8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.** 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. **10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Exhortation to Watch

34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-18

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Sermon: "We Keep Waiting!" Pastor Dan Link

Song of Renewal: "Watchmen Tell Us Of The Night" Hymn #20

1 Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are. Traveler, o'er yon mountains height, see that glory-beaming star. Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell? Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends. Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends. Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth? Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3 Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn. Traveler, darkness takes its flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn. Watchman, let your wanderings cease; hasten to your quiet home. Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace, the Son of God has come!

Benediction [Responsive]

Go out into the world in peace;

Have courage;

Hold onto what is good;

Return no one evil for evil;

Strengthen the faint hearted;

Support the weak and help the suffering;

Honor everyone;

Build up the body of Christ;

Love and serve the Lord;

Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Live and share the Good News

And may the peace of God go with you.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

***Parting Song: God Be With You**

Hymnal #540

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Ryan McGaughey

Lay Reader - Edith Hokman

Videographer - Christie McLain

Sound Techs - Fred Tempas, John Hokman

Flowers - Joyce Melin, Glenda Farrer

Usher - Edith Hokman

Sunday School - Austin Kolshinski

There are hearing assistive devices onsite, available upon request.

There are big print hymnals onsite, available upon request.

If you need a ride to church, please contact the church office at (707) 822-1321.

Monthly Calendar

Adult Bible Study	Every Wed. at 7pm
Birthday Celebration	Every 2nd Sun.
Communion	Every 1st Sun.
Earth Care	Every 1st Tue. At 9am
Hand Bell Practice	Every Wed. at 4pm
Homeless Lunches	Every Sat. at 9:30am
Men's Breakfast	On hold
PW Fellowship	On hold
Session Meeting	Every 3rd Mon. at 6:30pm
Women's Bible Study	Every 3rd Wed at 10am
Women's Book Group	Every 4th Wed. at 3pm
Worship Committee	Every 2nd Thu. At 10am

Bible studies and meetings are held via Zoom.

Church Announcements for Sunday, Nov 28 - Saturday, Dec 4

Due to the Covid-19 situation, we have instituted the following:

- Sunday services will be in person and live on Facebook (Arcata Presbyterian Church). It will also be posted on the church's website (arcatapresbyterian.org).
- Bible studies and meetings are held via Zoom unless otherwise specified.
- Bag lunches for the homeless are prepared and distributed each Saturday at 9am. Contact the church office for more information.

SINGING OF THE CAROLS

Do you love to sing Christmas carols? You are in luck! There will be 15 minutes before each service in Advent for joining together with others in singing these beautiful once-a-year carols. Come to the church at 10:45 and Fred Tempas and Edith Hokman will help us make beautiful music together. We will be singing out of the hymnal for those of you who like to sing harmony. It will also be online so those of you at home can sing along and enjoy music with others. Hope to see (and hear) you each Sunday!

Upcoming Meetings

- Hand bell Choir will meet weekly on Wed. at 4pm.
- The Women's Book Group Selection for the Wed, Dec 1st, 3pm Zoom meeting is: *The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis.*

Poinsettias

You may honor or memorialize a special loved one whose name will appear in the bulletin on December 19th. The deadline to submit is December 15th. All funds received will purchase the poinsettias, with the surplus amount going to The Endowment Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Arcata. In this way, a part of your contribution will serve the church long into the future. The cost for each is \$15.00.

Reserved by:

Please circle one: In Honor of In Memory of

Name(s):

Relationship(s):

Lunch with Joan

Joan Tempas invites anyone to join her for lunch Wednesday, December 1st, at noon in the Todd Room. Bring your sack lunch and a mask. We will follow the current COVID precautions. Many of us have been longing to see our friends in person. Let's do it and be safe at the same time.

No reply necessary. Just come as you are. Joan will too. Don't be scared of the bear.

Thrift Shop Now Open!

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30pm to 4:30pm

Come and check out the new look! Masks are required in keeping with the recommendations of the Humboldt County Public Health Division We will welcome four customers into the shop at a time for the well-being of all.

Donations Needed: Jewelry, Men's sweaters, coats, and jeans.

Daily Zoom Prayer Time

We have a weekday time for prayer at 9am each weekday morning. It is a time when people can gather via Zoom and join in prayer for concerns and praises. It's open to anyone. The Zoom Meeting ID is 503-212-1265. Dan

Rental space available

Our church building has a number of spaces available for rent:

- The gym upstairs is perfect for yoga, martial arts, dance, etc.
- One large and one small room upstairs have been used for offices or small group meetings.
- The Todd Room down stairs is used for larger group meetings.
- The Fellowship Hall is a good rehearsal space.

Anyone interested can call the church office at 707-822-1321.

Prayer Channels - God's Supply to Our Need

Contacts are: Chip Shinnick - 822-6723, Edith Hokman - 822-4231, Kathy Goodman - 630-3299, Ella Craig - 845-7225. Christie McLain - 273-0713

Please contact one of these Prayer Team members if you wish to put someone on our prayer list.

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Pastor Hours: Monday thru Friday 8am - 11am