

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn      “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”      *see insert*

Benediction

Postlude      “From Heaven to Earth I Come”      Pachelbel

Leading in Today’s Service

*Worship Leaders:* Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Susan Fisher

*Pianist/Organist:* Anna Nichols

*Worship Music Team (varies):* Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan

*Media Team (varies):* Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown, Kate Haworth, Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Peggy Kuch, Bret Curtis

*Slides:* Rita Frick and Lauren Corder

Next Sunday’s Worship—December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

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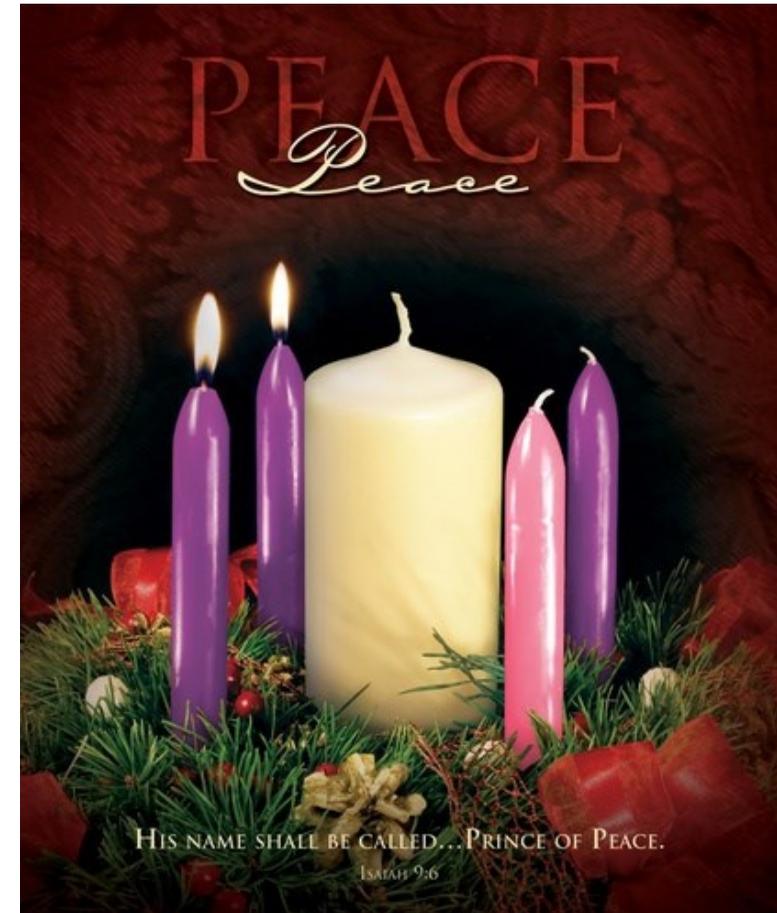
Isaiah 35:1-10, \*James 5:7-10; “Patience Is Love”

Each year as Christmas draws near, one can sense a growing tenseness in the air. The hot holiday gift items and the best Black Friday deals have long since been gobbled up, stress levels rise as holiday plans take shape, and the inevitable letdown begins to set in as reality fails to live up to expectations. Rather than wait with joyful anticipation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, many simply cannot wait for the season to end. Does this look familiar to you? If so, let’s talk about how the body of Christ can infuse a little love--and patience--into a frustrated world.

*The week’s announcements are on the bulletin insert.*

The First Presbyterian Church of Port Angeles is a community of people of all ages who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and who seek to follow his teachings. We come together to worship God, to grow in our love and support for each other, and to learn about God’s will for our lives. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we go out to the community and the world to share our faith and to serve others.

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*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*December 4, 2022*

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude "Viens, Noel" Young

Welcome

### Call to Worship--Advent Candle Lighting

8:30 am Andy & Vicki Anderson

11 am Amy, Sadie, & Maggie Miller

All: **Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.**

Songs of Praise

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #61

"Make Room" Maher, Hall

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, guilt, fear, and sorrow we experience and may have caused, making it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us see you in daily possibilities to live honestly, act courageously, and speak from your wisdom. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus' name, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 Susan Fisher

Time for Young Disciples Pastor Matt

Scripture Reading Romans 15:4-13

Sermon "Patriarchs, Promises, and Pariahs" Pastor Matt

## Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #56

Affirmation of Faith *see insert*

Minute for Ministry One Parish One Prisoner Martha Bell

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Communion - The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #821

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.