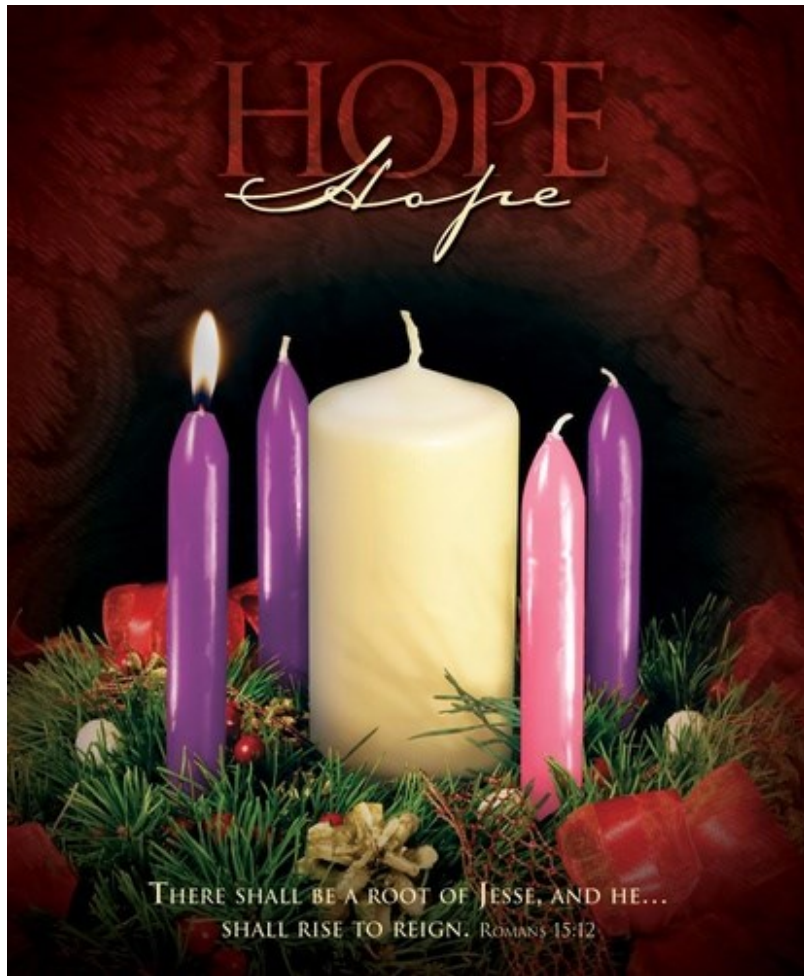




First
Presbyterian
Church of Port Angeles



First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Niedman

Welcome

Call to Worship—Advent Candle Lighting

8:30 am Bret & Diane Curtis; and Kyle, Jamie, Bryn, Colin, & Ruby Christiansen

11:00 am Colin, Linsey, Elliott, & Lucy Monaghan

Let us pray: God of Hope, our world has grown cold with despair, with hopelessness, with weariness, and dread. Alight in us the fire of your Spirit, a reminder that death never has the final word, so we might pursue justice and live into your ways and become living hope in a world that desperately needs it. Amen.

Songs of Praise

“The Advent of Our God”

Chandler, et al.

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

#56

“Imagine”

#72

Prayer of Confession

Father in Heaven, we come before you to confess our sins. We confess as we enter this season of thanksgiving, we still haven't fully turned our hearts to you. We confess that we too often seek fulfillment in human potential rather than in the peace, instruction, and new life you offer us. We confess that we would rather chart our own course than submit to your loving design.

Gracious God, help us to remember that true life is found only in you. Give us courage to follow the radical path of Jesus and be led by love rather than selfish interest. Let us be lights that reflect your love and truth to our friends and neighbors so that they may know that the power of sin has been broken. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus' Christ, 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 Jeremiah 33:14-16 Bruce Emery

Time for Young Disciples Jennie, Henry, & Isaac Wendel

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

Sermon “How Can This Be?” Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response “Lord, I Gladly Trust” #354

Affirmation of Faith—Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 - Invitation

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.

Lord's Supper

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn

"Song of the Prophets"

#53, v. 1, 2, 11, 18

Benediction

Postlude

"A Distant Star"

Ellis

December Question of the Month

What is something we do in worship that you think is weird (or that you don't understand)?

Tear off your answer and place in the collection plate.