

November 15, 2020

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP GUIDE

Prelude: Grace Ramley

Welcome & Lighting of the Christ Candle – Pastor Beth Hoyt

Opening Hymn: Here in This Place – Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of your name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Clothe yourselves with faith and love;

People: Be confident in your salvation in Jesus Christ.

Leader: The Lord is with us!

People: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: Peggy Wright

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel, that all may enter in the joy of Christ. Amen.

Beth: Hymn of Preparation: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Worship House

Prayer of Confession: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our

wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn: "Glory Be to the Father" with Grace Ramley accompanying

Glory be to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Peggy Wright

Special Music: Chime Choir

Sermon: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Unison

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.

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power,
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory ever more.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Beth Hoyt

Checks can be mailed to the church at 838 Jefferson Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080, or you may use the tithes and offering link at the top of our Facebook page, or on our web page: pcrb.org.

Offertory: Grace Ramley

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Peggy Wright

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Doxology

with Grace Ramley accompanying

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction:

Pastor Beth Hoyt

Changing of the Light: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Closing Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Worship House

Prayer Requests from Your Church Family

Pastor Beth is not reading prayer requests aloud during our Facebook service out of respect for the privacy of church members. However, she invites you to email your prayer requests to pastorbeth@pcrb.org to have them included here. Please pray for the following needs in our congregation:

Pat Scott's daughter in law's mom is out of the hospital and in rehab in Anderson. She has acute osteoarthritis and needs physical therapy to increase her strength so she can take care of herself at home. No heart problems at the moment. Pray for recovery of strength and ability to care for herself at home.

Janet & Jim Capel – Janet's sister passed away. Only six months ago Janet lost her brother. Please pray for them during this time of grief.

Jackie Morris as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

Kathy Sibert's daughter, Shannon, battling advanced breast cancer.

Missy Iverson's daughter, Evelyn, had breast cancer surgery on October 16th and now begins radiation.

Carol Boone's daughter-in-law, Stacy, who is struggling with Stage 4 cancer.

All who are impacted by hurricanes.

Bettie Jacobs, recovering from knee replacement surgery and in rehab at Oak River in Anderson. She hopes to return home on November 12th. Pray for both Bill and Bettie. Due to a Covid outbreak at Oak River, Bill is not able to visit. This is a difficult separation.

Greg Avilla and Gretchen Sherman and their team, as they begin working on the "Re-opening Plan" for our church. The plan will first be submitted to Session for approval and then to the County.

Larry Carper, Prayers of Thanksgiving! Larry is beginning to get more movement in his knee as he continues his physical therapy and recovery from knee replacement surgery. Continue to pray for his progress.

Forest Rios who is struggling with kidney problems.

Our county, our state, our nation, our world as we continue to deal with Covid 19. Thanksgiving for promising vaccines on the horizon.

Announcements

New address for Mark, Margarita and Avery Michaelis: Mailing address: PO Box 550, **Red Bluff**, CA 96080; House address: 820 C Street, Tehama.

Oak Hill Cemetery Luminary Service is December 6th: Bonnie Pettey invites you to give her a call (529-9596) if you would like to participate in the Luminary Candlelight Program at Oak Hill this year. Those who are able will mark the graves of church members who have died during our 160 years of history on Saturday, December 5th at noon. Then on Sunday, December 6th we will return to place luminaries on the graves at 4:00 p.m. as we give thanks to God for those who went before us in the faith. The community of Red Bluff is invited to this event, and many families attend to place luminaries on the graves of loved ones at the beginning of the Christmas season. This is the time of year when many are especially missing those who have died. Due to pandemic restrictions, this year the Red Bluff High School choir will not sing, and refreshments will not be served. Social distance and facemasks will help keep everyone safe and the event has been approved by the county, meeting all health requirements.

Next Walk-Through Courtyard Communion Service will be December 6th.

Our next Courtyard Communion service is scheduled for December 6th, the first Sunday of December. You are invited to drop by between 11:00 and noon. This will be a quiet, worshipful time with a focus on the sacrament of communion and the advent season. With the ever-increasing amount of Covid 19 all around we will be again wearing facemasks and carefully adhering to social distancing requirements.

As a part of this Courtyard Communion service you will be invited to consider making a financial donation to the following worthy causes:

- The Church Nursery (it has been scrubbed, painted, and has a new floor—we would like to purchase a few items still needed – *please note: we cannot accept donations of toys.*)
- The Salvation Army (they will provide food baskets to needy families in December.)
- The Deacon Fund (we receive a deacon offering the first Sunday of every month.)
- The Christmas Joy Offering—a denominational offering that helps the families of church workers during crisis times and supports Presbyterian schools and colleges equipping communities of color.)

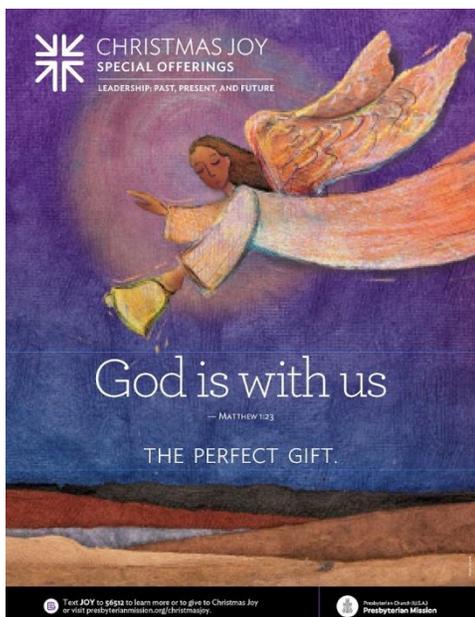
Please join us for this meaningful time together, hosted by your deacons.

Advent Books: November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent, and once again, under the direction of Nicki Carper, and with the editing support of Nicki and Karen Borrer, your church family has prepared an advent devotional book for your use! Every day of advent you will read a devotion written by a different church member. This has become a beloved tradition that helps us to feel connected during the advent season. You may print your own booklet from the email attachment. It is designed to be printed double-sided, and it is a booklet – pages fit together to be folded in the middle and stapled. Some of you struggled in printing the PDF version, so I am attaching the

Publisher version for you today. And we still have copies left at the church if you didn't have a chance to pick one up. Dave is glad to help you do that when he is working, noon – 4:00, Monday – Friday.

Your On-line Service: In an effort to serve you better you can now access our online service on Facebook, YouTube or directly on our web page www.pcrb.org. Please note that no matter where you access the service it will take you to the YouTube service. This gives the service a bit of a different look on Facebook – it appears as a YouTube link, but it is the exact same service. You can find a link to both our Facebook page and our YouTube page on our web page: www.pcrb.org. The Worship Guide is also posted on both Facebook and on our web page.

The Christmas Joy Offering



The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

We will receive the Christmas Joy offering on December 6th at our Courtyard Communion Service.