



November 29, 2020
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
WELCOME

Larry Baumgartner

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Leader: As we light our first Advent candle,

People: we pray for the holy hope of God.

Leader: Come now, O Child of Mary.

People: Come now, O Prince of Hope.

Leader: We ask God to keep us faithful in hope and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and await the coming of Christ our redeemer.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,

People: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are our light and our salvation.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymnal 82

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have all sinned, not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins*

to God.) **God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out— against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Every valley is lifted up; every mountain made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark 13:24-37

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

SERMON

Where We Belong ~ Looking For Home
Rev. Piper Cartland

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

HYMN "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" Hymnal 354

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The prayer deacon this week is Emily Berry. You can email her any prayer requests that you'd like Piper to mention during the pastoral prayer.

We would appreciate a **lay leader** each Sunday in Advent to record the Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness and the Psalm. If you'd like to participate in worship in this way, please let Piper or the church office know.

Volunteers are needed on **Sunday, November 29**, to help clear out the church's storage unit. We will meet at the church at 1pm. People with trucks and/or trailers are especially needed, but we can use helpers to unload the trucks and carry things inside. We'll be bringing the items through the back door into the Fellowship Hall and leaving them there for now. If we get plenty of help, it should only take an hour or two!

Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume this week at 6:30 p.m. with an Advent study called *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. If you'd like to join us please let us know and we will email you the curriculum. We are still meeting on Zoom.

Update from the Food Pantry: November has been very busy! The appointment times are filled, and the FP considering increasing their opening times to accommodate more people. Due to COVID, many of the annual food drives have been cancelled or reduced. Once a week the FP shops and obtains food supplies from the Alaska Food Bank; however, their shelves are mostly bare. Therefore, the FP is buying large quantities of food at Costco, Walmart, and Fred Meyer. Thanks to community donations and a soon-to-end Breakfast Grant, our checkbook balance has remained steady, but I suspect will start to decline. Please check your own pantries for any "un-needed", "don't really like anymore", or "golly, that has been

sitting there a long time" items--are all needed and distributed at the FP.

Here are some ways you can keep up with your financial stewardship:

- 1) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website: www.erpresbyterian.org.
- 2) Visit your local bank or your bank's website and set up a recurring electronic payment. Your bank may require the church's account number. Please call the office for that information.
- 3) Checks can also be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK 99577-1337.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott Bailey 14-Nov
Lucy Witt 15-Nov
Evleen Kelly 17-Nov
Olivia Lewis 21-Nov
Bill Dougherty 21-Nov
Colton Braunwarth 21-Nov
Maya Priess 24-Nov

