



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Rev. Linda Pitts

Prelude

Adam Ravain

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Nancy Wesley

People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.

The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and righteousness will prevail.

May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds, freeing us to respond joyfully to God's call in the days to come.

*Hymn 106

Prepare the Way O Zion

Call to Confession

Nancy Wesley

Prayer of Confession

Nancy Wesley

Loving Creator,

You call us to rejoice in Your promise of the birth that is to come, but we are afraid.
You invite us into a world where justice and righteousness prevail, but we turn away
in fear. We long for an easy path into Your promised world, but You warn us that there
is no easy way.

(silent confession)

Merciful God,

Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant
companion as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is Your
messenger of mercy. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Vicki Fannin

*For everyone's safety, children should remain in the pews with their family for the children's
time. In lieu of Children's Worship, after the Lighting of the Advent Wreath, children 3 through
2nd grade may go to the playground.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Humphrey Family

Choral Response:

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Draw Near: A Promise Made

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Response to the Word

Offering

Prayer of Dedication *(responsive)*

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Sending Out Into the World

*Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

Charge & Benediction

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*Congregational Response

Amen

Postlude

Adam Ravain

To give electronically, scan here:



Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Coming up:

(for full details please visit www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events)

Lunch Bunch is **December 2**, 11:30, at Red Lobster. Email linda@faithpcusa.org to RSVP.

Service of Lessons and Carols. This special service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 5.

Advent Devotionals. Today is the First Sunday in Advent! There are Advent devotional booklets available for your use in the narthex and church office. We will also be emailing the devotionals each day and invite you to participate with us as we prepare for the coming of Christ's birth.

Angel Tree. This year we are handling the Angel tree electronically. Simply go to this link: bit.ly/2021angeltree. Sign up, shop for and wrap your gifts and return them to the church by **December 7**.

2022 Pledge Card/Form. Thank you for helping us plan for 2022 by completing a 2022 Pledge Card or Form. To pledge electronically, visit www.faithpcusa.org/give. Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2022!

Poinsettia Orders. If you would like to order a Christmas poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please use the online order form at bit.ly/poinsettias2021. Complete the form and click submit. Poinsettias are \$10 each, which can either be placed in the offering plate or mailed or dropped off at the church office with poinsettia on the memo line. Order deadline is **December 12**.

Congregational Meeting. There will be a brief congregational on Sunday, **December 12**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing a new class of elders and deacons as well as at-large members of the 2022 Nominating Committee. We need a quorum to conduct business, so thank you for attending this meeting.

International Mission Trip June 4-11, 2022. We are set to return to Panajachel, Guatemala next summer! This trip is for rising 6th graders and older. Space is limited, so register today. Grab a brochure from the bulletin board by the Parlor or visit faithpcusa.org/volunteer for more information.

Sealey Partnership. If you would be interested in mentoring a child at Sealey beginning in 2022, contact Lew Shelley, leshelley44@gmail.com for more information.

Usher in 2022. If you would like to usher/greet in 2022, please use this sign-up link: bit.ly/2022usher



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