

HAINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lighting the Advent Candles

Leader: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.
It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

People: **Isaiah the prophet calls us to prepare for the coming of Jesus
by making straight all that is crooked.**

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: **Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

Leader: Let us prepare for Jesus, the Christ, who is anointed by God
to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.

People: **For as a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Lord God will cause righteousness
and praise to spring up before all the nations.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Luke 1:46-50

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: **Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

Leader: The mighty One has done great things for us!

People: **Holy is God's name!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: **For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

*SONGS OF PRAISE

* Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Hymn 293

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy.
By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin
and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us.
But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts.
We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full;
we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness.

Response in Song: verse 3 Come thou long expected Jesus (overhead)

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymn 245

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

SERMON

Crystal Badgley

"The Comfort God Gives"

WORSHIPING WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Doxology

Hymn 815

*CLOSING HYMN

* Joy to the World

Hymn 270

*BENEDICTION

PRAYER TARGETS

Prayer targets for the month of December: the ministry of Echo Ranch Haines; our sister church Chapel By The Lake; our music ministry.

Health and healing for Judith McDermaid, Tammy (Jackie Mazeikas' sister), Jerry Blood, Mona Junkin (Amy Nash's mother), Annette Brosz (Linda Kierstad's mother), Nancy Feakes, Patricia Annis, Martha Zimmerman, John Downer, and for all those suffering loss after the recent flooding and landslide.

Comfort for the family & friends of Janae Larson, David Simmons, Ellen Rasmussen, Barb Puckett, Jerry Pyle, and others in our community who have recently lost loved ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 9:00 am Room & Zoom Youth Class
 10:00 am Worship Service
 11:30 am Worship Service
Thurs. Dec 17th 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
Fri. Dec . 18th 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thurs. Dec 24th **Christmas Eve! We will hold 2 separate services: 5:00 and 7:00 pm.**
To help us adhere to recommendations for small group gatherings,
please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office
to indicate which service you plan to attend. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes for 2021 are available for those of you who choose to use them. Find yours (they are labeled) in the box by the office door.

Small Group Fellowship: New groups are forming! If you want to host, lead, or join a group, there are sign ups on the bulletin board. Talk to Dana for more information.

Reminder: The session has made funds available to assist anyone who may be suffering hardship from this difficult year or the recent natural disaster. If you or anyone you know of is in need, please contact Dana or Crystal so we can share the blessings!

Service Opportunity: The Haines Ministerial Association is sponsoring a wood lot for the winter. Contact Dana if you can pitch in: splitting, stacking, delivery!

Online Services: We are gratefully meeting together again! But we also have online connections for those not able or ready to meet in person. Sunday morning services are recorded and posted on Facebook and YouTube. Audio recordings of the sermon are on the church webpage.

Tithes & Offerings: Offering plates will be available at the church entrance and exit after each morning services. Alternatively, you can mail a check to the church, or use the online giving option "Easy Tithe" found on the church webpage at www.haineschurch.org Note that we recently added a Disaster Relief Fund on the giving portal for specific designation.