

HAINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 20, 2020

Fourth 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: **The shepherds were the first to hear the joyful announcement of Christ's birth—the good news of great joy for all the people.**

Leader: Upon seeing the baby Jesus, the shepherds spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed.

People: **We have also heard this wonderful news.**

We welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Though we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him.

People: **And we are filled with an expressible and glorious joy.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:1-4

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,

People: **'I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations.'**"

*SONGS OF PRAISE

* Angels From the Realms of Glory

Hymn 259

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Redeeming God, your word tells us that Christ died to save sinners.
We desire to be saved, yet we often think, speak, and act as if we
are fundamentally righteous, and chosen by God because of our superiority.
Forgive us this hypocrisy and false belief.
Your word says that you oppose the proud, but give grace to the humble.
We humble ourselves before you and confess our sin.

(Time for silent confession)

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

The First Noel

Hymn 265

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Luke 1:46-55

SERMON

Pastor Dana Perreard

"The Blessed Songwriter"

Response in Song: Come thou long expected Jesus, verse 4

Overhead

WORSHIPING WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Doxology

Hymn 815

*CLOSING HYMN

* Sing We Now of Christmas

Hymn 275

*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 Hal Matthews, Philip Reeves, Janae Larson, David Simmons, Johnny Willard, Ellen Rasmussen, Barb Puckett, Jerry Pyle, and all 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 24th **Christmas Eve 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.