



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



Second Sunday of Epiphany
January 19, 2025 10 am Worship Service

First Time Here? Thank you for coming!
Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for
fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service today.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service-

*Asterisk means please stand if able.
The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way and the kids table in the back of our Sanctuary.

Sunday school begins after the Gathering of the Children in the worship service. Cry Room open at back of church, please ask Usher.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Elegiac Melody"

G.W. Cassler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out a connect card and place it in the offering plate.)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Syrian Folk Song
Bellissimo

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The perfect Light of revelation, shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we still celebrate.

So, shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Let us worship God!

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not always reflect your glory.
We are fickle and unfaithful at times; yet your steadfast love never fails us. We
try to save the best for just ourselves, but you freely pour out your gifts for
all.

**Forgive us, God of Grace. Empower us by your Holy Spirit. Transform our
hearts, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your
love as one body in Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

In God's providence and care we trust that the best is yet to come. God's
grace brims over and we are cherished like the living water of the true vine.

Thanks be to God for mercy, grace, and forgiveness!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

Robert Cortez

OFFERTORY "Prelude on a Swedish Folksong" Robert Condick



*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(click to donate)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN ##288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 36: 5-10

Robert Cortez

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Down To The River To Pray"

arr. by Marc Hafso

The Chancel Choir

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Gifts of the Spirit

Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #144

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:

in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there; cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved, with a kiss.

4. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need.....Silence..... Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know you eternally care for us.

For these blessings, Lord, we give You thanks as we pray the prayer you taught us saying: 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 #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

Welsh melody

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary II"

Richard Peek

PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway LITURGIST: Robert Cortez

MUSIC: Carol Menke, Althea Wright, along with the Chancel Choir and Bellissimo

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : Phil Goede, Damaris Hamilton, DJ Maxwell-Kellam, Josh Lim, Norm Smith, Nico Wycoff and Steve Yeager

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NEXT WEEK!

Congregational Meeting

11:15am

**Please pick up your Annual Rpt. to read before next week's Congregational meeting.*



At the first meeting of 2025, the Deacons voted to donate \$500 each to two churches devastated by the wildfires in Southern California. The churches are the Palisades Presbyterian Church and the Altadena Community Church.

Thanks to your generosity, the Deacons are able to help these churches serve their communities in this time of need!

- Vicki Lewis, Communications



Every Monday @ 10:30am- Seniors Exercise Video

Wed. Jan. 22nd 7pm New Zoom Bible Study "Jesus and his Jewish influence"

Sun. Jan. 26th Annual Cong. Meeting after worship 11:15am

Sat. Feb. 1st Officer Training 10:00 am @ Westminster Woods

Sun. Feb 2nd 2pm- Boomers—6th st Playhouse- Groundhog Musical 2pm—A handful of tickets remain- contact theatre for yours today!

Sat. Feb 8th 10am Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Sat. Feb 15th 8:15 PCOR Men's group

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\$38.00 Per Capita is due for each member

Per Capita is the way we financially support the connectedness of over 11,00 congregations, worshipping communities and mid-councils of the Presbyterian Church(USA).



Free Concert

Young Aspiring

Musicians Concert

Sunday Feb. 9th 2pm



***PRAYER REQUESTS- Please include in your prayers-
Those mourning the death of their loved ones-***

Please pray for the family and friends of Hal Sneath as they grieve his passing on Wednesday January 15th 2025.

Darren Adams

Donald Adams

Dennis Baker

Greg Basham

Jeff Basham

Jim Bauer

Bill Beaumont

Barbara Blinn

Nora Boyd

Diana Burdick

Joyce Cairns

Marjorie Cortez

Diana

Eldon Davis

David Dews Jr.

Yvonne Draper

Robert Flandermeyer

Wendy Galde

Cathy Guy

Michele Hare

Julie Harris

Phil Henry

Jennifer

Wendy Jones

Rusty Jump

Carolyn Kenworthy

Colby Lundmark

Vivian Mazeski

Carol Menke

Gene Michel

Jessica Morse

Lesley Pillsbury

Nita Pinney

Sherry Rupp

Elizabeth Schulz

Bob Simmons

Marie Slack

Alexis Spence

Bill St. John

Tina

Lynne Vandercook

Darlene Volkmann

Jill & Roger White

Rich Wells

Helen Wikle

Betty Witchey-Ryer

Mandy Woolward

Those serving in our military

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver, Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve. Private Caleb Thorstad, US Marine's Camp Pendleton



“Flowers donated by Charlotte Finney in honor of her son, Patrick’s 39th Birthday.”