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Welcome to the United Presbyterian Church Plainfield

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Eternal God, on this third Sunday of Advent, we gather in hope and expectation, lighting the Candle of Joy as a sign of Your promise. You are the One who makes barren places bloom, who turns mourning into dancing, and who calls us to walk in Your ways of gladness and grace. Lift our weary spirits, O Lord, and quiet the shadows that weigh upon us. Fill this sanctuary with Your Spirit, that we may be renewed in faith, overflowing with love, and prepared to be bearers of joy in our homes, our community, and Your creation. As we worship You this day, let Your Word take root in us, and let the joy of Christ shine through our hearts. We pray in the mighty and holy name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Giver of Joy. Amen.



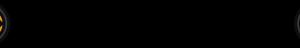
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday-Friday, 6 AM, via Zoom

Morning

Devotions



Daily Scripture reading



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Sundays at 7:30 pm via Zoom



Thursday, 7:30 pm, via YouTube



Midweek Service Daily, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom



Advent Study

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING





RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

The Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

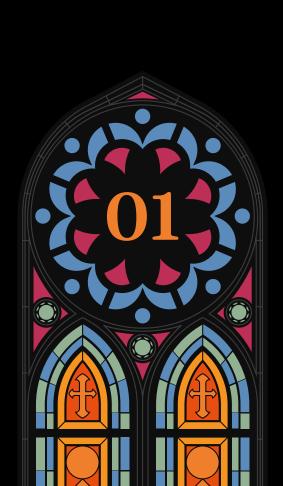
The Lord keeps faith forever, bringing justice for the oppressed and food for the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord loves the righteous, watches over the stranger, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord will reign forever, our God for all generations. Praise the Lord!





Comfort, Comfort Now My People

OPENING HYMN

UNISON SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-6

- 1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
- 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.
- 3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.



UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

- 4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
- 6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only son, our Lord, who was

conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

UNISON SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:7-10

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

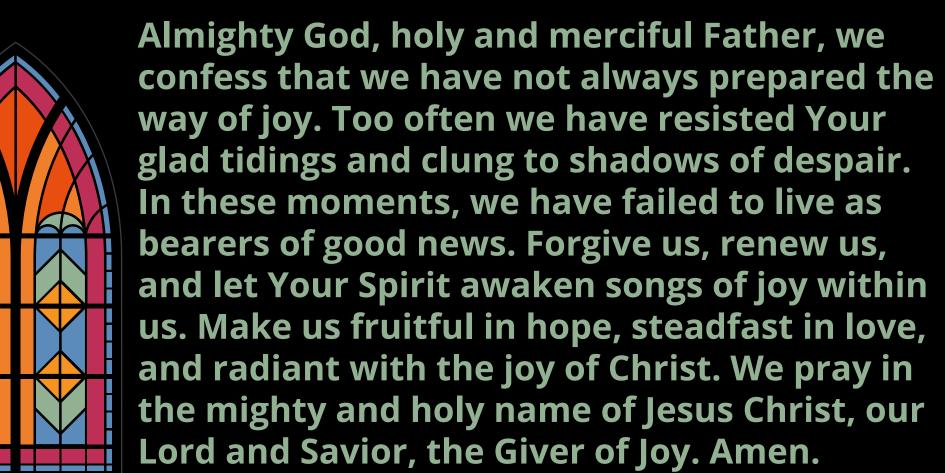
8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. 9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away





UNISON PRAYER





RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!

In Christ, our sins are forgiven, our despair is lifted, and our hearts are renewed in joy.

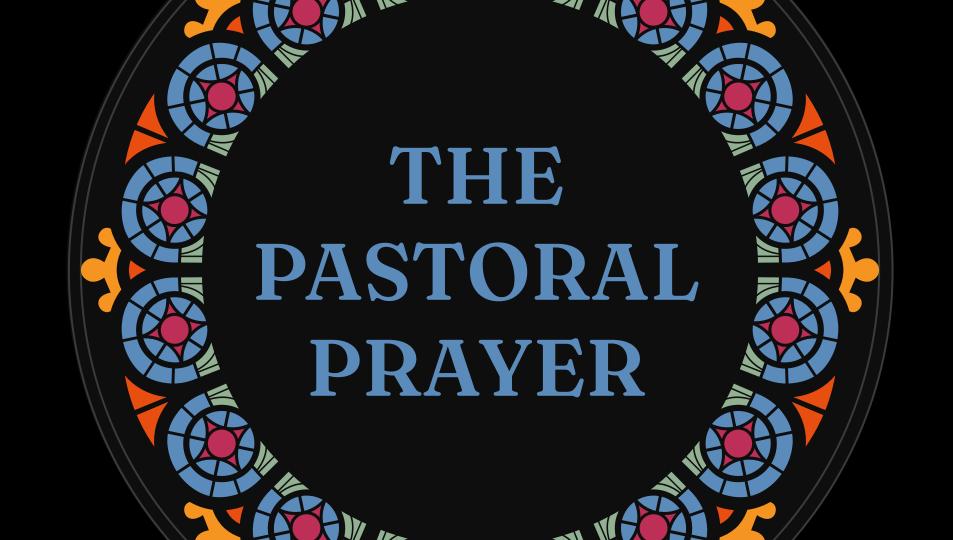


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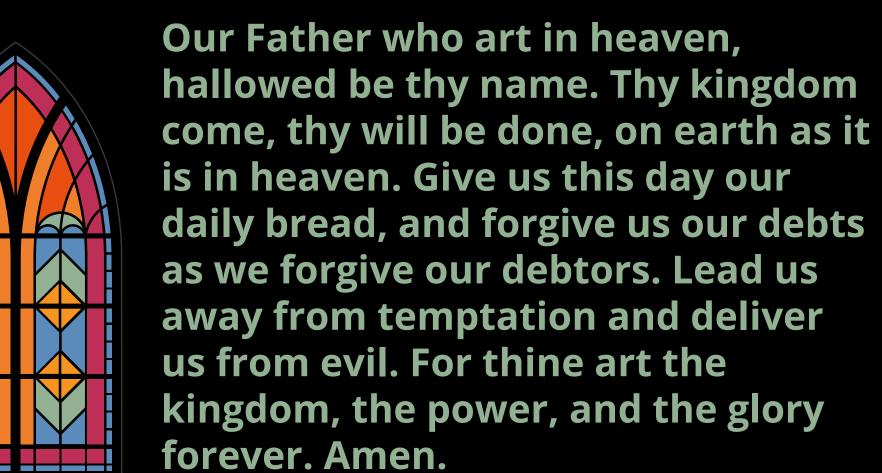
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— THE LORD'S PRAYER







Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CLOSING HYMN

