



## Peace Presbyterian Church

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**December 27, 2020, 10:30 am**

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Connect with us on zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/5046768135>

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**312-626-6799**

The meeting ID is 504-676-8135



*As we prepare for worship, please send your prayer requests by way of the "chat" function on Zoom or send a message through Facebook.*

**Order of Worship**



*you may greet one another by waving, smiling, or saying "Peace!"*

## **Concerns of The Church**

### **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**                      Isaiah 61:11-62:3

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## **Special Music**

### **Reading from the Gospel**    Luke 2: 25-40

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

## **Sermon**

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

*If you are on Zoom and able to “chat” you can share your prayer concern by clicking “everyone” or you can send a private message to Peace Presbyterian. If you are watching on Facebook, you can write your prayer as a comment on the livestream.*

## **Prayers of The People**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **Offertory**

#### **Doxology #591**

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

### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Closing Hymn #40, verse 2 and 4**

*Joy to the World!*

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

### **Benediction**

### **Fellowship**

*Join us after the Zoom worship service for fellowship!*