

**December 24, 2023
Shepherds and Angels**

Matthew 2:1-12

*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome, Announcements Pastor Douglas
Silent Prayer

PRAISE

*Call to Worship

Pastor Douglas: God is here! The Messiah has come!

Congregation: We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.

Pastor Douglas: We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King,

Congregation: and bring glory to God the Father.

Pastor Douglas: In our worship we demonstrate the mind of Christ in declaring to God that he is the supreme authority in our lives. We bow before him in submission to our Lord and King.

Congregation: Come, worship the Lord!

*Song *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Advent Reading Isaiah 59:9; 60:1-3, 19

Reader 1: We wait for the light, and lo! There is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

Reader 2: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Reader 1: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

Reader 2: but the Lord will arise upon you, and the nations shall come to your light.

Reader 1: The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.

Congregation: For the Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory.

Reader 1: We light these candles as a sign that our hope is found in the birth of Christ!

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the World. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 4:6

Pastor Douglas: God has caused light to shine in our hearts, the light that is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

RENEWAL

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

*Offering *Doxology*

*Song *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading Daniel 8:15-17

Sermon Text Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "Shepherds and Angels"

*Song *Away in a Manger*

*Benediction

*Dismissal: Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!

SERMON NOTES

"Shepherds and Angels"

Matthew 2:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Come join the men's Bible study on **Thursday's** at **8:15 a.m.** at the **new Church location**. Donuts are provided. *It will be cancelled on the 28th and will resume on January 4th.*

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING: You are invited to join the weekly prayer meeting on **Friday's** at **Noon** at the **new Church location**. Hope to see you there!

LOCATIONS of UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

December 31: New Church Location

*Christmas Eve Service
December 24 @ 5:00 p.m.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING AND COMFORT: Celeste Gintz, Casey Rayburn, Ron Kappel, Charles Coon, Linda Perkins, Josh, Diania, and Pastor Phil and Charla Moran. Pray for Jim & Laura Shaffer for wisdom in dealing with family health issues.

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Pray this week for Grace Community Presbyterian Church in Weed, CA and their Pastor.

MISSIONS: Please pray for the work and mission of Laszlo Mission League.

If you are visiting with us this week, please feel free to have your children, join our children's program, and visit with Pastor Douglas or email/call the church office if you have any questions.



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything." Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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