# CHANGING HEARTS AND MINDS

### **Northwest Church**

Disciples of Christ Sunday, December 04, 2022 Rev. Miriam Gentle **"Loving and Serving Christ in our Community and World"** Website: nwup.church

Phone: 509-946-3222 Email: office@nwup.church Office Hours: M-F 9:00a — 1:00p Prelude

Welcome

Special Music "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Call to Worship

Sue Lincoln

Rev. Miriam Gentle

Handbell Choir

**Brad Butherus** 

Prepare the way of the Lord! We have heard the promise. God's chosen One will soon be among us.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." **The wilderness places of our lives may threaten to overwhelm us. We easily lose our way. But a second candle adds its light.** Today we light the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent.

#### We trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new.

And even where there is war and discord, between countries, within families, or within our hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

The Second Candle is Lit	
Response	s Lit" #128 (1-3)
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Miriam Gentle
ord's Prayer	Unison
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Miriam Ger

"Prepare Ye the Way" Mike Dodson and Tracy Rieke, guitar

## <u>Refrain:</u> Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Cantors: Shout the hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Praise be to God, Lord God of hosts; today he sends us our King. <u>**Refrain**</u>

We were a people lost in the desert; the Lord heard all of our prayers. He gave us David; He sent Elijah now the Messiah has come. **<u>Refrain</u>** 

Shout out for joy, people of God. See how good is the Lord. The glory of Christ soon shall begin. Great is the love of our God. <u>**Refrain**</u>

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12 Brad Butherus

Meditation "Changing Hearts and Minds" Rev. Miriam Gentle

Hymn "Now We Come Before God's Presence#410 (1,2,4)

Invitation to Share

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Invitation to Communion	Rev. Miriam Gentle
Elder's Prayer	Onnie Adams
Holy Communion	

**Closing Prayer** 

Unison

**Onnie Adams** 

Loving and gracious God, as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth, help us to look for the places where we can make the crooked paths in our lives straight. Help us to smooth the rough places in our hearts and in our homes. As you have been made known to us in the eating of the bread and the drinking of the cup, may we make your love and comfort known to all we meet. Bless us as we leave this place, until we gather once more. Amen. "People, Look East"

Benediction

Congregational Response "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Postlude

Sue Lincoln

### PRAYER CONCERNS

 Continuing prayers for Stephanie H's family as they mourn her passing. The memorial service will be held at Northwest Church on Saturday, Dec 17 at 11:00 AM.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR:** Please stay after today's service!
- ZOOM BIBLE STUDY:
  - Join us on Wednesday, Dec 07 and Dec 14 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM.
  - The Phillips Advent Devotional is available free of charge in the Narthex as the study guide.
- **HAT AND MITTEN TREE:** Donation tree is in the Narthex.
- CHRISTMAS & APPRECIATION DINNER:
  - All are invited to join us on Sunday, Dec 11 at 5:00 PM for a potluck! Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to RSPV and select a dish to prepare.

### ◊ CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- The Longest Night Service on Wednesday, Dec 21 will be a simple meal at 5:00 PM followed by a meditative service in the Fellowship Hall.
- Join us for traditional lessons and carols on Saturday, Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM.
- A morning service on Sunday, Christmas Day with Christmas carols and scripture at 10:00 AM.