

December 15, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Carol Medley

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord,

People: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Leader: Proclaim the mercy of Jesus Christ:

People: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Leader: Trust and do not be afraid.

People: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #17 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: In your presence, most Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We need to turn back to you because we so easily choose paths of selfishness, of pride, and of destruction. Bring us back to you; bring us back home; may we gaze upon the Christchild and know peace.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent Jesus into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 12:2-6

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM Gloria, by Antonio Vivaldi

SECOND READING

Luke 3:7-18

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People: Thanks be to God

SERMON "No Bad Dogs Here "

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #5 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Eagle River Presbyterian Church - Submit a 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 Multiplied

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*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

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Advent Dec. 1- 22
Blue Christmas Service Dec. 17 at 6 pm
Christmas Eve Services
Dec. 24 at 4 & 7 pm
**See pew cards*



Poinsettias and *In Memoriam*

*In honor or memory
of your loved one
this holiday season.*

Sign-up clipboard is in the narthex.
\$20 per plant
