

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT
COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Lac du Flambeau, WI, Services at 10:00 am
“An all-inclusive congregation of Jesus’ disciples”
December 15, 2024. 3rd Sunday of Advent**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

God welcomes you in the name of Jesus through the passion and purpose of the Holy Spirit to this worship service at Community Presbyterian Church

Prelude: “El Shaddai.”

*Introit “Surely the Presence of the Lord.”

Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angel’s wings.

I see glory on each face.

Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it,

Leader: Let us worship God! Leader: The advent of Christ brings the joy of God’s presence in our midst!

People: We praise God for the salvation Christ brings us!

Leader: Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!

People: Joy and gladness are ours because God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths of righteousness!

All: As we continue our preparations for Christmas, may our celebrations renew our faith and fill us with joy and thanks

Let us now sing our praise to God

HYMN # 81 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken.”

ADVENT READING Isaiah 35:1-10

UNISON ADVENT PRAYER

Great God of the joyful adventure of Advent, come again to our lives and church. Come to us in these days of pain and confusion. Come to us in these times of excitement and anticipation. Come to us with new strength and vitality. Help us in our days of expectation and preparation to ready ourselves for the amazing arrival of the Babe of Bethlehem. Guide us as we move forward in our journey to welcome the coming of the Christ into our midst. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Response: “Lead me Lord”

“Lead Me, Lord. Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness. Make Your way plain before my face. For it is You, Lord, You Lord only, that makes me to dwell in safety.

GATHERING TOGETHER

News of our Life Together, Greeting Guests, Passing of the Peace of Christ

GLORIA PATRI

***Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

God of all mercies, we praise you for bringing us to this new day and brightening our lives with the Advent dawn of hope, peace, and joy through the coming of the Christ. Especially we thank you for

- **The warmth of sunlight, the wetness of rain and snow, and all that waters the earth; ... (PAUSE) and,**
- **The presence and power of your Holy Spirit; ... (PAUSE) and,**
- **The support and encouragement we receive from others (PAUSE) and**
- **Those who provide for public safety and well-being ... (PAUSE) and**
- **The mission of the Church around the world. ... (PAUSE) and**

Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer that we may lift up the brokenness of this world for your healing and share in the saving love of Jesus Christ. Especially we pray for:

- **The Church and people Asia and the Middle East ... (PAUSE) and**
- **Those in positions of authority over others ... (PAUSE) and**
- **The lonely and forgotten, ... (PAUSE) and**
- **Children without families or homes ... (PAUSE) and**
- **Agents of caring and relief ... (PAUSE) and those whom we now lift up.**

As your gathered body, Lord Jesus, we pray as you have taught us, praying together: **Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.**

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offering of our gifts

Offertory: “Still, Still, Still.”

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication: unison

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen..”

HYMN #610 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.”

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE

SERMON

The Rev. Chips C. Paulson

*** HYMN # 134 “Joy to the World.”**

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response: “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise.”

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way.

With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.

Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame.

That in this house have called upon thy name. Amen.

Pastor: Rev. Chips Paulson

Advent Readers: Shirlee Gallagher and Ron Wilke

Liturgist: Ralph Kerler

Pianist: Rebecca Wright

Coffee Hour: Rebecca Wright

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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No known birthdays this week.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Barb Streng

December 16

We will be postponing Wednesday’s Breakfast meeting until January 8, 2025 due to the holiday’s on Wednesdays.

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