

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, December 5, is the second Sunday of Advent. We will continue our celebration of expectant hope by lighting the candle of PEACE and exploring what it means to be the people of the Prince of Peace. Within our scriptures we will start to hear the story of John, son of Elizabeth and Zachariah, cousin of Jesus, prophet of the messiah. We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper! If you will be worshipping from home, I invite you to gather together bread, crackers, tortillas, or some other grain-based food along with wine, juice, or some other beverage. When you get to that part of the service, partake with the knowledge that we are all spiritually together in our communion.



Please remember that we have a congregational meeting immediately following worship. Session voted to call this meeting in order to consider changing our by-laws to reduce the number of ruling elders serving on Session, to add flexibility to the timing of our election process, and to elect new officers following the hard work of our blessed nominating committee.

You are welcome to join us in person, and you are welcome to join us virtually. If you are able to access technology for virtual worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook. For Youtube Live, please go to our channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9\\_YWEusCQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/), subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before 10:30 AM CST. For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around 10:30 AM CST. We will also post a recording of the service later in the day. I have included all of Sunday's worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, sermon, and creative activities for all ages.

I leave you with these words from *Luke*:

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

In Christ and With Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem