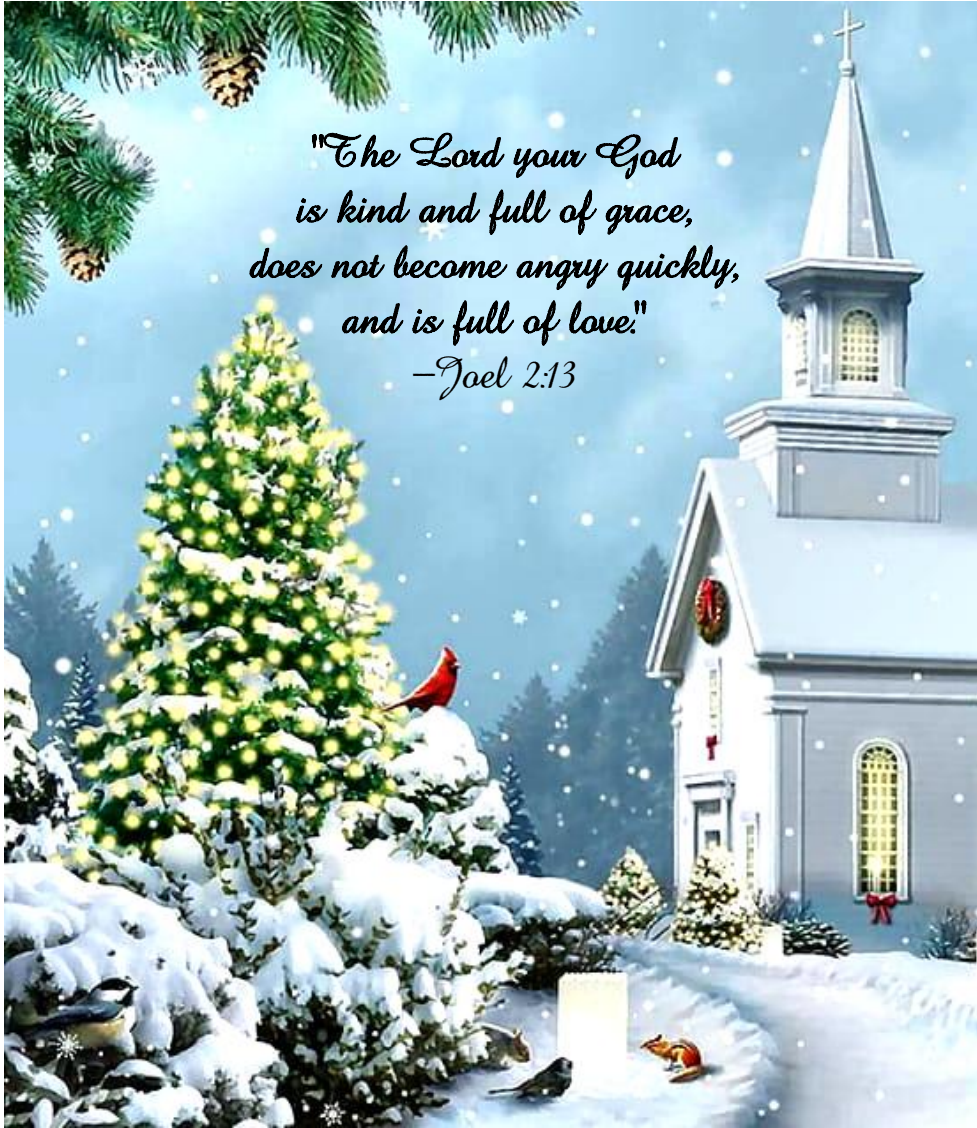


Fourth Sunday of Extended Advent

Sunday, December 8th, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



*"The Lord your God
is kind and full of grace,
does not become angry quickly,
and is full of love."*

—Joel 2:13

The Rev. Caleb McGregor, Pastor



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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"You do not need to *work* to become spiritual; you *are* spiritual; you need only to remember that. The Spirit is within you." –*Julia Cameron*
"We are, individually & corporately, places where heaven & earth meet." –*N..T. Wright*
"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you." –*Acts 1:8*

Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!

L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit
UMH – *The United Methodist Hymnal* TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

(1) *The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

WORDS OF WELCOME
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS
*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS



†*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203
Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SCRIPTURE *Joel 2:12-13, 28-29* / **Luke 11:13* ("All Earth")

SERMON ***THE LEAST SEGREGATED HOUR***

(3) *We respond to what God is saying to us!*

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Until Jesus Comes* screen
SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

(4) *We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, ends with †The Lord's Prayer

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*A BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary; you may also give online at peumc.org/donate or use the **QR Code** in this bulletin.)

Prayer List:

Pray for these members throughout December:

Jerry Fr.; Ellen & Skip M.; Lynn R.; Barbara T.; the Parks Family.

Our Shut-Ins: Mabel J.; Jim H.; Mary & Ed H.; Chris L.; Lynn R.; Barbara T.

Our Children: Gracie & Symphony

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Brandon & Nathan S.;
Danial H.; Carson P.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

From 11/10: Prayers for **Colleen** (Glenna); for **our country** and **our veterans**.
JOY: John & Diane S. celebrated their 61st Anniversary!

From 10/17: Prayers for the families of those friends who passed away:
Tom and Linda.

From 10/24: Prayers for the **family of Rick Cook** who passed away this past week (Pat Mc.); **Julie B.'s mother** is hospitalized with a fractured vertebra; prayers for strength, comfort, and peace for a friend, **Pat**, whose health is failing; he needs round the clock care; God pour out your blessings upon him & his family (Becky).

From 12/1: Prayers for **Doug B.**, who.

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (12/9): Isaiah 55

Tuesday (12/10): Isaiah 56:1-8

Wednesday (12/11): Isaiah 57:14-21

Thursday (12/12): Isaiah 58

Friday (12/13): Isaiah 59:15b-21

Saturday (12/14): Luke 1:1-25

Sunday (12/15): Isaiah 61:1-11 & Luke 1:26-56

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

December Mission Project:

Fill baskets to brighten the holidays for **3** church members.

(Mission money given in December will go toward this project)



A Call to Discipleship:

(refer to this list throughout the week to keep you accountable!)

- Prayer theme:** for those who are losing, or have lost, faith; for a return to the love we had at first; for full inclusion in the church.
- Consider:** what are rituals doing for me even when I'm not feeling it?
- Action:** Ask someone you know to be a "Friend of the Church."
- I will invite these person(s) to church: _____
- I will visit/call these person(s) this week: _____
- Donate \$ _____ to a mission/charity/cause this week.
- Set aside \$ _____ for my church offering next week.
- Volunteer: Neighborhood Meals; food pantry; Meals on Wheels
- Sign up as a greeter / usher / liturgist for a future service.
- Pray over the prayer list.
- Read a daily devotional, like the *Upper Room* (take a copy; it's free!)

Sundays Services – 10a

TODAY - December 8th

4th Sunday of Est. Advent

(Joel: God pours out the Holy Spirit)

QUICK COUNCIL MEETING

2nd SUN. REFRESHMENTS

December 15th

5th Sunday of Est. Advent

(Isaiah: God's justice is the way forward)

(The Gospel of Luke begins!)

December 22nd

Last Sunday of Est. Advent

(Scripture: Mary & Joseph in Bethlehem)

December 29th

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Newborn Saints Sunday

(See insert to collect info.)

(Scripture: Simeon & Anna Meet Jesus)

Events & Meetings

Wednesday, December 11th

Circle of Friends – 1p

Saturday, December 14th

Church Conferen @ PEUMC –
11-11:30a – opt. lunch to follow

Thursday, December 19th

Community Blue Christmas Service – a G.R.A.C.E. event
– hosted @ St. John's Episcopal Church (across from Rapids Post Office) – 6:00p

Tuesday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE @ PEUMC

4p – Family Style (short)

7p – Traditional Candlelight

11p – Intimate Midnight Mass

We need volunteers to sign up for our Christmas Eve Services.

4:00p is filled.

7:00p needs lots of attention!

Thank you for helping out!