

# POINT PLEASANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2020

### Sermon: "The Key to Life is Gratitude When We Least Feel Grateful"

#### **Serving in Today's Outdoor Service**

Audio-Visual Team:	Stephen Bingen, Jeremy Schulz, Mallory Kong, Carl Rand, Jeremy Wayland and Ben Harrell	
Welcoming and Set-Up Team	Rick & Chris Huffman, Elaine & Rick Armstrong, Pastor Dave, Barry & Vicki Nicholson, Cliff Shirley, Sue Navest, Carol Rand	
Decorations:	Betty Martello and the Chancel Guild	
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#### Welcome

**Opening Song** "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Hymnal #92*

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| 1. For the beauty of the earth,<br>for the glory of the skies,<br>for the love which from our birth<br>over and around us lies;<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>this our hymn of grateful praise.            | 3. For the joy of ear and eye,<br>for the heart and mind's delight,<br>for the mystic harmony,<br>linking sense to sound and sight;<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>this our hymn of grateful praise.          | 5. For thy church, that evermore<br>lifteth holy hands above,<br>offering up on every shore<br>her pure sacrifice of love;<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>this our hymn of grateful praise.                       |
| 2. For the beauty of each hour<br>of the day and of the night,<br>hill and vale, and tree and flower,<br>sun and moon, and stars of light;<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>this our hymn of grateful praise. | 4. For the joy of human love,<br>brother, sister, parent, child,<br>friends on earth and friends above,<br>for all gentle thoughts and mild;<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>this our hymn of grateful praise. | 6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,<br>to the world so freely given,<br>for that great, great love of thine,<br>peace on earth, and joy in heaven:<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>this our hymn of grateful praise. |

**\*Call to Worship:** {from John 1, Colossians 3:17 and Matthew 25}

*One: On this first Sunday of Advent in the season of Thanksgiving we are reminded*

**Many: that hope is like light shining in the darkness.**

*One: The darker the night,*

**Many: the brighter that hope appears.**

*One: Therefore in all that we do in both in our words and in our actions*

**Many: may we do so in a spirit of gratitude to God.**

*One: Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ who tells us that as we care for the least of these our brothers and our sisters,*

**All: we are truly caring for him. Amen.**

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope**

**Advent Chorus: "Be A Light"**

**Children's Time & Introduction of Children's Craft & Activities Sonia & Thi Samelson**

*{Please pick up your Children's Activity Pack in the box on the Turquoise Table in front of the Ministry Center}*

**Scripture: Psalm 46:1-11 (the full Psalm)**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in troubled times.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the most high.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Sermon: "The Key to Life is Gratitude When We Least Feel Grateful"**

**Community Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

## Closing Song:

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Hymnal #211

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

### Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
An ensign of thy people be;  
Before thee rulers silent fall;  
All peoples of thy mercy call. **Refrain**

O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
The captives from their prison free,  
And conquer death's deep misery. **Refrain**

O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace. **Refrain**

O come, thou Dayspring  
Come and cheer  
Our spirits by thy justice here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
& death's dark shadows put to flight **Refrain**

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. **Refrain.**

## Benediction:

**Online giving can be done through the church website: [ppumc.com](http://ppumc.com)**

## Financial Summary

	October 2020	Year-To-Date
Revenue	\$28,321	\$283,504
Expense	\$33,319	<u>\$287,640</u>
Balance (Shortage)		(\$ 4,136)

### Legacy of Love Fund . . . Paying Off Our Mortgage Debt!

Balance 12/31/2019	\$180,000
Contributions (Year-to-Date)	\$ 54,550
Balance 11/1/2020	\$234,550

*{Our Building Mortgage Debt currently stands at \$1,055,150}*

### A note to Point Pleasant from the Finance Committee

November is Stewardship Month: a time in which we take a close look at where are are year-to-date **and** invite each person that is a part of Point Pleasant to prayerfully consider their giving to God for the coming year (2021).

As you can see from the above Financial Summary we have been incredibly blessed. With all our expenses and commitments paid year-to-date we are only in the red \$4,136. **AND THIS INCLUDES PAYING DOWN OUR MORTGAGE DEBT BY \$54,550!!!** As usual, we need a strong last two months of the year to finish in the black (something we have always achieved).

In a couple of weeks, we will be sending out a letter inviting you to be intentional about your giving for the coming year. There will be a number of different ways to respond, one of which, is by making a 2021 Financial Faith Pledge. Certainly one reason why Point Pleasant has done so well financially through this pandemic, is because of your commitment of generously and sacrificially giving to God. Thank you for your faithfulness.

**The Finance Committee**