

The Presque Isle Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2, 2022

Gathering Music

Your Light Has Come

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Greeting

Away in a Manger

Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there. (v.3)

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.*)

Opening Carol

Once In Royal David's City

- Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
There a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- **He came down to earth from heaven** who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable And His cradle was a stall
With the poor, and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
- Jesus is our Childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
- **And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love;**
for that child, so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above:
and He leads His children on to the place where he is gone.

Two Minute Message

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:7 – 14

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the

wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

John 1: 1 -20

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Proclamation

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Carol

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Need

Closing Carol

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Benediction

Departing in Peace