



WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us today for worship! We are glad you are here. The Connection Cards (found in the hymn rack) can be used to share prayer requests and answers to prayer. Completed cards as well as offerings can be placed in the Offering Box, located on the wall by the main entry.

CONNECTION CARD

Guests, we are thrilled to have you join us today! Please stop by the Connection Center after the service for a gift bag.

Today's Worship Songs

- "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Hymn #145)
- "Here I Am to Worship"
- "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (#153)
- "What Child is This?" (Hymn #146)
- "O Let the Son of God Enfold You" (#277)
- "I Speak Jesus"

"Living Christmas Story" is coming December 9-11

You can help us present this outreach event. There are many roles to choose from. Sign up in the Lobby. See Ruth Palmer for details.



Angel Tree Ministry

You can help make Christmas brighter this year for a child impacted by a parent's incarceration. Virtual gift tags are available today in the lobby. See Jonathan or Amanda Carlson for more details.

This WEEKS Events

- Today:** **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
 9:00A LIFE Hour Class (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00A Worship Service (in-person & live streaming)
- Tuesday:** 1:00P Cascade Park Bible Study
- Wednesday:** 1:30P Danielson's Bible Study
- Saturday:** 9:00A Living Christmas Story set-up begins
- Next Sunday:** **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
 9:00A LIFE Hour Class (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00A Worship Service (in-person & live streaming)
 11:15A Choir Rehearsal

Shoebox Donations Needed

We packed over 80 shoeboxes last Sunday. You can help with shipping costs (\$10/box). So far, \$330 has been donated toward our \$800 goal. Make checks payable to our church.



Happy Birthday to ...
 Chuck Finley (November 27)
 Ron Carlson (November 30)



Happy Anniversary to ...
 Jon & Debbie Betts (November 29)
Celebrating 48 years!
 Ken & Sharon Foster (December 1)
Celebrating 43 years!



Hoodview Church of God exists to LOVE God and GROW as disciples who GO in God's love to bless our community and world.

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The Entire Congregation (1 Peter 2:4-10)

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Prayer Line — Ruth Palmer: 503-544-1318

Sermon Notes

SEASONING THE SEASON

“Bringing Our Worship into Focus”

1 Samuel 7:1-12

Observations:

1. _____ with all your heart.

¹ So the men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD. They brought it to Abinadab’s house on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to guard the ark of the LORD. ² The ark remained at Kiriath Jerami a long time—twenty years in all.

Then all the people of Israel turned back to the LORD. ³ So Samuel said to all the Israelites, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” ⁴ So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.

⁵ Then Samuel said, “Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the LORD for you.” ⁶ When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, “We have sinned against the LORD.” Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah (1 Samuel 7:1-6 NIV).

Israel needed to _____ their lives and return to God.

_____ (a season of waiting on Christ’s “coming”) calls us to center our thoughts and our hearts on Christ.

2. _____ in prayer and worship.

⁷ When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. ⁸ They said to Samuel, “Do not stop crying out to the LORD our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines.” ⁹ Then Samuel took a suckling lamb

and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. He cried out to the LORD on Israel’s behalf, and the LORD answered him.

¹⁰ While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. ¹¹ The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar (1 Samuel 7:1-11 NIV).

3. _____ with holy symbols.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far the LORD has helped us” (1 Samuel 7:1-12 NIV).

Ebenezer means “stone of _____.” Holy symbols help us remember God’s faithfulness.

Advent is a special time of the year that can help us focus on God and His wondrous love.

LIFE Hour—Sundays at 9:00AM

Pastor Ron Palmer, Teacher
Study of N.T. Epistles (letters)
Meets in the Fellowship Room



Be part of our Christmas choir! Rehearsal schedule:

- Next Sunday, December 4 at 11:15AM
- Sunday, December 11 at 11:15AM
- Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9:30AM (performance at 10A)



Faith Promise: Faith Promise Response Cards



Have you made a “Faith Promise” for next year’s “Faith Promise for Missions”? Response cards are available at the Resource Table along with brochures.

Prayer List — November 27, 2022

Prayer Requests, Updates, & Praise Reports

- Pray for the salvation of our neighbors. Pray that we will LOVE God and GROW as disciples who GO and love our world.
- Pray for those who are far from God.
- Pray for the upcoming “Living Christmas Story” that lives will be impacted; pray also for sufficient volunteers to help. Several churches have volunteered to assist us with this ministry.
- God’s comfort for those who have lost loved ones recently.
- Carmen—friend of Cecelia Cates; possible second diagnosis of breast cancer; pray for God’s healing touch.
- Cohen—friend of Dominic; grandpa is suffering from cancer (the dad of Rick & Bubu Puento). Pray God’s comfort and peace.
- Lee Church—upcoming knee replacement surgery.
- Doreen Melby—twisted ankle; temporarily at Country Meadows.
- Sue Willard—pray for wisdom and the Lord’s strength.
- A family member is struggling with depression and anxiety.
- Pastor Mauricio & family—plan now to move here next June after the current school year; pray for God’s provision. Pray for Keyla, Francy and Kathy as they finish out the school year in NC.
- Continued prayer: Jaime Adney, Phyllis Cochran, Diane Cornell, Jeanette Cornell, Vie Dow, Brenda Falardeau Freda Fox, Dennis Hayden, Doris Kufeldt, Vicki (Kay Brown’s daughter)

Mission & Outreach Partners

- ♦ Kuot Ngor (African Hope Mission) ♦ A.W.A.R.E. Food Bank
- ♦ Association of the Churches of God in Oregon & SW WA
- ♦ Bobby & Jenny Mihsill (Cote d’Ivoire) ♦ Camp White Branch
- ♦ Daniel & Christy Kihm (Europe and Middle East)
- ♦ A Ray of Hope, Today! ♦ Children of Promise
- ♦ Church of God Ministries ♦ Church of God in the Philippines
- ♦ Welcome Home Outreach (Mexico) ♦ Pregnancy Care Centers
- ♦ John & Gwen Johnson (Regional Coordinators, Africa)
- ♦ Woodburn Young Life (Emilio & Jessica Diaz)
- ♦ Rwanda Sustainability Project (Quarterly Goat Offering)

This Week’s Church/Ministry Prayer Focus

District: Lynchwood Church of God, Portland (Pastor Brian Arnold)
Local: North Marion Fellowship (Pastor Jim Terwilliger)

Advent Devotional Booklets are available today. Pick up a copy in the Lobby. Readings start on December 1st.