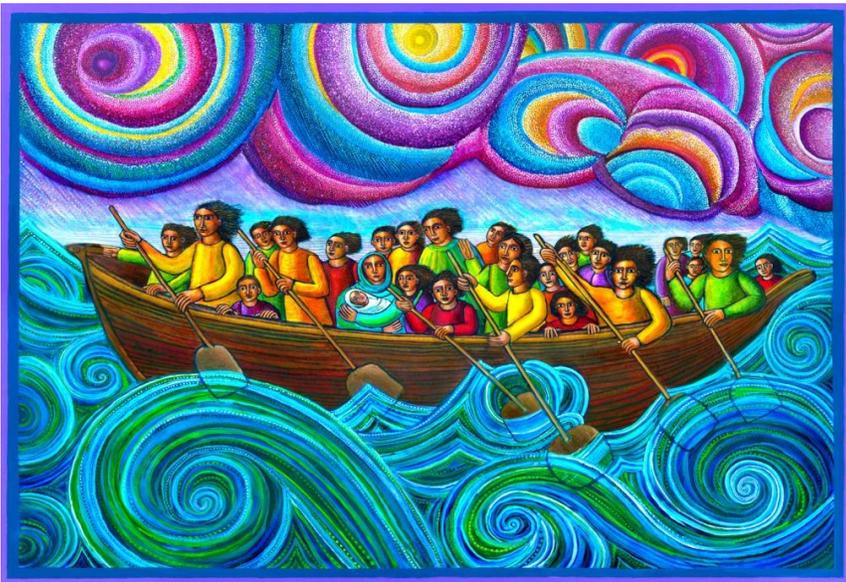


# Common Ground

The Presbyterian USA Congregation  
in the Colonial Heights Neighborhood  
Advent In the Chapel ~ December 12, 2021

***Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;  
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease,  
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.***



Welcome newcomer or long time friend.  
We're glad you are with us today!  
We invite you to share in  
the ministry & celebration of our life  
together in Christ  
through Worship, Study, & Service.

I Will Light Candles This Christmas  
by Howard Thurman

I will light candles this Christmas,  
Candles of joy  
despite all the sadness,  
Candles of hope  
where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage  
for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace  
for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace  
to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love  
to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long.

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## Welcome

*Those at home, please mute during the songs so you can sing—this allows all participants to hear the music provided in the service. No playlist-Live music only this week.*

*We are following the requirements to mask (vaccinated or not) and request that those for whom this poses too great a burden join with us online.*

GREETING

Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen, PASTOR

*I Will Light Candles This Christmas* by Howard Thurman

PRELUDE

*In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

Ms. Ivona Schacker, MUSIC DIRECTOR

*We invite you to light a candle at the table*

**GATHERING IN THE LIGHT OF ADVENT**

**#401 Here In This Place**

GATHER US IN

## *At the Font*

*We Come Remembering Our Baptism in Hope*

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WATERS OF LIFE**

LITURGIST

The world may say, “You are too small.” . . . Small like an infant that gives us a glimpse of God’s love in all fullness.

**In the living waters of our baptism we find we are called beloved and we are enough.**

We hear them say, “You are too old.” . . . Old like Anna & Simeon who were faithful to wait, patient to see and proclaim God has come among us

**In these living waters we find we are called beloved and we are enough.**

Some, (perhaps even we) say, “There is not enough time . . . Christ enters this time, with this people.

**The Spirit will lead us now and always, yes, even beyond the bounds of time!**

*Calm Me, Lord see front—sung twice*

**WE SEEK YOUR WHOLENESS IN OUR WAITING**

God who is drawing near to us.

We live in a world of violence, which we do not condemn enough.

**Come to us, with your peace.**

We are filled with the best of intentions, but are unable to follow through with action.

**Come to us, with your will.**

Afraid to gaze into your mirror of grace, we are the broken and afraid in need of your healing.

**Come to us, with your mercy.**

*We continue our prayer in silence.*

**ASSURANCE & PEACE**

Word among us

**have mercy.**

Friend of the poor

**have mercy.**

Spirit of Light and Love

**grant us your peace.**

God’s forgiveness is abundant!

**Christ’s peace is ours to share!**

**CELEBRATING GOD’S GRACE #126**

WONDERFUL CHILD

*Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child* sung twice

**Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild; new life, new hope the Child will bring. Listen to the angels sing,**

**“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!**

*Through Word and Wonder  
We Are Shaped as God's Own in Love*

TIME OF WONDER *Visiting the Houses of Mark, Matthew & Luke*

**BLESSING #110** *Love Has Come* verse 3

BRING A TORCH

***Love has come, and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.***

***Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.***

***Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!***

OUR PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE STORY OF FAITH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

ADVENT REFLECTIONS TOGETHER

Rev. Tim Winslea, PUN RN

*At the Table*

*We Are Nourished and Given Strength in God's Peace*

AN INVITATION FOR OUR OFFERING & PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

*Selection of our guest preacher*

*our trust, our gifts and tithes, our prayers*

Watching and waiting for the coming of Christ, we pray for the promise of a new creation, saying: Come quickly, Risen One; **our hope is in you.**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *see insert*

INVITATION

*An open invitation to communion is practiced within Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations.*

*We invite all visitors and friends who trust in Jesus Christ to join us today  
in being nourished at the Lord's Table.*

**THANKS & PRAISE** ...we lift our praises to you: **Sanctus** *from the St. Anne Mass*

**REMEMBERING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**CALLING UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT** *see back page*

**SHARING THE BREAD & CUP**

*We invite all to receive God's love for the world through communion or a blessing.*

*For those wishing to have an anointing for healing, peace, and for their journey of the week,  
our Pastor will be at the baptismal font.*

*In Every Place God Sends Us*

*We Will Live the Gospel with Joy*

**HYMN OF SERVICE #132** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Ms. Ivona Schacker, MUSIC DIRECTOR

*Many thanks to our liturgist's prayers and leading our worship, to Ivona Schacker, MUSIC DIRECTOR  
and our Musicians in Residence for the ministry of music, and our online host, Kate Belt, who ensures that  
the technology is a blessing, not a burden for our congregation.*

*Lectionary Scriptures for the Third Sunday of Advent-Joy*

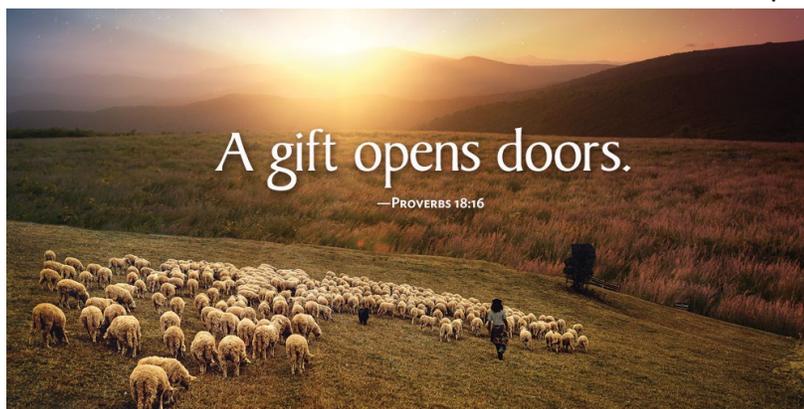
First Reading *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Canticle *Isaiah 12:2-6* (#71 Surely It is God Who Saves Me, or #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above)

Second Reading *Philippians 4:4-7*

Gospel *Luke 3:7-18*

Seeing that we had no hope in ourselves of moving past what separates us, God offered us a gift in Jesus Christ who opens a door — a door we could not open ourselves. Seeing that we had no hope in ourselves of moving past what separates us, God offered us a gift in Jesus Christ who opens a door — a door we could not open ourselves. Seeing that we had no hope in ourselves of moving past what separates us, God offered us a gift in Jesus Christ who opens a door — a door we could not open ourselves.



### 2021 CURRENT BUILDING USE

*Hawthorne Family Playschool Monday through Friday*

**8:00-9:00 am-set up, 12:00-1:00 pm cleanup, classroom time 9:00 am –12:00 pm**

Sunday	<b>9:00-10:00 am</b> 10:00-11:00 am <b>10:15 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Musician Rehearsals Chapel &amp; Sanctuary</b> MCC Worship-Sanctuary in-person and on Facebook <b>Welcome &amp; Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel</b> <b>Common Ground Worship in the Chapel &amp; Zoom– see worship page for weekly details of our guest preachers and communion observations</b>
Monday	11:00 am-6:30 pm <b>12:00 -2:00 pm</b> 12:00-5:00 pm <b>TBA</b>	Meg Dixon, MIR- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel <b>Office Hours</b> Megan Cronin, MIR-Violin & Viola lessons–Friendship Room <b>Session Meets at the home of Kate Belt December 13</b>
Tuesday	<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm</b> 6:00-8:00 pm <b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b> Clarinet and Woodwind Ensemble-Sanctuary ***New Building Partners*** <b>This Week—Monthly Reading &amp; Reflection Book Group-Zoom &amp; at the home of Kate Belt Dec. 14, Jan. 18, Feb. 15</b>
Wednesday	<b>11:00 am-3:00 pm</b> <b>11:00 am-1:00 pm</b> <b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Possible Office Hours—can you help?</b> <b>Advent Quiet Space in the Sanctuary or Chapel</b> <b>Mid-day, Midweek Prayer—Rev. Tim Winslea, RN</b>
	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965?pwd=dURsbW9xdEZ0QVlk2Z2NDTFRsZmJsUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965?pwd=dURsbW9xdEZ0QVlk2Z2NDTFRsZmJsUT09</a> 6:30-8:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm 7:00-9:00 pm 7:00-10:00 pm	HFP Board Meetings (first Wednesdays): 11/3, 12/1, 1/5 Community Meetings (typically 3rd Wednesdays) 10/20, 11/17, 12/15 2nd Wednesdays MCC Board Meeting-Social Hall Logan Thane Brown, MIR- Brass groups- Sanctuary
Thursday	<b>9:30-11:30 am</b> <b>10:00-11:35 am</b> 6:30-9:00 pm	<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Weekly Tai Chi Joan Smith-Front Porch or Grounds</b> First Thursdays PDX Vox Invitation to Sing-Chapel/Front Porch Nov. 4, Dec. 2
Friday	7:00 pm	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>MA has contacted us about the possibility resuming in the near future</i>
Saturday	10:00 -11:30 am 9:00 am-12:00 pm 1:30–6:30 pm	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>Overeaters Anonymous online at the moment in-person mtg. soon– Social Hall</i> Logan Thane Brown, MIR- Brass groups- Sanctuary Gregor McGee, MIR—Sanctuary
NEXT SUNDAY	<b>9:00-10:00 am</b> 10:00-11:00 am <b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Musician Rehearsals preparation, Chapel &amp; Sanctuary</b> MCC Worship-Sanctuary with in-person and on Facebook We will not be scheduling Sanctuary use without MCC coordination <b>Welcome &amp; Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel</b>

10:30 am

**Common Ground Worship in the Chapel & Zoom  
or use website resources for personal at home devotions**

## Looking Ahead:

- ◆ *Blue Christmas Service* with PUN & Tim Winslea on Tuesday December 21 at 7:00 pm Zoom– use the mid week prayer link for this service. See insert. Remember all are welcome and you can invite anyone who you feel moved to include in this way, grieving or not. Remember, “Sometimes you come for yourself, and sometimes you are coming for others.”
- ◆ Advent November 28-December 19 sign up for the PCUSA Presbyterians Today daily devotional: *Come to Bethlehem and Be Nourished*. A copy for use in our Chapel will be available, and hard copies from the church office by request.
- ◆ *Monthly Conversations and skill building in Mental Health & Illness* (January-Loneliness & Isolation, February– QPR Suicide Prevention, March-TBA, 2nd Sundays at Noon. Tim Winslea & Naomi Caster are part of a design team shaping this opportunity for our Common Ground congregations and neighbors.

Christmas Bird Count Sunday, January 2, 2022 they will not be gathering in our building but we are welcome to add our Common Ground count to theirs this Sunday—see Pastor Linda if you would like to identify & count birds on the grounds of the Church that day.



## Naomi J. Caster for

I am a positive and energetic leader who has 20+ years of experience in the Mental Health field, most of which has been with SPMI and dually diagnosed adults, older adults, teens and youth. I have been in leadership for the last 15 years and have a strengths-based focused leadership style that encourages employees to work at their best through direct communication and accountability. My goal is to provide a recovery-focused environment in the programs that I work in where participants have opportunities to learn and

grow and experience successful lives to the best of their ability. I value diversity in the workplace and strive for a dynamic and diverse team of staff to best serve the needs of our participants and stake holders.

Are you curious to learn more about understanding and supporting mental health? All are welcome to attend our series. This conversation and skill building opportunity is designed to equip the average non-professional with important basic mental health info. The workshop is designed and facilitated by Naomi Caster (MS, LMFT, CADC II), with more than 20 years of professional experience in the mental health field. All are welcome to attend this FREE opportunity.

## Our next two month's are currently planned:

January 9-Isolation & Loneliness training

February 13-QPR– a national certification for suicide prevention

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We'd like your input going forward

### Additional topics could be:

- Dealing with depression
- Boundaries
- Substance use recovery (this is very broad and could be broken down)
- Anxiety in the pandemic
- Conversation on Mental Health & Wellness with Youth & Children

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ optional

***We Practice the Privilege of Prayer.  
Jesus said, "Abide in me...Love one another."***

Seeking ways for the light of Christ to be visible within  
and beyond our church walls.

May our door be narrow enough to keep out hate and prejudice,  
but wide enough to welcome all in God's love.



**We Give Thanks for . . .**

**We Seek God's protection and guidance for . . .**

**We Call upon God's Strength & Healing Presence for . . .**

**We Ask for Hope & Assurance for Those Who Face Uncertainty . . .**

**Through Us May God Comfort Those Who Grieve . . .** All who mourn death of Beverly Stewart (Linda's mom) .

**We Pray for the Church and the World . . .**

With confidence that you hear our prayers, we offer ourselves for your good purposes, watching and waiting for the healing of your creation as we work toward your coming reign and we pray the prayer that Jesus taught:

**Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

**New Addresses & call for Directory Update:**

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**home: 503.280.2510 cell:503-333-2452 katebelt@gmail.com**

**Clendaniel, Sue                      Belmont Village 455 E. Angeleno Ave. Apt 420 Burbank, CA 91501**  
her phone & email remain the same

We will publish a new directory with our Annual Report for 2021. If you would like us to include updates of your information, please email or phone the church office.

***A Week of Intercessory Prayer for:***

**Our Church Family:** Denise & Corinne Hare

**Our Ministry & Mission:** Healing Ministries: PUN Nurse-Tim Winslea, Tai Chi-Joan Smith  
**12 Step Groups:** DA,MA, ACOA, OA

**Where did you see Jesus?**

Share your story in a few words (less than 250) send to the church office by  
email: [office@chpcpdx.org](mailto:office@chpcpdx.org), so we can share this good news.

