



Presbytery of Yukon

December 19, 2019

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**The Next Presbytery Church Meeting will be held in Anchorage, Alaska at the First Presbyterian Church from February 28-29, 2020!!
Registration Forms will be available by the beginning of the new year on the website.**

Prayer Requests



Prayers for the Families safety and health.

Prayers for the Commission Pastor Virgie Kassok's daughter Thelma, who is battling cancer.

Prayers for Intergenerational Arctic Ministries as they are commissioning new Listening Way Local Leaders.

Prayers of Joy for all.



**Intercessory Prayer
Conference Call Meeting
January 14, 2020 @ 4 PM
.....(907) 276-1095.....**

The bible is so full of surprises!

The recommended Scriptures for this Christmas speak of God as a being of great power, where, "Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles (Psalm 97:3-4)." They also remind us of the Christmas miracle, where shepherds were given a message from the angels, "You will find a babe, wrapped in swaddling cloths, and lying in a manger (Luke 2:12)."

Such contrasts in emotion and experience are found in these scriptures! The terror and wonder at God's fire and lightnings-the

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Have a safe and blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for all the Presbyterian Churches across the state, the country and the World!!

Praise to Jesus our Savior who was born on Christmas Day to save us all!

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Christmas

wonder and joy at a Savior-child born in such a humble estate. But such is our real life-so full of potential for terror, and for peace; for trauma and joy.

One of the dangers of Christmas is to water down the gospel, so that we proclaim only the warm and fuzzy moment of holding a baby, without pointing to the transforming power this fledgling life brings to the world. In a world of people needing salvation - salvation from the social ills of intergenerational trauma; salvation from the suffering of creation due to advancing climate change; salvation from the injustices of wealth, power and privilege; salvation from all forms of sin; and salvation from the death that encroaches upon all of our lives-in a world needing salvation, the birth of a savior is more than just the warm feelings of holding a baby in one's arms.

Yet, what is more reality-grounding than a moment of such intimacy? One of the amazing things about Jesus' birth is that God brings the transformation the world truly needs through real people, and through relationships that matter. A moment witnessing the intimacy of a parent and a child can ground us in our hopes and dreams for all people-that none will be unloved and uncared for; that none will be isolated and alone; that none will suffer injustice without a way to respond with resilience and hope.

This Christmas, I plan to renew my ties with family and with friends as we gather at Christmas. I hope you get to do that, too. In that renewal, I hope we will also renew our commitment to serve God however God calls. Indeed, Christmas is about light entering darkness-that's why our forebears chose to put it so near the solstice and the new year. It is about hope in a world that is starving from hopelessness. It is about God, seeing our need, and joining with us in the flesh-the flesh of a baby named Jesus. In the new beginning marked by that birth, truly amazing things continue to become possible-for that is the way of the world.

This Christmas, I hope you see the baby in the manger. I also hope the awareness of that birth stirs a burning fire in your soul-a fire for the power and lightnings of God moving throughout the world.

Merry Christmas,
Curt Karns

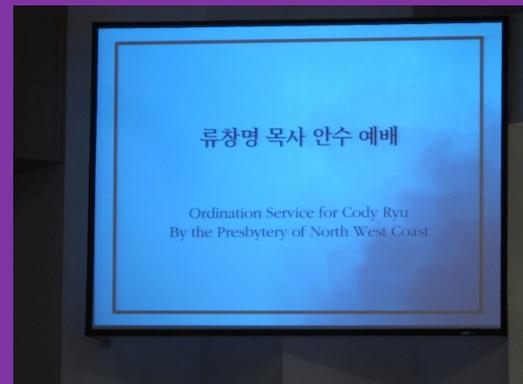
!!! CONGRATULATIONS CODY RYU !!!

is here again!
Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you and all the people around you.
May you enjoy the season of this Christmas 2019 and that it brings Joy of Peace to the New Year of 2020.
May God Bless you all!

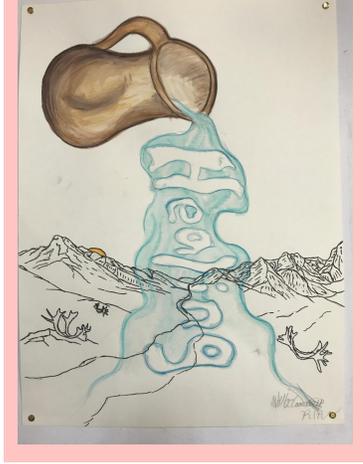


CONGRATULATIONS to Reverend Cody Ryu for his ordination on December 1, 2019 at the First United Presbyterian Church of Seattle in Edmonds, Washington!!

Cody was under the care of this Presbytery when he was a candidate for ordination. He served Fairbanks Korean Presbyterian Church as a student pastor while preparing for ordination.



Jan Burger from the Presbytery's Ministry Commission attended this exciting event and photo credit goes to Jan. Thank you Jan!! The big bouquets came from the Korean Church in Fairbanks.



Mark Your Calendars

**February 28-29,
2020**

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage, Alaska located at
616 W. 10th Ave. 99501

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