A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

GATHERING

The Prelude

*While Be My Sheep

**The Jubilate Ringers**

Kevin McChesney

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introtit

*Come Messiah Come*

Youth Ensemble and William Oplinger, Oboe

Becky Slago

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: PEACE

The Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 11:1-10

p. 784 in the pew Bible

Prayer

Sung Response

Hymn 110 verse 1

*Love has come; a light in the darkness!*

*Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.*

*See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;*

*Hear how their song of joy arises:*

*Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!*

*Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

Spoken Response:

People of God, in peace

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Hymn 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(vvs 1, 4, 6 & 7)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,*

*that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

REFRAIN  Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;*

*from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.  REFRAIN*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here*

*Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death’s dark shadows put to flight. REFRAIN*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;*

*Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.  REFRAIN*

*The Prayer of Confession*

O God, you judge your people with righteousness; we are judgmental toward others. You came to defend the cause of the poor; we cannot let go of our greed, which keeps others impoverished. You sent a Savior to lift up those in need and cast down the mighty; we are too satisfied with a different way of ordering the world. Speak your searing, healing word to us in this Advent season. Awaken us from slumber and complacency with the fire of your justice. Startle us with your intrusive word until we settle for nothing less than the peace you intend. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon*

God’s judgement is filled with mercy, righteousness, and faithfulness.

God’s mercy flows over us and all the world, as the waters cover the sea. In Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.
*Sung Response:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(Delete exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

Welcome of New Members  (11 am service) Mary Bailey, Harry Charleson, Mary Ann Cruzen Barb Leroy, Kathy Pecka,
and John and Nicole Strawn with Vivian and Michael Strawn

Congregational Response

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into this community of faith. Grateful for the gifts you bring, we offer our prayers and support as we journey in faith together.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Anthem  The Dream Isaiah Saw  Troeger/Rudolph

Lion and oxen will sleep in the hay, leopards will join with the lambs as they play,
Wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade, Blood will not darken the earth that God made.
Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.

Peace will pervade more than forest and field: God will transfigure the violence concealed deep in the heart and in
systems of gain,
Ripe for the judgement the Lord will ordain.
Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.
Nature reordered to match God’s intent, nations obeying, the call to repent, all of creation completely restored,
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.
Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  p. 656 in the pew Bible
The Epistle Lesson: Romans 15:7-13  p. 199 in the pew Bible

A Moment with the Children (8:30 service)

*The Hymn 87  Comfort, Comfort Now My People

“Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!” So says our God. “Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning
under sorrow’s load. To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.”
For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here. O, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true
and humble, as befits God’s holy reign. For the glory of the Lord, now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:1-6, 12-17  p.3 in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon  Our Family Tree

Kim Clayton
The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
Dedication of Pledges
The Offertory
Hymn 144
In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there; cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME...

The Hymn 129
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.

*The Hymn 129
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude
Fling Wide the Door

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Norman Miller, loving husband, dad and grandpa by Laura Miller, and Paula, Jamie and Lexie Loder

Today's Worship Leaders:
Preacher, Kim Clayton
Liturgists: Michelle Abel, Tom Wimberly
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk
The Advent Lighters are Mike and Michelle Gibson at the 8:30 service and the 3rd-5th LIFT class at the 11:00 service.

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STEWARDSHIP & ADVENT

As we enter the Advent season, it is important to recognize the interrelatedness of Advent and stewardship. Advent is a time to recognize and share the gifts that God has blessed us with. Stewardship is a kind of continuation of the Advent and Christmas spirit.

Advent is a time of preparation to share in the goodness and grace of God. We can share the goodness of God by helping to further support the church and the missions of the church.

Advent provides an opportunity to be aware of how we use the time, talents and resources God has bestowed upon us. All that we have is in trust or entrusted to us from God.

Advent is a season of hope. Through the exercise of our stewardship, we create hope for the future through the application of the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Hope for achievement of the mission of the church and hope for those in need.

Luke 1:78-79 states: “By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Discussing stewardship in Advent provides an opportunity to be aware of how we spend, use, and consume our time, talents and resources. Just as we start to think about the choices we will make in the Advent and Christmas season, we choose how we will utilize God’s blessings to make the world a better and more hopeful place.

With sincere gratitude for all that you have done, let us give thanks for all the hope you have created. God bless you. Have a joyous Advent season.

As a gentle reminder, pledge cards are due back to the church by the 12/4 service. You can bring them to the service or mail them or make your pledge online using Realm. A “how-to” video for pledging online is available on our website.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Dec. 4

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

In worship, the gospel reading will be Matthew 1:1-6, 12-17

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Dec. 11

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Weekly Meetings & Activities

Wed. (11/30) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Zoom)
Thurs. (12/1)—Ladies Morning Bible Study, 9:30am (MH)
Handbells, 6:00pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Property Committee, 6:30pm (Conf. rm)
Adult Choir, 7:30pm (Choir Rm)
Sat. (12/3) — Micah Breakfast, 7:00am (FH)
Hanging of Greens, 10:00am (Sanctuary)
Sun. (12/4) — Worship, 8:30am (Sanct./Youtube)
LIFT Hour, 9:45am (FH)
Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
Youth Group, 12pm (FH)
Deacon Meeting, 12:15pm (Conf. rm)
PW Never-ending Circle, 2:00pm (Conf. rm)
Mon. (12/5) — PW Circle of Joyful Friendship, 10:30am (Parlor)
Keep it Moving-Body and Soul, 3:15pm (FH)
Personnel Committee, 7:00pm (Conf. rm)
Tues. (12/6) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (Conf.rm)
Worship Committee, 7:00pm (Conf. rm)
Wed. (12/7) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Zoom)

Church Family News

Capsule of Concern: Trina Parsons, Kim Fischer, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Lou Silvey

Our Christian sympathy and love is extended to Diane Makovsky upon the death of her sister, Peggy Marquiss on November 21, 2022 at Mary Washington Hospital. Diane is grateful for the hospital staff who were very sensitive and caring.

Birthdays this week Nov. 30-Dec. 7

November
30. Bill Stewart
December
1. Mary Ann Casey, Nancy Henshaw
2. Linda Benn, Bill Nix, Elizabeth Smith
3. Linda Spratt, Bill Neely
4. Betty Hume, Bev Newlin, Heather Eiland
6. Kaci Lefebre
7. Steve Eckel, Elizabeth Saunders-Morris

Looking Ahead

December 9 - Make Space for Advent opens
December 9 - Food Truck/Christmas movie night, 6:00-8:00
December 18 - Lessons and Carols, 11:00 am worship service.
January 6—Epiphany Open House 6pm-8pm
January 8th—All Ages LIFT
January 24—American Red Cross Blood Drive, 11am-5pm (FH)

Poinsettia Orders—The deadline to purchase Poinsettias for the Sanctuary is Sunday, December 4. Purchases can be made online, in person, or through the mail using the order form.
**MISSION/OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**Donations needed for the Micah Cold Weather Shelter (CWS):** packages of Men’s (boxer style) and Women’s underwear sizes medium through X-large and packages of Men’s and Women’s socks. Items can be placed in the Micah Bin located in the Lobby of the CE building.

**Clothesline Ministry**
The winter Clothesline Ministry will begin the first week of December. Please bring hats, gloves, mittens and earmuffs. There will be a bin in the CE lobby prior to December 1 for donations. Starting the first week of December, you are invited to hang your donation inside a resealable plastic bag on the line with a clothespin or clip.

**Calling all Knitters and Crocheters:** Presbyterian Women are off to a good start with hats and scarves for the winter clothesline. Please continue to knit and crochet. We have a long winter ahead of us and our neighbors can use out help. If you are interested in more information about how to be involved, please contact Pam Hinds, hindspw@aol.com. Be on the lookout for another mission get together in the new year. Keep on knitting and crocheting!!

**Cookies, bagged 6 to a bag, are needed** for the December 17 dinner. You can drop them off at church on Friday 16th or after 2 pm on December 17th. Contact Karen Johnson, ksjohnson422@msn.com, (540) 621-5685, if you would like to help at the dinner.

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**Hanging of the Greens**—Do you love decorating for Christmas and eating holiday cookies? You are invited to help the Worship Committee decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, Saturday, December 3, at 10am. We hope you can join us for light refreshments and holiday fun.

**Join us Friday, December 9, for a Food Truck and Christmas movie night.** 2 Southern Belles will be in the church parking lot from 6:00 to 8:00. We will be screening *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. It is also the opening night of "Make Space for Advent." Come join the festive fun!

**It’s the first Sunday of the Month—**All ages will meet together in the Fellowship Hall for an Advent themed LIFT.

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**Suppers for Seven** is a small group fellowship opportunity for groups of about 7 people to gather together for dinner in homes or at restaurants. People who sign up are placed in groups, and will begin to meet in the new year. Sign ups are online or contact Scott Fischer, VaNavigator@msn.com  Couples and singles are welcome to sign up.

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**Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study.** You are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am for fellowship and discussion of *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. In this bible study, we are learning how to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. Stories of Origin, Deliverance, War, Wisdom, Resistance, Gospel, Fish, and Church are presented for study and consideration. We are meeting Dec. 1 and 8 in the Middle House and Dec 15 in Fellowship Hall to walk the Labyrinth together.
Honored as Blood Drive of the Week

We are pleased to share with you the news that the blood drive that was held at our church on August 23rd was selected as an American Red Cross Blood Drive of the Week. The letter that Linda Benn received from Todd Cahill, Regional Donor Service Executive, states that “this honor recognizes a group that exemplifies outstanding dedication to the community blood program” and that our drive was selected because “it is a terrific example of the blueprint of what makes a drive successful.” This drive brought in 40 units on a goal of 29 with three first time donors!! “Only one other drive in the last 11 years has collected more than this drive”.

It is amazing to see what we can accomplish when we work together. So, let’s pull together, once again, for our next blood drive on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note the new time change). Appointments are being taken now at redcrossblood.org. (Enter FredericksburgPresbyterian for the sponsor code) or 1-800 733-2767. For more information, please contact Linda Benn @ lkbrab@verizon.net or 540 370-1646.