



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

December 1, 2019
The First Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Kevin Graf, organ

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Marilyn and Audrey Kitchell

One: As we light our first Advent candle, we pray for the holy hope of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Hope.

Hymn 88, v. 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*** Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

One: Come all who seek truth—let us go up to the Lord's house,

Many: that we might learn holy ways and follow right paths.

One: Come—all nations, all peoples—stream through open gates,

Many: that we might gather in the hallways of justice, the courts of peace.

One: Come—children of God—let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Many: With hope in our hearts, let us worship God.

*** Hymn 104**

Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you set before us the way of goodness and beckon us to follow you, but we disregard your teachings and disobey your word. You call people of every land to dwell in harmony, but we sow division and harvest discord. You command us to craft tools that sustain life, but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy. Forgive us, Lord. Your creation yearns for wholeness; your people long for justice and peace. Keep us ever watchful and awaken us to your ways as we wait in hope for the light of the world.

Kyrie: Hymn 94, v.1 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Jefferson

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Romans 13:11-14

One: Let us lay aside the works of darkness

Many: and put on the light of our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: Salvation is nearer to us than we can ever imagine.

**Many: Let us live honorably as in the day and rejoice in the forgiveness
of our God.**

*** Response: Hymn 95** Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare the Way

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 122

(Old Testament, page 540)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Salvation is Created

Pavel Tschesnekoff (1877-1944)

The Chancel Choir

Salvation is created in the midst of earth, O God, Alleluia!

Second Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

(Old Testament, page 594)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Vision in the Dark

Rev. Green

* Hymn 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The Chancel Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come Sing Holy, Holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below. For Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

* Doxology: Hymn 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader continues...

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

Sung Response *(Music for Response S4, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 9)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The leader continues...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung Response *(Music for Response S5, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 10)*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The leader continues...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Sung Response *(Music for Response S6, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 11)*

Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Communion today is by Intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you would like someone to serve you in your seat, please indicate this to an usher. The cups contain grape juice.)

Communion Prayer and 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.

* Hymn 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout *Star of the County Down*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme J. G. Walther (1684-1748)
Kevin Graf, organ



Sundays in Advent

Finding Our Way – In God's Kingdom Among Us

December 8 – Isaiah 11:1-10 – Kingdom Design

December 15 – Isaiah 35:1-10 – Kingdom Residents

Sounds of the Season: A Carol Sing at 5 p.m.

December 22 – Isaiah 7:10-16 – Kingdom Power

Advent Small Groups – Small groups will meet to study the topic of Prophecies Fulfilled.

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. with Alexandra Mead

Tuesdays at 8 a.m. with Daria Lisco

Thursdays at 11 a.m. with Alexandra Mead

Advent Daily Devotional – Straw for the Manger – Creating a Matthew 25 Advent Season

Pick up your copy now in the Parish House or Church on the Green.

Upcoming Church on the Green Concerts

Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. – Handel's *Messiah* Concert

Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. – Music Made Here Concert

Saturday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. – Imperial Brass Concert

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Sarah Green
Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, Director of Children's Music
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Chancel Choir

USHERS

Jack Fraebel, Head Usher; Nancy Niemann, Ray Stark,
Janeen Dougherty, and Wendy & Ray Doidge

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ken Clark, Jenny Fleischer, Tom Guthrie,
Marnie Kaller, Christine Lindquist, and Jinnie McDonnell

ACOLYTES

Nathan Wood and Colin Hoppes

FLOWERS

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Earl H. Visscher
Given by their family

&

In memory of W. Sheldon Bennett
Given by Constance B. Meunier and Walter C. Bennett II

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by the Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church on the Green Rosette Ornaments

There are a small number of rosette ornaments available on a first-come, first served basis. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact the church office by December 9. The ornaments are approximately 2” in diameter and can be purchased in pewter (\$75 each).

Christmas Remembrances

With a gift for Christmas decorations at the church, you can celebrate an anniversary, birthday or birth; honor someone special in your life or, remember a loved one who has passed. Your gift of any amount will be gratefully received. All forms are due to the main office by Monday, December 16. Any questions may be directed to Sarah Galo at sgalo@pcmorristown.org.

Forum on Military and Veterans Affairs – Tuesday, December 3 at 2 p.m. in Sheffield Hall

Hosted by the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office, this community forum will include information on the Prosecutor’s Veterans Diversion Program and Veterans Services. Refreshments will be served.

Inquirers’ Class – Sunday, December 8 at 11:15 a.m. in the Howard House

Interested in joining the PCM community and want to learn more? Light refreshments will be served, and childcare is available if needed. Please RSVP to Sarah Galo at sgalo@pcmorristown.org by Thursday, December 5.

Operation Love – Through Sunday, December 8

It is time to join our friends at the Church of God in Christ in providing Christmas gifts and food to families and seniors in Morris County. Visit the What’s Up Table to pick up an ornament and/or sign up to wrap gifts the week of Monday, December 9 or deliver them on Saturday, December 14 at 8:45am. Questions? Email Gayle Pearson at g.pearson@rutgers.edu or Karen Griffith at kgriffith32@aol.com.

Presbyterian Women Christmas Dessert – Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in Sheffield Hall

Join us for a wonderful evening of songs, dessert, and fellowship, featuring the Villa Walsh Select Choral Ensemble, directed by our own Michele Yampolsky. Please contact Sherry Guthrie for reservations or with questions at 973-543-6523 or sharon.guthrie28@gmail.com

WELCOME

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover

Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are located in the vestibule by Howard House.
- **Infant and child care** is provided in Howard House during the service, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left front door.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers in the Narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Schedule:**
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
 - 8:30 a.m. Adult Education Seminar at 65 South Street (resumes December 8)
 - 8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School at 65 South Street
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



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