



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

November 24, 2019
Christ the King
Thanksgiving Festival Sunday

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Fantasia on *Old Hundredth*

Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Chancel Ringers

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

Pastor Linda Gaden

One: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Many: Remember that our God is the only God—the One who made us, sustains us, and whose Spirit lives within us.

One: Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving and come into God's presence with praise.

Many: For God is good, with unfailing love that lasts forever, and faithfulness that extends to all generations.

*** Hymn 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community with one another, but too often we place our wants and needs first and the needs of others a distant second. You call us to share your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be

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

enough, and our worrying gets in the way of sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to you.

Kyrie: Hymn 575

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

Kyrie Eleison

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

Many: **Thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven.**

*** Response: Hymn 587**

Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Holy Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing and in our living. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 100

(Old Testament, page 522)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Look at the World

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Bel Melodia, Bel Canto, Tower, and Chancel Choirs

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heavens above.

Moment for Mission

Operation Love

Second Scripture Reading:

John 6:25-35

(New Testament, page 92)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jesus, the Ultimate Soul Food

Pastor Gaden

* **Hymn 270**

O Lord, You Are My God and King

Jerusalem

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

The Chancel Choir

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

* **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**

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.

*** Hymn 367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

*** Charge** (*responsively*)

One: Remember the Lord our God who has given us many good gifts.

Many: We go now with the grace of God, to share God's many gifts with all the world.

One: Take care to remember God has given us these gifts.

Many: We go now with thankful hearts.

One: Give thanks for God's abundant blessings in our lives.

Many: We go forth in joyous thanksgiving, living the good news of Jesus Christ every day and everywhere.

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Sortie in F major

Kevin Graf, organ

César Franck (1822-1890)

NJ Together Community Listening Session – Today at 12:30 p.m. in the Erdman Room
Community Organizer Frank McMillian will discuss how people of faith can further engage
in our community through listening to each other's concerns.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Linda Gaden
The Reverend Sarah Green
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, Director of Children's Music
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Bel Canto, Bel Melodia, Tower, and Chancel Choirs

GREETERS

Nan & Vern Verhoef, and Cheryl & Bruce Smith

USHERS

Jack Fraebel, Head Usher; Barbara Parke, Vicky Willson,
Gretchen Doner, Nancy Niemann, and Craig Dodd

ACOLYTES

Zachary Hoover and Jonah Perelman

FLOWERS

In honor of our children and grandchildren
Given by Anne & Craig Dodd

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by the Session

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interfaith Food Pantry Collection – Through Today

Bring joy to our neighbors in need this autumn through donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Non-perishable food and monetary donations may be brought to the Church on the Green or to the Parish House any Sunday in November. Please check the pantry's website, mcifp.org for the most current needs. Please contact Laurie Bullock (lomeliabull@hotmail.com) from the Outreach Committee with any questions.

Operation Love – Beginning Today

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. pQuestions? Email Gayle Pearson at g.pearson@rutgers.edu or Karen Griffith at kgriffith32@aol.com.

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@pcmorristoryn.org by Thursday, December 5.

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

Ushers Needed in December

We need three more ushers for Songs of the Season on December 15 at 5:00 p.m. (arrive by 4:30 p.m.); two for Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. (arrive by 6:15 p.m.; prelude starts at 6:30 p.m. so people will be coming in before that); and four for Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m. (arrive by 10:15 p.m., prelude starts at 10:30 p.m.). These are all wonderful opportunities for us to show our most welcoming face to the many visitors we will have for these events. Please contact Lisa Fraebel at lwfraebel@gmail.com.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Finding Our Way – In God's Kingdom Among Us



In worship services during Advent, we will turn up the volume on the book of the prophet Isaiah and shine light on how these words become reality, become flesh. The Advent daily devotional is based on the book of Matthew, specifically chapter 25, which records the markers that Jesus shared for the path.

Sundays in Advent

December 1 – Isaiah 2:1-5 – The Future House of God

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

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

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 on 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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