



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

December 15, 2019
The Third Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Veni Emmanuel

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

Kevin Graf, organ

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Christine, Kezia, and Vienna Volinsky

One: As we light our third Advent candle, we pray for the holy joy of God. Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Joy.

Hymn 88, v. 6

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

One: Say to those of a fearful heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

Many: The glory of the Lord shines upon us!

One: The Lord has spread before us the Holy Way and invites us to travel on it.

Many: We go before the Lord with singing!

One: The barren lands burst into bloom; the desert erupts with delight. We join creation's song with gladness.

Many: With joy in our hearts, let us worship God!

*** Hymn 99**

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Morning Song

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

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Awesome God, whom we have ignored amid the world's pretensions, we confess that we have been impressed by appearances and power. We divide people into classes and categories and choose to associate with those who seem most likely to benefit us. Accumulation of things has been more important to us than wisdom and understanding. We are more attracted to might than to good counsel. We seldom ponder equity for the poor or work on ways to accomplish the revolution of true peace in the world. Forgive, O God, our failure to see and hear your revelation. We repent and seek a new way. Amen. (*From Fresh Winds of the Spirit by Lavon Bayler*)

Kyrie: Hymn 94, v.3 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Jefferson

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Many: **The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

One: Friends, believe the gospel.

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*** 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*)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

(Old Testament, page 623)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Ave Maria

Fredrik Sixten (b. 1962)

The Chancel Choir

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 11:2-11

(New Testament, page 10)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Kingdom Residents

Rev. Dr. Smazik

* Hymn 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Genevan 42

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

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

The Chancel Choir

Deb Fallon, Robin Bruen, Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, trio

Scott Gothe, Steve Kass, chant

The angel of the Lord announced to Mary and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Mary said, "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. Do to me according to your word."

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

* 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 105

People, Look East

Besançon

* Benediction

Postlude

Hyfrydol

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Kevin Graf, organ

Sounds of the Season
A Community Carol Sing

5pm, Sunday, December 15
featuring the Chancel Choir and all Children's Choirs

 Church on the Green Sanctuary,
57 E. Park Place, Morristown, NJ

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik
The Reverend Sarah Green
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Chancel Choir

GREETERS

Mary & Rich Albright, and Shirley & Dave Mutchler

USHERS

Ray Stark, Head Usher; Shirley & Dave Mutchler,
and Abby and Colleen Ewing

ACOLYTES

Bridget Ewing and Zachary Hoover

FLOWERS

In loving memory of his mother, Phyllis Roseboom Barber
Given by Peter & Sarah Barber

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The Poinsettias for Christmas are funded by gifts from
members and friends of the Presbyterian Church.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by Janet Foster, Leanne Rea, and Jenny Fleischer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROGs Cookie Sale – Today Following the Service

Pick up your pre-ordered cookies or purchase a box for \$10 at the What's Up Table. All proceeds support our Ringers on the Green.

Sounds of the Season: A Community Carol Sing – Today at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of music as we celebrate the songs of the season with the Chancel Choir and all Children's Choirs. There will be a dessert reception following the concert.

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

Come celebrate the season as Imperial Brass returns to Morristown for the first time in several years! Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for Seniors, and \$5 for Students and Children. Tickets will be available at the door



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Finding Our Way – In God's Kingdom Among Us

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

Christmas Joy Offering & Reception of New Members

Christmas Eve Services

4 p.m. – Family Service with Bel Melodia, Bel Canto, and Tower Choirs

7 p.m. – Traditional Service with Chancel Ringers and Chancel Choir

11 p.m. – Ringing in of Christmas with Ringers on the Green and Chancel Choir

A Time for 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
- Remember a loved one who has died

There are many reasons to give toward the church Christmas decorations that will express the joy of Christ's birth before your eyes. Please indicate the wording you desire for the PCM **Christmas Remembrance Book** issued during the December 24 services. Checks should be made out to *The Presbyterian Church in Morristown* (with *Christmas Remembrance* in the memo) or you may donate online through your Breeze profile. Donations **must be received no later than Monday, December 16 for inclusion in the book.** Together, let us celebrate the Gift of Christ as we remember the gifts and people of our lives.

Contact: Sarah Galo at 973-538-1776 or sgalo@pcmorristoryn.org

Christmas Remembrance Form 2019

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Please write the Remembrance as you want it to read in the booklet.

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Please submit this form with your payment to the church office by December 16 or you may send the information to Sarah Galo through email and donate online through your Breeze profile.

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
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



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