



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

December 29, 2019
The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Kevin Graf, organ

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

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: Beloved children of God, let us give thanks for all that God has done for us.

Many: We give thanks for God's mercy and steadfast love.

One: In our distress, we know the presence of Immanuel, God-is-with-us.

Many: Both day and night, the Light of the World leads us.

One: Come, let us walk in the light of God!

*** Hymn 132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Confession and Pardon

Alexandra Mead

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord God, forgive us for our unbelief: for not believing in the complete forgiveness you bring; for not believing in your call to love others in the same way that you have loved us; for not believing in your promise to be with us always. Rather than trusting and believing in you, we depend on our own limited strength. Help us to claim the light that has come into the world. Amen.

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

Kyrie: Hymn 115

Away in a Manger

Mueller

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: Behold, I create a new heaven and a new earth.

Many: The former things shall not be remembered, even for an instant.

One: Be glad. Rejoice forever in what I create.

Many: Behold, I create a rejoicing and joyful people.

One: I will rejoice and be joyful with my people.

*** Response: Hymn 113** Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by your Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 63:7-9

(Old Testament, page 652)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The Choral Scholars

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the tress of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:13-15 (New Testament, page 2)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Kingdom Living Rev. Dr. Smazik

* **Hymn 145** What Child Is This *Greensleeves*

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

Sussex Carol

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Choral Scholars

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring – news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King’s birth. Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad? When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty? When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place; angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: “Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen.”

* **Doxology: Hymn 151, v.5** We Three Kings of Orient Are *Kings of Orient*

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;

Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with beauty bright,

Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

* **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 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

* Benediction

Postlude

Postludium in D major

Kevin Graf, organ

Moritz Brosig (1815-1887)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Choral Scholars
*Emily Gaffney, Amanda Agnew,
Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, Steve Kass*

GREETERS

Mary & Norm Dykstra, Beth Baldanzi, and Barbara King

USHERS

Ray Stark, Head Usher; Nancy Niemann,
Gayle Pearson, Jack Fraebel, and Vicky Willson

ACOLYTES

Nathan Wood and Katherine Williams

FLOWERS

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College Students: Join Vern at 12 p.m. for Brunch on Break at the Morristown Diner!