



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

December 8, 2019
The Second Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Greensleeves

The Recorder Consort

arr. Peter Seibert

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kathy Zawacke and Amanda Boyadjis

One: As we light our second Advent candle, we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Peace.

Hymn 88, v. 7 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

One: Can you imagine?

Many: The wolf lives with the lamb; the leopard rests with the goat.

One: Can you imagine?

Many: Hurt and destruction shall be no more, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

One: The Lord's light shines on a weary world to show us the way of peace.

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

*** Hymn 93**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

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

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait or watch for you. Works of darkness encumber and distract us. We have ceased to hope for peace and harmony among the nations or for security apart from the defenses we construct. We fear losing what we have and turn away from those who struggle with daily needs. We hear your promises, Lord, but dare not trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and fit us for your coming that we may watch for you with confidence and joy. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 94, v.2 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Jefferson

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: Come let us return to God. We have been broken, but God has healed us.

Many: **We have been stricken, but God has bound our wounds.**

One: The coming of God revives us and raises us up to life.

Many: **Let us therefore press onward to know 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)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

(Old Testament, page 602)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

J. Neander

The Elim Duo: Dae Hee Ahn, violin & Dae Hyung Ahn, piano

Young Artists with the Center for Musical Excellence

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 3:1-12

(New Testament, page 2)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Kingdom Design

Rev. Dr. Smazik

* Hymn 103

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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Moment for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering

Greeting/Introduction of Patrick Allred – Youth & Young Adult Director

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

And the Glory of the Lord (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Chancel Choir

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

* 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 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden Väg För Herran

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Wassails

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Sundays in Advent

Finding Our Way – In God's Kingdom Among Us

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

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

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

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

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

Today at 3 p.m. – Music Made Here Concert

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

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
The Recorder Consort

GREETERS

Janice, Fred, and Stefanie Figa, and Pam & Jim Wood

USHERS

Vern Verhoef, Head Usher; Cheryl Smith, Gretchen Doner,
Jack Fraebel, Bob Davies, and Vicky Willson

ACOLYTES

Liam Lawlor and Emma MacGregor

FLOWERS

In memory of Peg & Ray Mutchler and their parents
Given by Shirley & Dave Mutchler

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Welcoming Patrick Allred, our Youth & Young Adult Director
Hosted by the Youth & Young Adult Committee

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).

Inquirers’ Class – Today 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.

Operation Love – Through 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 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

ROGs Cookie Sale – Sunday, December 15 Following the Service

Pre-order your cookies today at the What’s Up Table in support of our Ringers on the Green. Cookies cost \$10 per box and will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 15.

Sounds of the Season: A Community Carol Sing – Sunday, December 15 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.

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

DONOR'S NAME

PHONE OR EMAIL

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

IN HONOR/CELEBRATION OF

IN MEMORY OF

DONATION AMOUNT: _____

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
 - 8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School at 65 South Street
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



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