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Welcome to Our Church

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.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas!

- We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience was blessed.
Please come back again.
- Our worship schedule is printed in the back.

Visiting with Children?

- Activity materials for young worshipers are located in the vestibule by Howard House.
 - Please accompany children (under 10 years of age) to the restrooms, accessible through door in the front left area of the sanctuary.

Special Needs?

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



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN

December 24, 2019

The Nativity of the Lord

Celebration of Worship

VOLUNTARIES

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Ding Dong Merrily on High
On This Day Earth Shall Ring

The Chancel Ringers (6:30pm)

arr. Alan Lohr
arr. Fred Gramann
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Maestoso Fanfare
Christmas Fantasia
Sing We Now of Christmas

The Ringers on the Green (10:30pm)

Michael Mazzatenta
Jason Krug
Kevin McChesney

Prelude on “Greensleeves”
Prelude on “The Holly and the Ivy”

Kevin Graf, organ

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)
Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

INTROIT

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd (b. 1970)

The Chancel Choir

*Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels; no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come. Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. His love will hold me, his love will cherish me,
love will cradle me. Lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
no place for me but a stable. My Lord has come.*

GREETING

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

One: There is good news of great joy for all!

Many: **Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

One: Light shines on those who live in darkness,

Many: **for a child is born to us this night. Let us worship God.**

* HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

THE WAY ANNOUNCED

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 2:2-5

One: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many: **Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

One: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Many: **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

(Old Testament, page 602)

* HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

COMING OF THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND LIFE

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 7:13-14

One: Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?"

Many: **Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."**

READING

Luke 2:6-20

(New Testament, page 54)

ANTHEM

There is Faint Music

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

The Chancel Choir

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight; a frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow. A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger, safe and warm, and Mary singing lullabies, to hush her Baby's sleepy sighs. Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unbedded here is time and space, her heart is filled with blinding joy, for God's own Son – her baby Boy!

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Smazik

OFFERTORY

A Babe Is Born

William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Chancel Choir

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. Veni creator spiritus (Come, Creator Spirit). At Bethlehem that blessed place, the child of bliss now born he was; and him to serve God give us grace, O lux beata trinitas (O blessed light, the Trinity). There came three kings out of the East, to worship the King that is so free, with gold and myrrh and frankincense, A solis ortus cardine (From the pivot of the sun's rising). The angels came down with one cry, a fair song that night sung they in worship of that child: Gloria tibi Domine (Glory be to Thee, O Lord).

WALKING IN THE WAY

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 35:8a, 10

One: A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way.

Many: **And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;**

One: everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

Many: **they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

READING

John 1:1-14

(*New Testament, page 86*)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light has come. Rejoice!

Many: **The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us!**

One: The Prince of Peace is among us, bringing us light and life.

Many: **We have found the Messiah!**

HYMN 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

THE RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS DAY (*11:00pm only*)

*** HYMN 134**

Joy to the World

Antioch

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Kevin Graf, organ

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik
The Reverend Sarah Green
Patrick Allred, Director of Youth and Young Adults
Pastor Linda Gaden
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Ringers on the Green, The Chancel Ringers
The Chancel Choir

GREETERS

7:00 p.m.
Wendy & Ray Doidge, and The Quinn Family
11:00 p.m.
Diana Gulick and Kirsten Nazario

USHERS

7:00 p.m.
Rich Schwartz, Head Usher; Barbara Parke, Janeen Dougherty,
Sherry & Tom Guthrie, Griffin Thomas, and Jack Fraebel
11:00 p.m.
Jack Fraebel, Head Usher; Bill SanFilippo, Janeen Dougherty,
Lisa Fraebel, Kathy Zawacke, Karl Fenske, and Ray Stark

ACOLYTES

7:00 p.m.
Mekhi Lawrence and Liam Lawlor
11:00 p.m.
Colin Hoppes and Daniella Geary

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Worship Schedule:

We invite you to join us in worship at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown.

➤ **Sunday, December 29 Services**

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

More information on our Church, our programs and special musical events is available on our website www.pcmorristown.org

THE STAFF

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Sarah Green, Associate Pastor

Director of Music: **Dr. Matthew Webb**

Director of Children's Music: **Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro**

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