



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN**

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**November 29, 2020**  
*The First Sunday of Advent*

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**Celebration of Worship**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

The Reverend Sarah Green & Eric Sarver

One: Come, O light of the world. Shine in the darkness

Many: The darkness shall never overcome the light.

**Hymn 88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel*

**Confession and Pardon**

The Reverend Ed Halldorson

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Almighty God, you set before us the way of goodness and beckon us to follow you, but we disregard your teachings and disobey your word. You call people of every land to dwell in harmony, but we sow division and harvest discord. You command us to craft tools that sustain life, but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy. Forgive us, Lord. Your creation yearns for wholeness; your people long for justice and peace. Keep us ever watchful and awaken us to your ways as we wait in hope for the light of the world. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*)

One: Let us lay aside the works of darkness

Many: and put on the light of our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: Salvation is nearer to us than we can ever imagine.

Many: Let us live honorably as in the day and rejoice in the forgiveness of our God. Amen.

**A Time for Young Christians**

Alexandra Mead

**Moment for Mission**

Operation Love

Jean Johnson

**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

Patrick Allred

**O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading**

Matthew 1: 18-25

Daniella Geary

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Immanuel

Rev. Dr. Halldorson

**Prayers of the People and 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 82**

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Hyfrydol*

**Benediction**

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Daniella Geary, Kevin Graf, and The Choral Scholars. Thank you to Bruce Frazier, Richard Parke, Sheldon Rajkumar, and Jenny Tooley for their assistance.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Please check the website for the most up-to-date calendar.

Today at 9 a.m. – Sunday School at the Parish House

Monday, November 30 at 1:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Alexandra Mead via Zoom

Monday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Rev. Sarah Green via Zoom

Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group via Zoom

Wednesday, December 2 at 4:15 p.m. – Midweek and Middle School Youth Group at the  
Parish House Parking Lot

Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Vern Verhoef via Zoom

Friday, December 4 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group via Zoom

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson is our Bridge Interim Pastor. You can contact him at [ehalldorson@pcmorristown.org](mailto:ehalldorson@pcmorristown.org).

### **Sunday Morning Worship is available online.**

The service will be posted on the website on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m.



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