



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

December 13, 2020
The Third Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Clark Family

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

Many: There will be a new heaven and a new earth.

Hymn 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty 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 us, 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)

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.**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Patrick Allred

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.

Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-18

Derrick Hoover

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Word

The Reverend 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 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberystwyth

Benediction

Postlude

Chant du Roi Rene, op. 60
Carol Johnson, organ

Alexandre Guilmant

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Derrick Hoover, Kevin Graf, and members of the Chancel Choir. Thank you to Bruce Frazier, Richard Parke, Sheldon Rajkumar, and Jenny Tooley for their assistance.

Upcoming Meetings

Today at 1:15 p.m. – High School Youth Group at the Parish House
Monday, December 14 at 1:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Alexandra Mead
7:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Rev. Sarah Green
Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals via Zoom
Wednesday, December 16 at 4:15 p.m. – Midweek at the Parish House
4:15 p.m. – Middle School Youth Group via Zoom
7:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Vern Verhoef via Zoom
Friday, December 18 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.

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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