



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

December 6, 2020
The Second Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Lee Family

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

Many: **The days are coming when God shall raise up a righteous
branch.**

Hymn 85

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Tif In Veldele

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy Messiah, you come to us offering a life-changing, world-altering way of being, but we are ill-prepared to welcome you into our lives. We stubbornly cling to the ways we know and shroud our vision with too-small expectations. We grow impatient with waiting for the world to change while failing to see our part. We walk around a neighbor in need, rather than encounter a chance for compassion. Forgive us, Merciful Savior, and grant us assurance that the glory of your coming and the advent of your Kingdom do not depend upon the righteousness of your followers. Forgive us, and free us to try again. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: Every valley is lifted up; every mountain made low.

Many: **Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination

Patrick Allred

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-30

Colin Hoppes

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Messiah

Rev. Green

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer 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 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden Väg För Herran

Benediction

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

Upcoming Meetings

Today at 11 a.m. – Congregational Meeting via Zoom

1:15 p.m. – High School Youth Group at the Parish House

Monday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Alexandra Mead

7:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Rev. Sarah Green

Tuesday, December 8 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals via Zoom

Wednesday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m. – Dessert Fellowship via Zoom

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 11 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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