



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

December 20, 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

Welcome

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Bunge and Allison Families

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

Many: **O Rising Dawn, we greet you.**

Hymn 145

What Child is This?

Greensleeves

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 service. Amen.

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.**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Patrick Allred

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.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 8-14

Katherine Williams

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Savior

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 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Katherine Williams, 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 1:15 p.m. – High School Youth Group at the Parish House
Monday, December 21 at 1:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Alexandra Mead
7:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Rev. Sarah Green
Wednesday, December 23 at 7:30 p.m. – Advent Study with Vern Verhoef via Zoom

The Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp will begin as our Interim Pastor in January 2021.

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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