



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

January 3, 2021
The Second Sunday of Christmas

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Patrick Allred

One: The Word is here, made flesh to dwell among us.

Many: Jesus Christ is born!

One: The Light is here, shining in the darkness.

Many: Jesus Christ is born!

One: Grace and Truth are here, full of glory.

Many: Jesus Christ is born!

One: Let us worship God.

Hymn 141

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Personent Hodie

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you have given us everything; we have failed to respond with gratitude. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your Word; we answer with empty promises and lies. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your light; we try to hide ourselves from your glory. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your life; we squander even this most precious gift. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. In Jesus Christ, give us the faith and power to become what you created us to be: beloved children, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: This is God's promise, the sign and seal of our redemption as God's own people:

Many: We have been called by God, claimed in Christ, and set free through the Spirit.

One: Believe the good news:

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination

Shine upon us, God of glory, and by your Spirit reveal to us the grace and truth of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 1:10-18

One: This is the Word of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What's Next

Patrick Allred

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Benediction

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

The Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp is our Interim Pastor.

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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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