

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

But there is none of this passivity in scripture. Those who are waiting are waiting very actively. They know that what they are waiting for is growing from the ground on which they are standing. That's the secret. The secret of waiting is the faith that the seed has already been planted, that something has begun.

- Friedrich Wilhelm Foerster

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude Sunshine Singers - "Light one candle: Christ is coming" – Ahner

Advent Candle Lighting Susan Burkart

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**All: We are preparing for the full coming of God's Kingdom.
We watch for the coming of the Lord.**

One: A voice cries out:
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

All: We work for the redemption of the world.

One: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

All: We wait for God's glory to be revealed.

Call to Worship (from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

One: You know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep,

**All: For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we first became believers;
the night is far gone, the day is near.**

One: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light.

All: Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 88 "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
always with us, always coming:

We confess that we do not know
how to prepare for your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.
Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen."

Passing of Peace

Anthem Sunshine Singers - "Light a Candle for All to See" – Larson

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

First Reading: *Isaiah 64:1-8* OT 694 LP 849

Second Reading: *Luke 12:35-48* NT 74 LP 91

Sermon "Waiting and Working" – Rev. Drew Harrison

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "O Come O Come Emmanuel" - arr. Ringham

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Pastoral Prayer

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayers of the People

Please contact the church office for a copy of the prayer list.

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.

Words of Institution Rev. Drew Harrison

***Communion Hymn No. 92** "While We are Waiting, Come"

(Communion Servers, please come forward.)

Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.

The Sharing of the Supper

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us out into the world to prepare our hearts and our world for the advent of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn No. 105** "People, Look East"

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 62 "Love the Lord Your God"

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are."

Postlude "Carol of the Advent" - arr. Te Velde

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Communion Servers	Patty Januszewski, Mike Jurkiewicz, Jim Smathers, Betsy Wriggins
Liturgists	Sunday School and Linda Richardson
Greeter	Mildred Haines
Ushers	Karen Daly, Sunday School, Linda Waller
Tellers	Karen Daly, Steve Langlois, Glenn Stevick
Acolyte	Will Enezer

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera's focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.



Every Sunday, please join us in the Social Hall following worship service for coffee and fellowship at "Coffee Hour." All are welcome.

Music Notes

Today's offertory is taken from "An Advent Prelude," written in 2017 by William Ringham. The postlude is Rebecca Groom Te Velde's 2014 setting of the French folk melody "Besancon." The tune takes its name from the region of its origins: a city in eastern France, near the Swiss border, known for its cathedral and its 17th century citadel on a massive hill overlooking the Doubs River. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



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