

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Second Sunday in Advent

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

For Prayer & Contemplation

Peace does not come rolling in on wheels of inevitability. We can't just wish for peace. We have to will it, fight for it, suffer for it, demand it from our governments as if peace we God's most cherished hope for humanity, as indeed it is.

- William Sloane Coffin

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" – arr. Phillips

Advent Candle Lighting

Lionel Stewart and John Ridge

One: From the prophet Micah:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days,

**All: And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure,
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.**

Call to Worship

(Luke 1:78-79)

One: By the tender mercy of our God,

All: The dawn from on high will break upon us,

One: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

All: To guide our feet into the way of peace.

***Hymn No. 106** "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

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 Sanctuary Choir - "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" – Holst

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 40:1-11*

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Second Reading: *Luke 1:67-80*

NT 58 LP 70

Sermon "I Heard the Bells"

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Invitation to Offering

Remembering the gift of God's love, let us offer our gifts to the Lord.

Offertory "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" - arr. Hovland

*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 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.

***Hymn No. 87** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

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 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" - Phillips

*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.

Ushers & Greeters



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Jim Scanlon
Greeter	Bob Webb
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Darlene Powell, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Dan Enright, Liz DiGori, Darlene Powell
Advent Candle Lighting	Lionel Stewart, John Ridge

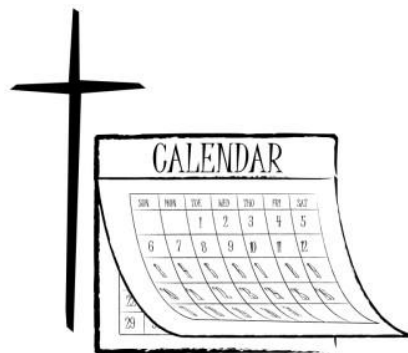
Music Notes

Today's prelude and postlude are American composer Craig Phillips' 2014 settings of the hymn tunes known as "Picardy" and "Genevan 42" (also known as "Freu dich sehr"). "Picardy" is a French traditional carol melody, and "Genevan 42" first appeared as a setting for Psalm 42 in the Genevan psalter of 1551. The offertory is a treatment of this same tune, by Norwegian composer Egil Hovland.

We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

God bless you on your birthday.

December 13	Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait Zane Kensil
December 14	Catherine Hutton
December 15	Pete Staman



This Week's Calendar December 10 through December 16	
<i>Sunday</i> December 10	All gifts for the angel tree are due today. 10am Worship 1115am Sunshine Singers
<i>Monday</i> December 11	7pm Property Committee
<i>Tuesday</i> December 12	9am WPS Christmas Pageant 530pm Youth Group 715pm Stephen Ministry
<i>Wednesday</i> December 13	9am WPS Christmas Pageant
<i>Thursday</i> December 14	9am WPS Christmas Pageant 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Sanctuary Choir
<i>Friday</i> December 15	7pm Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Baptist Church
<i>Saturday</i> December 16	830am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

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Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM**

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