

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

First Sunday of Advent

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, December 2, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

"...during times of darkness, you need to develop night vision; if you look straight ahead in the dark, directly at things, you often see only looming shapes, and you're likely to get blind-sided. So you need to look at things out of the corners of your eyes—shapes, positions, objects in relief and in relationship to one another. You may still not see perfectly, but it will be enough to see by and in time it will help you know what is true..."

-Anne Lamott

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "People, Look East" - arr. Ringham

Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

All: Alleluia!

Call to Worship (from Grace Church in London)

One: In this season of waiting, of longing,
of looking for you to come into our world
We are seeking light

In our own lives
All: **We are seeking light**

One: In our neighborhoods

All: **We are seeking light**

One: In our families

All: **We are seeking light**

One: In our work

All: **We are seeking light**

One: In our nation

All: **We are seeking light**

One: In our world

All: **We are seeking light**

One: Seek and you shall find

Knock and the door will be opened

Ask and it will be given to you

All: **Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world**

May we have eyes to see you

And ears to hear you

Come into our world today

Amen

***Hymn No. 97** "Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night"

Prayer of Confession (The Worship Sourcebook)

Lord, we have not kept watch for you.

We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.

We have not waited to find your will for us.

We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.

We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.

Forgive us our lack of watchfulness.

Help us to wait to know your will.

Help us to look out for the needs of others.

Help us to work and watch for your coming.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: As a mother comforts her child,

So I will comfort you, says the Lord.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn No. 582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

"Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen."

***Passing of Peace**

Anthem "Advent Message" – How – Sanctuary Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

(Children will return during final hymn.)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: **God be with you there.**

Children: **God be with you here.**

Scripture

- Habakkuk 2:1-5 OT 872 LP 1067
- Luke 21:25-36 NT 85-6 LP 104-5

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Night Vision" — Rev. Drew Harrison

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth...

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the live everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Christ, Be Our Light" - arr. DeJong

***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.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Giver of all good things, we rejoice in our gift of your Son. Accept
our gifts and bless them to your service. Shape us in your image
and fill us with your presence. 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

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

Mighty God, we give you thanks for feeding us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. Bless us and send us into the world to seek and proclaim your light. Amen.

*Hymn No. 105 "People, Look East"

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn No. 314 "Christ, Be Our Light"
"Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today."

Postlude "People, Look East" - arr. Bedford

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****

Music Notes 

Today's prelude is William Ringham's 2017 setting of the tune "Besancon," named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The postlude is Michael Bedford's version of the same carol. The offertory is Kenneth DeJong's 2015 arrangement of an Advent hymn by Bernadette Farrell. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Advent Lighting	Darlene Jacobson
Communion Servers	Jim Smathers, Patty Januszewski, Darlene Jacobson, Bev Ballard
Liturgist	Bev Ballard
Greeter	Peggy Price
Ushers	Cathy Russo, Jim Smathers, Jeff Downing, Vicki Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, Vicki Downing

<i>This Week's Calendar • December 2 to 9</i>	
<i>Sunday</i> December 2	1st Sunday of Advent Family Promise Hosting Week Begins 8:30 AM Deacons - Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Levite Sunday Clean Up/Nativity Set Up 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class
<i>Monday</i> December 3	6:15 PM Worship Committee - Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Session - Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> December 4	
<i>Wednesday</i> December 5	7 PM PW Memorial Service/Christmas Program - Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> December 6	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> December 7	
<i>Saturday</i> December 8	
<i>Sunday</i> December 9	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge 6 PM Christmas Caroling - Meet @ Sliding Glass Door

Happy Birthday

December 4	Ed Mitchell
December 6	Nancy Capanna

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

-  Communion on the first Sunday of the month
-  Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM