

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation

“Be more eager than you are. Take note of the seasons. Await the one who is beyond the season, the one who is timeless, the one who is invisible, who became visible for us, the one who cannot be handled, the one who is beyond suffering, who suffered for us, enduring in every way on our account.” - *St. Ignatius*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming” – Bennett

Advent Candle Lighting *Wichart Family*

Please join me in reading:

**A child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God...**

Call to Worship (*The Worship Sourcebook*)

One: King of Glory, you are God.

All: **You are powerful.**

One: You rule the entire world.

All: **We praise you because you are so great.**

One: But you became a baby.

All: **You were tiny and weak.**

One: You were just like us.

All: **We praise you because you came,
and we look forward to when you will come again.
In your name we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn No. 129 “Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”

Prayer of Confession (*The Worship Sourcebook*)

O promised Christ:

We are a world at war.

Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people.

Our pardon depends on your coming...

We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping your promises;
our only hope of doing God's will
is that you should come and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh,
our world waits
for your peace,
for your pardon,
and for your grace.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Comfort, Comfort my people, says your God.

Your sins are pardoned.

The penalty is paid.

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

*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

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem “Of the Birth of Christ” - Wonacott – *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

First Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 NT 2-3

LP 3

Second Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 OT 640-1

LP 784

*Hymn No. 101 “No Wind at the Window”

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Peace” - Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (*Barmen Declaration*)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world
for a free, grateful service to his creatures.
We reject the false doctrine,
as though there were areas of our life in which we would not
belong to Jesus Christ,
but to other lords—areas in which we would not need
justification and sanctification through him.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” - arr. Stearns

*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

Generous God, you fill us with good things. In thanks, we
offer you our hands, our hearts, and our treasures. Use all
our gifts so that this world might be transformed by your
love. Amen.

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.

*Hymn No. 97 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 543** "O Christ, Surround Me" v. 5
 "Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me."

Postlude "Chant setting for Advent 2" - Near

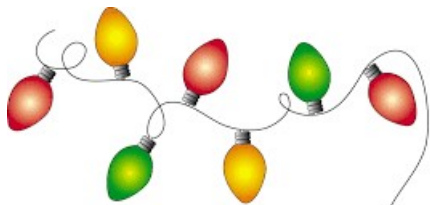
***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Acolyte	
Liturgist	Suzanne Carson
Greeter	Mary Pat Maier
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Linda Waller, Karen Daly
Tellers	Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlois, Karen Daly
Coffee Hr. Host	Cathy Russo

Music Notes

Today's prelude is Mary Beth Bennett's 2017 setting of the carol "Es ist ein' Ros'," originally published in a 1599 German hymnal. The offertory is based on the tune "Watchman" by Lowell Mason (1792-1872), which is the ALTERNATE tune for the text "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night." The postlude is taken from the Gregorian chant settings for Advent by Gerald Near. We thank the Sanctuary for sharing special music with us this



This Week's Calendar
 December 8-15

<i>Sunday</i> December 8	<i>Family Promise Hosting Week Begins</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice
<i>Monday</i> December 9	6 PM Property Committee - Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Session - Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> December 10	7 PM Invitation & Outreach Committee - Up Kitchen
<i>Wednesday</i> December 11	
<i>Thursday</i> December 12	7 PM Bell Choir Practice - Music Room 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - Music Room 8 PM Men's Bible Study - New Church Library
<i>Friday</i> December 13	7 PM Theology on Tap - Bonesaw Brewery
<i>Saturday</i> December 14	9:30 AM PW Core Board - Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Sunday</i> December 15	<i>Family Promise Hosting Week Ends</i> Virtual Poinsettia Order Forms Due Today 10 AM Worship (Lessons & Carols) 11:15 AM Youth Group Cookie Exchange - Social Hall 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee - Upstairs Kitchen *No Sunshine Singers Practice Today*

This Week's Birthdays

December 13	Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait
December 13	Zane Kensil
December 15	Pete Staman

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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