

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

3rd Sunday of Advent • *Lessons & Carols*

Sunday, December 15, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

“We could not become like God, so God became like us. God showed us how to heal instead of kill, how to love instead of hate, how to live instead of long for more. When we nailed God to a tree, God forgave. And when we buried God in the ground, God got up.”

-Rachel Held Evans

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Bidding Prayer

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.

Processional Hymn No. 140 “Once in Royal David’s City”

- Verse 1: *Maggie Carson*
- Verse 2: *Sunshine Singers*
- Verses 3 & 4: *Congregation*

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Lynn & Carol Schoepske*

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,
Everlasting Father...**

Lesson 1: *Genesis 3:1-7*

Old Testament pgs. 2-3; Large Print pg. 3

Anthem: “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” - arr. Organ
Youth Bell Choir

Lesson 2: *Samuel 8:10-22, 15-22*

Old Testament pgs. 251-252; Large Print pgs. 311-13

Anthem: “Shepherds’ Rocking Carol” - arr. Wagner
Tyler Bell Choir

Lesson 3: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Old Testament pg. 638; Large Print pgs. 780-4

Anthem: “Mary Had A Baby Boy” – Sims
Sunshine Singers

Lesson 4: *Isaiah 53:1-12*

Old Testament pg. 683-4; Large Print pg. 836-7

Invitation to Offering

***Offertory Hymn No.119** “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

***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.

Lesson 5: *Luke 1:67-79*

New Testament pg. 58; Large Print pg. 70

Anthem: “There Is No Rose” – Kenreich
Sanctuary Choir

Lesson 6: *Luke 1:39-55*

New Testament pg. 57; Large Print pg. 69-70

Anthem: “Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella” - arr. Eithun
Tyler Bell Choir

Lesson 7: *Luke 2:1-20*

Old Testament pg. 58; Large Print pg. 71

***Hymn No. 147** “The First Nowell”

(“Festival First Nowell” - arr. Dan Forrest)

Congregation on verses 1 & 6, Choir only on verse 2

Lesson 8: *John 1:1-14*

Old Testament pgs. 91-92; Large Print pg. 111

One: In the beginning was the Word,
All: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

One: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him,

All: and without him not one thing came into being.

One: What has come into being in him was life,

All: and the life was the light of all people.

One: The light shines in the darkness,

All: and the darkness did not overcome it.

One: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

All: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

One: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

All: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Closing Prayer

***Hymn No. 134** “Joy to the World”

Postlude “Once in Royal David’s City” - arr. Wold

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

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Advent Candle Lighting	Lynn Schoepske, Carol Schoepske
Greeter	MaryPat Maier
Ushers	Margaret Ginter, Nancy Stewart, Darlene Powell, Susan Burkart
Tellers	Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlois, Karen Daly
Coffee Hr. Hosts	Christian Education Committee



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Music Notes

Today's postlude is Wayne Wold's contemporary setting of the hymn tune "Irby," originally written in 1849 by Henry John Gauntlett. We thank the Youth Bell Choir, Sunshine Singers, Tyler Bell Choir, Sanctuary Choir and soloists for sharing special music with us this morning and we are especially grateful to our readers of lessons.



Sanctuary Flowers

Today's beautiful flowers decorating the chancel are in memory of beloved Don Zimmerman, given by family (Lisa, Beth, Laura & Cleo) & all who love him.



This Week's Calendar
December 15-22

<i>Sunday</i> December 15	10 AM Worship/Lessons & Carols 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice – Music Room 11:15 AM Youth Grp. Cookie Exchange – SH
<i>Monday</i> December 16	10 AM Joy Circle – Harrison House Diner 3 PM Trustees Meeting – Current Library
<i>Tuesday</i> December 17	5:30 PM 3 rd Meal Community Dinner – Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> December 18	1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> December 19	7 PM Bell Choir Practice - Music Room 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
<i>Friday</i> December 20	
<i>Saturday</i> December 21	9:30 AM Grace Circle
<i>Sunday</i> December 22	10 AM Worship *No Sunshine Singers Practice Today* 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Blue Christmas Service – Sanctuary

This Week's Birthdays

December 15	Pete Staman
December 17	Bobbie Griffith
December 17	Meghan Murphy
December 18	Jill Waselik
December 19	Elizabeth Conroy
December 20	Lynne Lowe
December 21	Caroline Conroy
December 22	Merrie Owen
December 22	Lois Miller



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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