



First Presbyterian Church  
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December 10, 2023

*Second Sunday of Advent*

10:00 AM

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

\* = Please stand in body or in spirit

**WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship here and online.** Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Ushers will collect them during the second hymn. Please ***remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.***

### GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”*  
Hand Bell Choir

Lloyd Larson

LIGHTING OF SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: by Marcia McFee

*As God's people, we have visions of the way the world should be. We envision the world as God intends it to be. We dream God's dream, of a world at peace. Jesus taught through the Beatitudes: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Advent is filled with longing for a new world of harmony and a deep desire for God to rule in all hearts and minds and souls. Advent is a time to reflect on what we can do to make this world more like the peaceable Kingdom of God.*

*Today we offer the Light of Peace to illumine the Door of Welcome. May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church. May Peace awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality. There is room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.*

**Congregational response:** HYMN # Blue 12 *“People Look East”*  
vs. 1-2

French Folk Melody

### HOUSING THE HOLY: MAKING ROOM

\* HYMN # Blue 13

*“Prepare the Way”*

Frans Mikael Franzen

### INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

ADVENT PRAYER: by Cheryl Lawrie

One: God, this is the season for miracles and we pray for one today. Where there is sorrow,

**All: We pray for your grace to light the darkness.**

One: Where there is despair,

**All: We pray for your hope to light the darkness.**

One: Where there is war,

**All: We pray for your love to light the darkness.**

One: Where there is confusion,

**All: We pray for your peace to light the darkness.**

One: Where there is injustice,

**All: We pray for your courage to light the darkness.**

One: It is the season for miracles and we pray for one today: Come, Lord Jesus, may your light come into our world. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Sung In unison)

HYMN # Green 103

*"Come, Lord Jesus"*

vs. 2

Carey Landry

## GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:1; 6-7

p. 638

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 1:67-78

p. 58

SERMON

*"A Season of Lights"*

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN # Blue 3

*"Comfort, Comfort You My People"*

Genevan Psalter

*(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and give it to an usher or email [office@fpcboonton.org](mailto:office@fpcboonton.org))*

TIME FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison) **"forgive us our sins, as...sin against us"**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"Advent Cannon"*

Michael Sharp

*(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)*

\* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN # Blue 38

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

Richard Storrs Willis

vs. 1,2,4

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"I Saw Three Ships"*

Joel Raney

Hand Bell Choir

**Pastor:** The Rev. Carie Morgan

**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner

**Lay Reader:** Martel Roberts

**Ministers:** All the People of the Church

## Announcements

**HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS** – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one. **PEW PILLOWS** – are available during worship for those of you who would like additional back support. Feel free to pick one up or have an usher bring one to you!

**LAY READER** – **Martel Roberts** is a Boonton resident along with her husband John, and their children, James and Amanda. Martel and John joined our congregation in 1998. Martel has served as a Co-advisor of the ROCK youth group, as a member of the PNC and is an ordained Elder who has served on the Fellowship and Memorials Committees and on the Scholarship subcommittee and is currently a Deacon. She works as a Business Education teacher at Randolph High School.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Shavaun Pizar in honor of her mom's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED** You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors or through our website. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The church office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and your dedication for the bulletin.

**COFFEE HOUR** Today is hosted by Marion Gingery. Please join us in the Library today for this special time of fellowship. \*Please consider sponsoring or hosting coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library). Congregational Life will provide coffee.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** – Join Pastor Carie the next few Wednesdays in Advent at 10:30am in the FPCB Library.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** – Join us this Friday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - Order a plant in memory/honor of a loved one. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews or donate through Breeze (use the dropdown menu and indicate loved one's name in the comments box) After the Candlelight service on Christmas Eve, you may take the poinsettia with you, or ask a Deacon to deliver it to a homebound member.

**Donations: \$10/plant**

**Last Day to Make a donation: Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**CANTATA** – God With Us! FPC-Boonton 2023 Christmas Cantata, Presented by *The Chancel Choir* And *Chamber Orchestra* Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Christmas Dinner follows

**CHRISTMAS DINNER “Around the World”** - FPCB Members, family and friends, Please Join us for Our Annual Dinner, Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, in Reighart Hall after worship. You won't want to miss this very special event - Menu will be a traditional turkey/ham dinner, Activities: trivia game, karaoke & photo booth with props and green screen. Tickets are \$18, Children 6-12 - \$5, under 5 – free. See Kim Robbins or Trish Herrera for tickets or sign up through Breeze.

**MEAL TRAIN** is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com or call or text 973-216-0787 if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

**MISSIONS** - We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

## SAVE THE DATES:

- Wed. Dec. 13: Advent Bible Study (Library) at 10:30 am
- Thurs. Dec. 14: Second Thursday Adult Group (Library) at 1:15pm
- Fri. Dec. 15: Hanging of the Greens at 7:00 pm
- Sun. Dec. 17: Christmas Cantata at 10:00 am
- Last Day to order Poinsettias
- Annual Church Christmas Dinner (RH)
- Wed. Dec. 20: Advent Bible Study (Library) at 10:30 am
- Sun. Dec. 24: Worship & Communion 10:00 am
- Sun. Dec. 24: Candlelight & Communion 11:00 pm



### **Hand Bell Choir Ringers:**

Ken Nickel  
Shavaun Pizar  
Roxanne Tavakkol  
Marjorie Roller  
Mandy Thompson  
Wendy Clarkson  
Lisa Hordnes  
Nancy van Dyke  
Mira Nickel  
Leslie Ficaro-Smith  
Denise Nickel

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### **December 10 – December 16 ~ *Second Sunday of Advent***

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Worship &amp; Handbells</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Library)
	11:30 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Session (Library)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Advent Bible Study (Library)
	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Thursday	1:15 pm	<b>Second Thursday</b> (Library)
	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Reighart)
Friday	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Cookie Packing
	7:00 pm	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b> (Sanctuary)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes

### **December 17 – December 23 ~ *Third Sunday of Advent***

Sunday	9:00 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Christmas Cantata</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Advent Bible Study (Library)
	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
	7:00 pm	Hubbel Power and Light using parking lot
Thursday	12:00 pm	Hubbel Power and Light using parking lot
	7:00 pm	NJ Conservatory Recital (Choir Room)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes

\*The calendar can also be found on our website <https://www.fpcboonton.org/calendar/>  
Office Hours M-F 8:30-1:30