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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent
Cantata "God With Us"

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 first hymn. Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"

arr. Roger C. Wilson

LIGHTING OF THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Being a shepherd was not easy work. Someone had to watch the sheep all the time, all day and all night. On one particular night, the dark sky was suddenly filled with light. As the shepherds' eyes adjusted to this light shining in the darkness, they were shocked to see an angel, a heavenly being.

Then, the angel proclaimed: "Do not be afraid, for I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Today, we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy and we remember the shepherds, we remember that in the dark of the night came light, and with the light, came a message of good news and great joy.

Congregational response: HYMN # Blue 12 *"People Look East"*

French Folk Melody

vs. 1-3

(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)

Verse I

People, look east.

The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east: Love the guest is on the way.

Verse II

Furrows, be glad.

Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:

Give up your strength the seed to nourish,

That in course the flower may flourish

People, look east: Love the rose is on the way.

Verse III

Birds, thought you long have ceased to build,

Guard the nest that must be filled.

*Even the hour when wings are frozen,
God for fledging time has chosen.*

People, look east: Love the bird is on the way.

GOD WITH US! –

Composed and arranged by: Pepper Choplin, Mary McDonald, Victor C. Johnson,
Jay Rouse, Lloyd Larson, Mark Hayes
Presented by: The Chancel Choir
Narrator: Betty Tilli

“COME, EMMANUEL!”

“O COME TO SET US FREE”

Soloist –Lynn Ware

“THIS CHILD”

“WE WAIT FOR THEE”

Soloist – Ken Nickel

“JOY TO THE WORLD!”

Soloist-Kathy Pizar

-congregation is invited to sing along-

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

“WHAT CHILD IS THIS?”

Soloists – Marjorie Roller & John Crozier

“GLORIA! TO GOD SING GLORIA!”

Soloists-Lisa Hordnes & Bruce Middleton

~ CHARGE & BENEDICTION ~

Pastor Carie Morgan

--Advent Choral Benediction: “Silent Night, Holy Night”

-congregation is invited to sing along-

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.

‘Round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face. With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend they light.
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

~ POSTLUDE – Fantasia on “Adeste Fidelis” -arr. Lani Smith~

*****Offering will be taken at the conclusion of the service as you exit the sanctuary*****

The cantata debuted this morning, "God With Us!", was purchased in loving memory of James Ward by his wife Marilyn Ward.

Cantata Singers:

Sopranos: Darlene Irwin, Diane Kearney, Pat Maraziti, Denise Nickel, Cassie Thompson, Nancy van Dyke, Rebecca Willer

Altos: Kathy Pizar, Debbie Stora, Allie Thompson, Mandy Thompson, Lynn Ware

Tenors: John Crozier, Lisa Hordnes, Shavaun Pizar, Marjorie Roller

Basses: Don Kearney, Mike Lyons, Bruce Middleton, Ken Nickel, Ryan Zollner

Instrumentalists:

Crispian Fordham, flute

Meredyth Coleman, oboe

Jessie Dromsky-Reed, French horn

Alec Hamilton, cello

Lisa Hordnes, bass

Leslie Smith-Ficaro, page turner

Henry Stoll, violin

Joan Tracey, piano

Patty Turse, harp

Special thanks to the members of the FPC-Boonton Chancel Choir, as well as our guest musicians, who have, and continue to enhance our worship services today and throughout the entire year. Your time, talent, and dedication is truly a gift from and to God. The love of music at FPC-Boonton continues to shine through you and the music you create in honor of His holy name during the season of Advent. I sincerely appreciate and thank the congregation, Pastor Carie, the Worship Committee, and Sandy, for the unending support for music ministry at FPC-Boonton. -Sarah Jane Zollner

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!

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Ward with deepest praise and thanks to God for His gift of a baby, Emmanuel, God With Us.

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 UPDATE: Today and on 12/24 there will be **no coffee hour** after the morning worship, and on 12/31 after worship please enjoy a time of fellowship and tasty treats at Pastor Carie's house, located on the premises, off the parking lot. *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 this Wednesday for the final study at 10:30am in the FPCB Library.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS LAST DAY TO ORDER– use envelopes provided in the pews to order one today \$10
See insert for more information

CHRISTMAS DINNER – It's not too late, please join us for the Christmas Dinner immediately following worship in Reighart Hall.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Worship & Communion at 10AM, Late Service 11:00PM, Candlelight and Communion.

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Ministers: All the People of the Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Christmas Dinner (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
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

December 24 – December 30 ~ *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship & Communion Christmas Eve (Sanctuary and online) No Coffee Hour Today
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
	10:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion (Sanctuary)
Monday	7:00 pm	Christmas Day (office hours may vary through New Year's)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
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

