



First Presbyterian Church
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December 8, 2024

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

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"Out Under the Sky"
Handbell Choir

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Nickel Family

Congregational response:

HYMN # Blue 22

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
vs. 1-2

Henry Thomas Smart

* ADVENT PRAYER:

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website

One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

All: Come, O Lord, and send us your light.

One: O come, O come, Immanuel. Come and bring the light of God.

All: Come and walk among us. Be our Savior and our Friend.

One: O come, O come, Immanuel.

All: Come to bring us your peace.

* HYMN # Blue 3

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"

Genevan Psalter

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE:

posted on the PC(USA) website

Most High God, for you nothing is impossible. Through a poor young woman in a small town, you gave birth to your realm of endless glory. By your Holy Spirit, fill us with new life and hope and overshadow us with your power and grace so that we, like Mary, might be your servants, bearing witness to the promise of your Word; through Jesus Christ, who is coming to reign.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Glorious God, you sent your Son into our world to show us who you are. As we hear these words of scripture, open our hearts to the Christ Child, the one that brings us your hope, your peace, your joy, and your love. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Isaiah 9:1, 6-7	p. 638
ANTHEM	<i>"With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting"</i>	Pepper Choplin
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Luke 1:26-38	p. 56
One: This is the word of God for the people of God		
ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD		
SERMON	<i>"God's Favored Ones"</i>	Pastor Carie Morgan
A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION		

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 53 *"What Child Is This"* William C. Dix
(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests or you can email the church office: 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 *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* Sondra Tucker
Handbell Choir

* 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 and 4

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Echo Carol"* arr. Karen L. Buckwalter
Handbell Choir

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

LAY READER – Dan Keoppel, is an elder of the church. He and his wife Donna make their home in Montville. They are the parents to six adult children, Zac, Jordan, Spencer, Grace, Addie and Nate and have been foster parents to 12 children.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 8 – December 14 ~ *Second Sunday of Advent*

Sunday	Handbells in Church
	8:30 am Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	4:00 pm Piano Tuning (Choir room and Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)
	7:30 pm NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	12:00 pm Women's Luncheon at Marilyn's
	4:30 pm NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm Scouts Wolf Den Meeting (Library or RH)
	7:30 pm AA Tuesday Group (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	Angel Tree Tags Due
	10:30 am Advent Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Friday	6:30 pm Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
Saturday	8:00 am Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	10:00 am Cantata rehearsal

December 15– December 21 ~ *Second Sunday of Advent*

Sunday	9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am 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	10:30 am Prayer Group (Library)
	4:30 pm NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	10:30 am Advent Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Thursday	7:00 pm Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Saturday	8:00 am Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission Outreach:

ANGEL TREE – FPCB partners with Boonton Social Services to provide holiday gifts to people in need in our community. Gift tags will be hanging from a Christmas Tree in our church. All gifts due back by 5pm, **Dec. 11th**. Questions? contact Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com

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.

Worship:

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

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!

Fellowship:

COFFEE HOUR – is hosted today by Congregational Life. Please join us in the library for this 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).

PRAYER GROUP – Will next meet on Tuesday **Dec. 17th at 10:30 am**, in the church library. All are welcome.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: The Angels of Christmas will meet Wednesdays at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – This Tuesday 12/10 at the home of Marilyn Ward, 108 Ely Rd. Boonton. Email marilynaward@msn.com or call/text 973 800-9810.

COOKIE SALE Attention all bakers and eaters of cookies! Sunday, December 22nd, the Presbyterian Women of FPCB will be hosting a cookie sale in the library during coffee hour.

All proceeds will go to benefit Loaves and Fishes. If you would like to donate cookies, please bring them to the library prior to church service. The cookies will be sold for \$10/bag and will make a great gift to yourself or others. Any questions, please contact Trish Herrera (201) 841-2144.



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 Christmas Eve Service, you may take the poinsettia with you, or ask a Deacon to deliver it to a home bound member.

Donations: \$10/plant. Last Day to Make a donation: Dec. 15th

SAVE THE DATES:

Tue. Dec. 10th Women's Luncheon at Marilyn's

- Wed. Dec. 11th Angel Tree Tags due
Fri. Dec. 13th Hanging of the Greens at 630 pm – Join us to decorate the
Sanctuary for Advent
Sun. Dec. 15th Cantata in Worship
Sun. Dec. 15th after Cantata – “Snowflakes” Christmas Dinner
Sun. Dec. 15th Last day for Poinsettia donations
Sun. Dec. 22nd Presbyterian Women Cookie Sale in the Library after worship
Tues. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve. Service 9 pm

Hand Bell Choir Ringers:

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