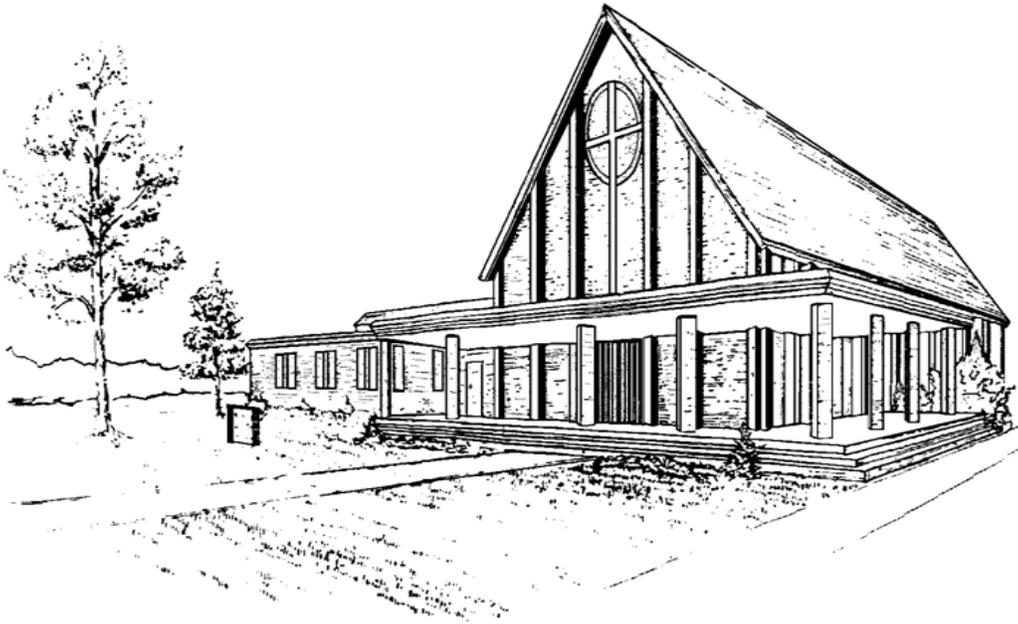


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GREENLAWN



Service of Worship

December 23, 2018

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

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*“...He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty...”*
(Luke 1:51-53, The Good News According to Mary)

CHIMES

Bill D’Andrea

HYMN No. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Elder Betty Chatfield

Break open our hearts to receive the love that has come to us in Jesus Christ. Pry open our anxious grip on life so that we can receive the hand of the One who reaches out to us in steadfast love. Remove the barriers we erect against your disruptive grace and unmanageable mercy. Come by here, O Lord, for we await your Advent.

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Mary McDonald

Tune: Gloria (traditional French melody)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fred Woodward

Please fill out “Ritual of Friendship & “Concerns of Our Church Family”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: Diane and Alex Kirchhoff, Meg Laawrence
In Matthew’s Gospel, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph, and announced the birth of a child through Mary who would be called “Jesus,” a son whose very name carried the promise of salvation. According to Luke, Mary received a birth announcement of her own to which she responded by declaring God’s partiality for the overlooked and disregarded.

Mary could not know what joys and sorrows would follow the birth of her child. But she knew enough to take her next step in faith. She knew enough to rejoice in, and fold herself into, the will of God.

It is for Mary that we light this fourth candle: Mary, blessed among women; Mary, the Lord’s lowly servant; Mary, who believed that through her, God was about to upend all the settled power structures that make nobodies of those whom God created to be somebodies; Mary, the instrument in whose hand God would fulfill his promise of blessing upon all those who dwell upon the earth.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 89)

Elder Betty Chatfield

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;

People: **With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all the generations.**

Leader: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

People: **You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations."**

All: **Let us worship God.**

* HYMN No. 48

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Fred Woodward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of our salvation, forgive us that we have neglected to look for You in the commonplace stables of our lives. Forgive us our slowness to heed the angels You have sent to guide us. Forgive us that we are slow to embrace the good news of your promised salvation. Forgive us that we have contented ourselves with something less than joy.

In this last Sunday of Advent, bring Christmas again to our hearts, and help us to become better bearers of God to and for a fearful world that even now is dying to hear the good news.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5: 2-5

pg. 973

Elder Betty Chatfield

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Carol of the Bells*

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Tune: Shchedryk by Mykola Leontovych

RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Betty Chatfield

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1: 26-55

pg. 1070
Pastor Fred Woodward

SERMON “Mary In The Age of #Me Too”

Pastor Fred Woodward

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL 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, the power, and the glory—forever. Amen

***HYMN No. 49**

Once In Royal David’s City

***BENEDICTION**

***SINGING OUR HOPE**

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be.

With God as our father

Brothers all are we.

Let me walk with my brother

In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now.

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment

And live each moment

With peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth,

And let begin with me

***POSTLUDE**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Mary McDonald
Tune: Adeste Fideles by John F. Wade

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, December 23, 2018

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Pastor Fred Woodward may be reached by cell phone at 631-626-3702

- **The flowers on the Lord's table** are given to the Glory of God.
- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service is David Hammer.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with Fellowship Hour today are David Hammer, and Corinne Burdett .
- **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP** this morning is Elder Betty Chatfield.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 1**, led by Bob Arelt, assists us in worship today.
- **ELDER ON CALL:** If you have a concern about the church or the life of the congregation, please speak with our "Elder On Call". Our Elder On Call for the week of December 23rd is Susan Perrotta.
- **DEACONS ON CALL** for the month of December are Debbie Eitel (718-463-3003) and Corinne Burdett (631-261-4636). If you or someone you know has a spiritual, physical, or financial need, the Deacon on Call will try to help you! Just call the Deacon or call the church office. All information will be kept confidential.
- **NEEDS REQUESTS:** If you know of someone in need, please fill out the blue form & place in the box located by the food pantry.
- The Board of Deacons is grateful to all of our church members who have helped to keep our pantry shelves stocked. **Currently there is a need for toilet paper, paper towels, cereal, canned fruit, pasta and sauces.** Cash donations can also be used by the Deacons to fill in items that need to be purchased.
- **FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL** We would encourage any and all to donate flowers for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. A check for **\$35** should be made to Greenlawn Presbyterian Church. To order flowers, please call Corinne Burdett (631-261-4636), our flower coordinator, or the church office (631-261-2150).
- Copies of **God With Us**, Christmas reflections from *Our Daily Bread*, can be found on the

table outside the church office.

Advent

*Advent, from the Latin word **adventus**, means “coming.”*

In Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ: the promised coming of the Messiah to the Jews; the coming of Jesus born in Bethlehem,; the promised return of the risen Christ in final victory; and the continuing coming of Christ into the hearts and lives of believers.

*“What keeps the wild hope of Christmas alive year after year in a world notorious for dashing all hopes is the haunting dream that the child who was born that day may yet be born even in us” (Frederick Buechner, *A Room Called Remember*, [San Francisco, Harper & Row, 1984, 65]).*

**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018
8:00 PM**



JACKETS FOR JESUS

**Please donate any gently used
coats and jackets.**

Collection box in hall by church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

***Please lift up the
following in prayer:***

Our church members and their individual struggles; Evelyn S.; Alan L.; Bill M.; Baby Cordelia Rose; Baby Jesse; Brandon P.; Camille F.; Cassell; Diane H.; Dottie H.; Eli; Elizabeth R.; Gloria A.; Jack F.; Jamie W.; Ed & Cathy C.; Kayla; Matthew W.; Maria H.; Nadia M.; Patti C.; Rosie P.; Terry H.; Tom D.; Tom M.; Pastor Tim; please pray for God’s comforting and healing presence for all; all in Nursing homes; shut-ins and care-givers; our Pastor; our church members and their families; missionaries around the world; our Armed Forces and their families; our nation and its leaders; all in harm’s way of terrorists; victims of natural disasters and those without basic conveniences; the homeless and the hungry; and please pray for all who need His help.

Today, December 23, 2018	Choir Worship/Sunday School	10:00 am 10:30 am
Monday	Church Office Closed	
	Christmas Eve Family Worship	8:00 pm
Tuesday	Merry Christmas	
Wednesday	Church Office Closed No Bible Study	2:00 pm
Thursday	Church Office Closed	
Friday	Church Office Closed	
Saturday		
Next Sunday, December 30, 2018	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am