

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday

10:30 am

December 3, 2017

First Sunday in Advent

CHIMES

Bill D'Andrea

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Elder Margaret Negrelli

O loving God, You have awakened us from sleep and have led us here. Now awaken us to your presence as we prepare to encounter your Living Word.

You came to us in a burning bush, in an angel's song, and in a newborn child. You will be born where You will be born, so help us keep watch so that we might be found whenever and wherever You come to us.

As our days continue to shorten, make your light shine upon us so that we may more perfectly love you and more faithfully reflect your light into the world You are even now redeeming in love. You are our God, and we are your people, and we await your advent. Come quickly!

PRELUDE

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 Lawrence

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 80)

Elder Margaret Negrelli

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

People: Awaken your might; come and save us.

Leader: Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

People: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Leader: Revive us, and we will call upon your name.

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People: **Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**
All: **Let us worship God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Fred Woodward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Light, once again we approach this season of Advent more than a little anxious and overwrought. Busy with all our goings-on, caught up in our life rather than fully living it, we forget to watch for your coming. Trying to do everything ourselves, we leave You little room to act. Bloated by our consumerism, we unwittingly refuse your feast of hope.

Surprise us in your beckoning, your newness that we can neither control nor manage. Help us to shed what is inessential in our lives this Advent to receive what is truer and gentler and more life-giving.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Fred Woodward

***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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 64: 1-9

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Elder Margaret Negrelli

***HYMN No. 2**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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 Margaret Negrelli

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 13: 32-37

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Pastor Fred Woodward

SERMON: “What To Do When You Don’t Know What Time It Is”

Pastor Fred Woodward

COMMUNION HYMN No. 511

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
(verses 1,3)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

EUCCHARISTIC LITANY

Leader: God be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Great and wonderful are your deeds O God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O Ruler of the ages. We give you thanks, for you have created all things, and by your will they exist. You have delivered your people from bondage, and you have given to us Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Savior of the world, who has won for us the victory over sin and death and all evil.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of love and majesty.

The whole universe speaks of your majesty, O God Most High.

Leader: Glory be to you, O Christ, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God people from every tribe, tongue, people and nation and made them a nation of priests to serve our God.

People: The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive power, wisdom and might; honor, glory and blessing.

All: Spirit of God, touch our lives deeply, and make us truly yours; and bless these gifts of bread and wine. O Living Christ, bright morning star of this darkened world, come and be our guest. Name us, mark us, and claim us as your own. Free us from bondage to the powers of this world. Glory be to you! Amen.

INVITATION

WORDS of INSTITUTION and the DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All)

Gracious God, in gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Having shared this living bread, we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. For You have spared nothing, Holy God, going with us into the depths of human experience to raise us up into your hope for the healing of the world. So now raise us up in Christ to feed the hungry, bind up the brokenhearted, comfort and care for all in need to the glory of your holy name we pray. Amen.

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

***CLOSING HYMN No. 15**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

***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**

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, December 3, 2017

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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.
- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** (ages 3-6 and 7-12) are available each Sunday. Please ask the ushers for a bulletin for your child
- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service are Jayne and Michael Ramirez and family..
- **ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** today is Elder Margaret Negrelli.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with fellowship hour today are Barbara Small and Stephanie Horne.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 6**, led by Diane Kirchhoff, 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 3rd is Ruth Satterlee.
- **DEACONS ON CALL** for the month of December are Debbie Eitel (718-463-3003) and Arlissa Dean (631-266-3497). 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 cereal, canned fruit, pasta and sauces.** Cash donations can also be used by the Deacons to fill in items that need to be purchased. Thanks to all of you who remember our pantry each week as you shop for your family.
- **FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL** We would encourage any and all to donate flowers for birthdays, anniversaries, "in memory of", 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The Hope of Christmas,

a booklet of ten devotionals to be used during the Advent season,
is available for your use.

They can be found in the basket on the table in the lobby.



Join us for our
Annual Living Nativity
which will be held next Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 pm,
With dinner to follow at 6:00 pm!

Look for the **Jackets for Jesus** box in
the hallway through Sunday 12/17/17.
Gently used clean jackets, coats, scarves and gloves can be donated to
help keep someone warm this winter ☺

Christmas Eve Family Worship
One service at 8:00 PM
“Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King”

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Our church members and their individual struggles; Ahna; Alan L.; Cassell; Craig B.; Diane H.; Ed. C.; Maria H.; Matilda H.; Meg L.; Mike P.; Ruby W.; Pastor Tim; Susan; please pray for God's comforting and healing presence for all; all in Nursing homes; shut-ins and caregivers; our Pastor; our church members and their families; our Armed Forces and their families; our nation and its leaders; all in harm's way of terrorists; and please pray for all who need His help.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, December 3, 2017	Worship/Sunday School/ Communion First Sunday in Advent	10:30 am
Monday		
Tuesday	Deacons Personnel Committee	7:30 pm 7:30 pm
Wednesday	Pastor Fred's Happy Hour Bible Study	2:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, December 10, 2017	Worship/Sunday School/ Deacon Sunday Living Nativity/Dinner Second Sunday in Advent	10:30 am 5:00 pm