

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland
December 1, 2019 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship
First Sunday of Advent



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us — this bread, this cup,
these people — Christ’s body, given in love for the world.

Make us one in the Spirit, one in the church, and one with Christ our Lord.

Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone.

Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, as we pray, **Our Father....**

Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

All Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to receive the sacrament.

Communion will be served by intinction (take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup).

Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

Persons who have difficulty walking forward are invited to signal a server to be served in the pew. Gluten-free bread and chalice are by the baptismal font.

Prayer after Communion

God of grace,

you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love

and help us to serve you in each other

as we look for the coming of your holy realm.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

✦ **HYMN 83** - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

STUTTGART

✦ **BENEDICTION**

I invite you to face the center aisle as the light moves out into the world

and say our Advent blessing with me:

Go with God into this day may the Holy Spirit guide your way

Offer peace to all you greet like Christ, see God in whomever you meet.

POSTLUDE - *Vom Himmel Hoch, da komm ich her*

Pachelbel

Today's liturgy is from www.worshipdesignstudio.com.

HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS.
SANCTUARY EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (Pass the greeter pad down the pew and back.)

PRELUDE - *Appalachian Sunrise*

Joe Martin

(Inspired by II Samuel 23:4 - “He is like the light of morning at sunrise...” The composer wrote this while at the piano, looking out at the hills and watching snow begin to fall.)

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

***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.***

✦ **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & PRAYER OF OPENING**

We enter this season of waiting, by lighting this first candle,
anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Advent God, we open ourselves to hear your call today
to become those who not only wait, but also work, for peace
in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

✦ **HYMN 756** - *O God of Every Nation*

LLANGLOFFAN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

As we prepare to hear God’s word to us this day, let us take a moment of silence, of calm, in order to center our hearts, let go of those things in our lives that we regret, asking God for the peace of forgiveness. (Silence.)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

(Pre-k to 1st grade children may attend Discovery after Time with Children; 2nd to 5th grade children remain in worship. Worship Bags and the Red Wagon are available at rear. Complete and return the questionnaire to the Activity Room for a surprise!)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:00) - *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 2:1-4

ANTHEM (11:00) - *Advent Promise* Ruth Elaine Schram

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. For unto us a Child is born, a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder and He shall reign on David's throne forever.

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Jeremiah 33:14-18

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 94 - *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

JEFFERSON

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Emily Downey (11:00)

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Wilbur Held

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, your creative presence makes the earth abundant.

You provide us with what is needed, in your love.

Through this offering, we participate in your work,
so all your people might be blessed with joy, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

How can we thank you, O God?

For sun and moon and stars, for breath and life and all things good,
for your steadfast promise and your faithful love,
for the day that is surely coming when all things will be made new.

With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,

we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord... (Hymn 552)

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,

who came to be your living Word,

to baptize us with Spirit and fire,

to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty,

and to announce the good news of your coming realm.

With thanksgiving, we remember how, when the hour had come,

Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles.

He said to them, I will not eat this Passover again

until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal,

remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come Lord Jesus!

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Lisa Rzepka; **Liturgists:** Paul Murphy (8:30), Betsy Stewart (11:00); **Time with Children:** Miss Good (11:00); **Ushers:** Dave, Jeannie, Noah & Matthew Heimann (8:30), Joe & Judi Dunn, Dave & Jean Williamson (11:00); **Acolyte:** Jeannette Manseau (11:00); **Discovery:** Miss Good (11:00); **Safety Officers:** Linda Hanifin Bonner, Emily Downey (11:00); **Candle Lighters:** Bernie & Louise Wulff (8:30). sisters Cathy Pekel and Marilyn Outerbridge (11:00); **Communion:** Rae Jean Goodman (8:30), Susan Gilhooly, Alma McIntyre, Russ Good, Susan Thurber, Elizabeth Hancock (11:00).

STAFF NEWS - Thank you to Mary Marie Quigley and Doug Jackson for filling in for Bob Muckenfuss on vacation today. Thank you to Providence Center for collating the bulletin each week and to Kit & Carter Gibson for their monthly assistance with the newsletter, as well as Kit's weekly coverage of the church office during the Wednesday Staff meeting. The staff is thankful for our volunteers!

OUR SYMPATHIES - to the family of Maurine Bailey, member since 2004, who died November 22. A private, family service is planned.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

To symbolize the Advent season -- a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ -- sanctuary decorations will unfold over the four Sunday's of Advent. Each Sunday in Advent will include a new element, with full decoration on Christmas eve.

December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent; NOTE: Gift Market at 9:30 am, Caroling at Noon!

Rev. Rzepka will preach on joy from Isaiah 40:1-5 and Matthew 1:18-25. The Bell Choir will ring at 11:00 am.

Wednesday, December 11 - Taizé Worship, 7:30 pm, St. John Neumann Church

Service of prayer, scripture and chant, this month at St. John Neumann Church on Bestgate Road. Co-hosted monthly with our worship partners, St. Mary's Parish.

December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent; NOTE: One 10:00 am Service

New this year, there will be one worship service for the cantata, "Hodie Apparuit" by Chester Alwes, on this third Sunday of Advent. A congregational meeting will follow at 11:05 am and a choir reception in Fellowship Hall afterward.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - in sanctuary & <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/newsletter>.



INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT EVENT TODAY - Education Hour in Fellowship Hall for all children, youth and adults. Make a wreath, Christmas cards, and Advent chains to usher in the season! Pick up a copy of the Advent devotional, "Straw for the Manger." Shop the market and visit the fair. NOTE: reindeer games for busy deer in the 3rd floor Activity Room.

MISSION FAIR & GIFT MARKET - Did you miss the Mission Fair and Alternative Gift Market today at 9:30? Fear not! We'll be back next Sunday, December 8 from 9:30-11:00 am in Fellowship Hall with gifts and donor opportunities. Come visit and learn more about FPC's presence in the community and the world. One stop shopping at its best!



CAROLING - Visit our homebound friends December 8, 12:00 noon. Gather in Fellowship Hall for pizza then break into small groups to make visits. Sponsored by the Deacons. For planning and lunch, RSVP to kevbmillier@comcast.net.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS - Sunday, December 15, 11:05 am.

YOUTH HOLIDAY REMINDERS:

- ❖ Carol with the Deacons, December 8, 12:00 pm
- ❖ Celebrate at the Youth Christmas Party December 15, 5:00 pm
- ❖ Serve at the Lighthouse Shelter Dinner, December 20, 4:30 pm, RSVP Miss Good

DONATE POINSETTIAS - in memory or honor of a loved one(s). Remit \$20 per plant online (www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/give), by mail, or in the offering plate (payable to First Presbyterian Church). Please indicate for whom they are purchased and your relationship. Deadline is December 17. Plants will be in worship December 22 and 29.

Name, phone _____

Quantity _____

Relationship _____

Honor or memory of? _____



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 12/1	FIRST ADVENT; COMMITMENT SUNDAY	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Communion</i>
	9:30	Intergenerational Advent Event, Mission Fair & Gift Market , CLAMS (FH)
	9:30	Pick-Up "Straw for the Manger" Devotional (FH)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Communion</i>
Mon 12/2		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	7:00	Staff Committee (KC1a)
		7:15 ACOA (Music)
		8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 12/3	6:30	Mission Committee (KC4a)
	7:00	PNC (KC1a)
Wed 12/4	12:00	Staff (KC1a)
	4:00	Bible Study (KC1a)
	6:30	Czech Partnership (KC4a)
	7:00	Stewardship (KC1a)
Thurs 12/5	9:00	Archives (KC6a)
	9:30	PWC Board (Smith home)
	6:30	Bell Choir (music)
	7:30	Chancel Choir (music)
Fri 12/6		10:00 STAIR Coordinators (KC4a)
		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
		3:00 Private Use (ZW 1 st floor)
Sat 12/7	10:00	Circle 5 (LeBlanc home)
	11:00	Memorial & Reception - <i>Bob Bates</i> (sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
Sun 12/8	SECOND ADVENT	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Education Hour; Christmas Eve Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	9:30	Fair & Market (FH)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)
	12:00	Christmas Caroling & Pizza Lunch (meet in FH)
12:00	Sanctuary Set-Up	

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

The Planned Giving & Memorials Committee is now accepting applications for Endowment Fund grants. The submission deadline for 2020 grants is close of business, Friday, January 3.

What may grants be for? Grants are awarded to support spiritual, mission, outreach, and other programs of the church as well as to improve the church's physical facilities. Examples of recent grants include the large screen TV in McBee Fellowship Hall, support for the long-term volunteer program in the Czech Republic, new sanctuary paraments, seed money for the organ CD, the sanctified art worship program, refinishing the old communion table, church signage, storm windows throughout our campus, and purchase of the church's automated external defibrillators. Please note these are all one-time activities. Grants are normally not used to support budgeted or ongoing activities.

Who should apply? You! All program requests should be made through the appropriate committee chairs (please see the front of the church directory). Requests relating to facilities should be directed to the Board of Trustees.

Administrative details? This year, the deadline for submitting a grant application is close of business, Friday, January 3, 2020. Application forms and further information are available on the Church's website. Grant applications should be forwarded to Chuck Goodman, chair of the Planned Giving & Memorials Committee, either via email (cgoodman@crgadesign.com) or his mailbox outside the church office. Download the application from our website: <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/library/public/documents/Planned-Giving/Grant-Application.pdf>.

Lisa Rzepka, Transitional Pastor

Bob Muckenfuss, Music Director & Organist / Miss Good, Family Ministry Director

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**FPC MISSION STATEMENT: WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE,
LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8**