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The liturgy is from www.worshipdesignstudio.com.

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Lisa Rzepka; **Liturgists:** Bob Foye (8:30), Gordon Duvall (11:00); **Time with Children:** Miss Good (11:00); **Ushers:** Jane MacMurray, Betsy Stewart (8:30), Martha & Madeleine Boudreau, Barbara Morris, Bill Hatchl (11:00); **Acolyte:** Jeanette Manseau (11:00); **Discovery:** Sharon Wiegand, Noor Khaleel (11:00); **Safety Officers:** Mike McDermott, Jim Nelson (11:00); **Candle Lighters:** Carol Patterson (8:30), Natalie, Chappy & Chloe Vowell (11:00); **Musicians:** We welcome our guest musicians this morning, Phyllis Crossen-Richardson, clarinet, Melina Gajger and Dana Goode, violin, Alice Young, viola, and Lukasz Szyrner, cello; **Minute:** Dave Heimann.

STAFF NEWS - John Jamieson is on vacation December 23-31 and Lisa Rzepka, Dec. 26-Jan. 2.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 pm - "with toddler in mind" and live nativity (20 minutes)

5:30 pm - Traditional service with Carols & Readings (nursery care offered)

8:00 pm - Candlelight Worship with Special Prelude Music, Harp and Cello (arrive EARLY)

December 29 - First Sunday after Christmas

Rev. Karen Brown will preach one service at 11:00 am only. Mary Marie Quigley will serve as guest organist and there will be two soloists.

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 HUMBLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8**

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland *December 22, 2019 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship* *Fourth Sunday of Advent: Hope*



"Let Us Sing"

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

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

Minute for Generosity

PRELUDE (11:00) - *Bethlehem Down*, David Hancock, soloist

Peter Warlock

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

*Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,
"Alleluia" to our King: "Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born."*

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

The season of waiting is almost over. We light the fourth candle, anticipating the coming light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Let us pray: God of our future, we open ourselves to hear your call today – the call to keep hope alive no matter the troubles we face.

Help us to never lose hope and to offer hope to all around us – making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

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

✦ **HYMN 129** - *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ES IST EIN' ROS'

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

Many the gifts, many the people, many the harts that year to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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!)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Luke 1:26-38

SOLO (8:30) - *Bethlehem Down*, David Hancock, soloist

Peter Warlock

ANTHEM (11:00) - *What Sweeter Music*

John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turned to May. Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth gives life and luster, public mirth. To heaven and the underearth. We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers, turns the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome him. The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart, which we will give him, and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honor; who's our King and Lord of all this reveling. What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Luke 1:39-56

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

"Sacred People: Mary"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✠ **HYMN 100** - *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Concluding with the Lord's Prayer using "debts" and "debtors," *Hymnal*, page 35.)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rae Jean Goodman (8:30)

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY (8:30) - *The Holy Boy*

John Ireland

(11:00) - *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (text in *Glory to God*, #121) Dan Forrest

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You deliver us, O God,
from exile, separation, and despair
into communion with each other,
with you, and with your good news.
We thank you for all that draws us close together,
astounding us with lives transformed by gratitude.
Accept our gifts as signs of our gratitude
and as honor to your presence in our world.

Amen.

✠ **HYMN 123, VS. 1, 2, 4, 5** - *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

✠ **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 Spirit guide your way.

Offer love to all you greet Like Christ.

See God in all you meet.

POSTLUDE - *Ding Dong Merrily on High*

arr. Mark Hayes

(ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D)

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS - The Planned Giving & Memorials Committee is accepting applications for grants. The deadline is January 3. Grants are awarded to support spiritual, mission, outreach, and other programs of the church as well as to improve the church's physical facilities, typically to support one-time activities (not ongoing events). Requests should be made through the appropriate committee chairs (for example, request a mission-related item through the Mission Committee Elder or a facilities item through the Board of Trustees). Email Chuck Goodman (cgoodman@crgadesign.com) for information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 12/22	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Education Hour
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)
	12:00	Christmas Eve Rehearsal (sanctuary)
Mon 12/23	12:00	Noon AA (FH)
	7:15	ACOA (Music)
	8:00	Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP	
	12:00	Office Closed
	4:00	"With the Toddler in Mind" and Live Nativity (20-minutes)
	5:30	Family Service with Readings and Carols (nursery care offered)
	8:00	Candlelight and Chancel Choir (arrive <i>early</i>)
Wed 12/25	CHRISTMAS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Thurs 12/26		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Fri 12/27		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Sat 12/28	6:00	College Youth Dinner (Miller home)
Sun 12/29	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)
	12:00	Worship Committee (sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE TAKE A SPECIAL OFFERING - known as the Christmas Joy Offering, which has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

KC4A ADULT CE CLASS - studying the Old Testament, will meet this morning. We will not meet December 29, but resume January 5.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBMIT - your 2020 estimated giving for our Generations of Generosity campaign. You should have received your personal 2020 estimated giving envelope at church or in the mail. In order to prepare the 2020 budget, YOUR ESTIMATE us needed **BEFORE DECEMBER 31**. It is easy to submit:

- **Place** your estimated giving card in the offering plate or giving box at rear.
- **Mail** to FPC, 171 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis MD 21401.
- **Submit** online: <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/estimatedgiving>.
- **Call** (410.267.8705) and leave a confidential message or speak with Sharon or Dottie.
- **Email** businessmanager@annapolis-presbyterian.com.

"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO." - JESUS (MATT. 6:21)

MICHAEL ANELLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HAITI REFORESTATION PARTNERSHIP - will visit Annapolis and give a talk on Sunday, January 12, at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. Come hear how CODEP is moving forward despite the tough political unrest. Michael will also be speaking at Youth Fellowship that evening.

NEW YEAR'S EVE INTERFAITH CELEBRATION - December 31, 6:30 pm music, 7:00 pm service at Eastport United Methodist Church (926 Bay Ridge Ave., Annapolis). New Year's Eve event that combines communal singing, ensembles, prayers and readings by multiple faith groups.

SIGN-UP FOR THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL - Visit www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email. Complete the very short form and look for a verification email in your inbox. Stay informed each week about church happenings!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Given in honor and in memory of, and for the glory of God.

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>DONOR</u>
James Allison	father, grandpa	Allison family
David & Vesta Anderson, Paul & Lois Williamson; parents		Dave & Jean Williamson
John & Anna Balacki	parents	Craig & Maggie Leffler
Virginia Ballard	friend	Clair & Barbara Morris
Bill Blades	husband	Mary Ann Blades
Bob & Arlene Booe, William & Hedwig Robinson; parents		Amy Booe & Will Robinson
Alan Brooks	father, "PopPop"	Allison family
William E. Burroughs	father	John & Barbara Burroughs
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Dick Daniels	husband	Daniels family
Rick Daniels	son	Daniels family
Val Nordgren Eshleman	friend	Clair & Barbara Morris
Ray & Ruth Foote	parents	Craig & Maggie Leffler
Robert & Dorothy Foye	parents, grandparents	Foye family
Amy Garnette Morris-Crain	daughter	Clair & Barbara Morris
Timothy Goulding	brother	Anne & Ted Foster
Our grandparents	-	Mark & Connie Moran
Robert & Jean Haines	parents	Alison Whitacre
Stephanie Haines and Deborah Hawkins; sisters		Alison Whitacre
S. T. Hays	father	Steve & CC Hays
Eileen Hebert	friend	Patricia Patten
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Howell	parents	Joyce Fowler
Dick & Sharon Hunter	husband & daughter	Alice Hunter
Dawn Jennings	wife	Bryan Jennings
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Lesley Moore Keogh	daughter	Martha & Tim Wooldridge
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Robert Liley	husband	Phyllis Liley
Amy Lindquist	daughter	Phyllis Liley
Judy Luce	friend	Patricia Patten
Howard Lyon	father	Barb & Bill Hatchl
Janette Blackmer Marks	mother	Katherine Cahill Gibson

Shirley Mohr	mother, great-grandmother	Kathy Roland, Billy, Ella & Kenneth
Kenneth Moore	spouse	Martha & Tim Wooldridge
Connie Moran	my beloved wife	Mark Moran
Our parents	-	Bev & Ed Hemminger
Our parents	-	Mark & Connie Moran
Our parents	-	Helen & Roger Krone
Our parents and families	-	Jack & Judy Dryden
William & Dorothea Parmenter	parents, grandparents	Foye family
Rudy Patten	nephew	Patricia Patten
Ralph Reeder	husband	Margene Reeder
Leon & Betty Rzepka	parents	John & Lisa Rzepka
Charles Sadler II	nephew	Mary Ann Blades
Charles & Rae Sadler	brother & sister-in-law	Mary Ann Blades
Edith & Charles Sadler	parents	Mary Ann Blades
Evelyn Sadler	sister	Mary Ann Blades
Skip Smith	husband	Gerri Smith
Barbara & Charles Voorhees	parents	Nancy Voorhees Balenske
Edward Weber	husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather	Ethel Weber
Eleanor & Westy	parents	Chris West
Mary Wooldridge	spouse	Martha & Tim Wooldridge



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Meredith Allison	mom, grandma	Allison family
Ellen Hays	mother	Steve & CC Hays
Midshipmen we have sponsored	friends	Mark Moran
Kathleen McGilvrey & Bill Montgomery	parents	Steve & CC Hays
Lisa & John Rzepka	pastor and friend	Connie Scott
Our wonderful FPC staff	-	Judy & Jack Dryden