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THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Karen Brown; **Liturgist:** Karen Smith; **Time with Children:** Miss Good; **Discovery:** Miss Good, KeyArya Eldridge-Lewis; **Ushers:** Allyson, John, Jackson, & Preston Lastowski, Barbara & Clair Morris; **Safety Officers:** Ted Mussenden, Mark Moran; **Guest Organist:** Mary Marie Quigley.

ABOUT REV. DR. KAREN V. BROWN - Pastoral Associate at Grace Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Rev. Brown received her Bachelor's Degree from Towson University, a Masters of Divinity from Union Seminary in Richmond, and a Doctorate in Metro Urban Ministry from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She served as the Associate Pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian (1994-2005). For 15 years, she served as the Executive Director of the Madison Avenue Family Life Center, an agency with a 3 million dollar annual operating budget. Currently, Karen serves as the Resource Developer for Intersection of Change which operates Martha's Place, an housing program for women in recovery; Jubilee Arts, cultural arts program serving 2500 people annually; and Strength to Love II, an urban farm.

STAFF NEWS - Bob Muckenfuss is on vacation today and Rev. Rzepka through January 2. Thank you to volunteers Kit Gibson, Louise Wulff, and Cathy Starnes for covering the office on Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm; this is a gift to the church and Sharon is grateful!

WELCOME KEYARYA ELDRIDGE-LEWIS - to our church nursery. KeyArya comes with a vast amount of child care experience to share with our little ones. Stop by and say hello!

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 29, 2019 – 11:00 am Worship

First Sunday of Christmas



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold** in unison.

PRELUDE - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Arr. Don Wyrzten

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

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

Let us Praise the Lord.

✦ **HYMN 143** - *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your son. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Raise your heads, children of God! In the bleak mid-winter of our lives, our redemption draws near. In the springtime of our doubts, the kingdom of God approaches. Even when we feel most alone, the One who comes to us is the salvation promised so long ago. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, Joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Pre-k to 1st grade children may attend Children's Discovery after the message.
Older children remain in worship; activity bags available from ushers.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 9:6-7

SPECIAL MUSIC - *The Jesus Gift*, Linda Barbour, soloist

Gilbert Martin

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON - "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 136** - *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

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

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - *Were You There on that Christmas Night?*, Nick Pekel, soloist Natalie Sleeth

✦ **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

✦ **HYMN 119** - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

✦ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *Joy to the World*

arr. Wilbur Held

*At the conclusion of worship, you are invited to take poinsettia plants to
friends, family, or neighbors who could benefit from the comfort they bring.*



LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

January 5 - Celebrate Epiphany; Remember White Gifts!

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am as we celebrate Epiphany with the annual pageant. 11:00
am Discovery not offered but Sunday School and Coffee Hour as normal.



During the service we bring food items wrapped in white paper as a gift
for Baby Jesus. Food will be donated to the Backpack Buddies (BB)
program at Annapolis Elementary School. *Small, individual portions* are
ideal for children to carry home from school. Monetary donations may
be made online (www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE) or in the offering plate.

January 12 - Baptism of the Lord

Rev. Rzepka will preach. The Presbyterian Women in the Congregation will hold their
annual meeting and luncheon at noon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 12/29	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)
	12:00	Sanctuary Clean-Up
Mon 12/30	-	AA (kitchen)
	12:00	Noon AA (FH)
	7:15	ACOA (Music)
	8:00	Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 12/31	NEW YEAR'S EVE; STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DEADLINE	
12:00	Office Closed	7:00 Interfaith Celebration (see announcement)
Wed 1/1	NEW YEAR'S DAY - Office Closed	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Thurs 1/2	9:30 PWC Board (ZW House)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Fri 1/3	OFFICE OPEN 9-3	
	4:00 Endowment Grant	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	Application Deadline (see announcement)	
Sat 1/4	OFFICE OPEN 9-3	
	8:30 Campus Care	8:00 Evening AA (FH)
Sun 1/5	CELEBRATE EPIPHANY	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Pageant!</i>
	9:30	CLAMS (The Conduit)
	9:30	Adult Education (KC4a)
	9:30	Sunday School
	9:30	Education Hour
	9:30	CPT Worship (chapel)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Pageant!</i>
Arrive	Haiti Visitor (ZW House)	
12:00	Sanctuary Clean-Up	
Tues 1/7	2019 ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLE DEADLINE	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU - for the generous contributions to the Christmas Joy Special Offering collected on the fourth Sunday in Advent. First of Annapolis raised \$1400.

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✝ **TUESDAY IS THE DEADLINE** ✝

by which to submit an estimation of your gift for the Generations of Generosity Stewardship Campaign. To prepare the 2020 budget, your response is needed now. It is easy to submit your estimate: go online (www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/esimatedgiving), email the business manager (dottie@annapolis-presbyterian.com), call the office (410.267.8705), place a pledge card in the box at rear or mail to 171 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis MD 21401. Thank you for your prompt response. Sincerely, Dave Heimann, Elder
"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Jesus (Matthew 6:21)

EDUCATION REMINDERS:

- KC4a Adult Ed - resumes January 5
- Sunday School - resumes January 5
- Youth Fellowship - resumes January 12/60

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

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS - Through Friday at 4:00 pm, the Planned Giving & Memorials Committee is accepting applications for grants. 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. Make requests through the appropriate committee (e.g., request a mission item through Mission Committee or a facilities through Trustees). Email Chuck Goodman (cgoodman@crgadesign.com).

MICHAEL ANELLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAITI REFORESTATION - 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.

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!