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The liturgy is from www.worshipdesignstudio.com.

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - Preacher: Lisa Rzepka; Liturgists: Mary Stuart Kempton (8:30), Deborah Dixon (11:00); Time with Children: Miss Good (11:00); Ushers: Jo Fleming, Betsy Stewart (8:30), Clair & Barbara Morris, Bill Hatchl (11:00); Acolyte: Reese Johnson (11:00); Discovery: Kelly & Chris Friends (11:00); Safety Officers: Emily Downey, Leanne Kreis (11:00); Candle Lighters: Jim & Ellen Reinig (8:30), Liz Folsom and son, Matthew Ferris (11:00).

STAFF NEWS - The church office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm through February 1 (with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day).

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.

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 St. Mary's Parish.

December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent; Cantata Worship at 10:00 am

There will be **ONE service for the cantata**, "Hodie Apparuit" by Chester Alwes, with small orchestra (flute, clarinet, and bassoon). A congregational meeting will follow at 11:05 am and a choir reception in Fellowship Hall afterward.

Lisa Rzepka, Transitional Pastor

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

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

"Glories Stream"



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 (8:30) - *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Mark Hayes

(11:00) - *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*, Handbell Choir

Julie Turner

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia! Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born."

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

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

Wondrous God, we open ourselves to hear your call today

to become those who not only *see* the joy all around us,

but can also *be* joy, and *bring* joy, to all around us –

in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

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

✦ **HYMN 105** - *People, Look East*

BESANÇON

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 light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
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)

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 40:1-5

ANTHEM (11:00) - *Mid-Winter*

Bob Chilcott

(The words to this morning's anthem can be found in *Glory to God*, no. 144.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Matthew 1:18-25

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

SERMON

"Sacred People: Joseph"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 88, VS. 1, 2, 5, 6** - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

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 (8:30) - *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*

Lani Smith

(11:00) - *Emmanuel Comes*, Handbell Choir

Kevin Stewart

✦ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thanks be to you, O God, maker of heaven and earth— giver of justice, lover of righteousness, hope of the afflicted, and friend of the poor. Your faithfulness never fails.

Take and use these gifts we offer to further your purpose in the world and to fulfill the promise of the world to come. **Amen.**

✦ **HYMN 87** - *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

GENEVAN 42

✦ 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 joy to all you greet. Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

POSTLUDE - Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

arr. Matthew Pritchard

**Please take a copy of "Straw for the Manger,"
the Advent devotional available at the rear of the church.**



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

and is the author of seven books. Previously, at St. Anne's, he led the Sunday Forum program and was an usher. The Berrys have been members of FPC for two years and enjoy the Bible Study and the Bean. Both play bridge, Nick competitively, with uncertain results.

Jim Cox (2-year term) - "My wife, Sarah, and I moved to MD in 2012 from Ohio to live near our youngest daughter, member Mindy LeBlanc, husband Gregg and children Ellie and Sam. We have two daughters in CA and WA, a son in CA, and eight grandchildren. Long-time Presbyterians, we both were (and continue to be) impressed with the friendliness and spirit of the congregation and staff. We quickly transferred our membership. I retired as an accounting professor at Ohio University in 2005. I recently served as Trustee. I enjoy international experiences (living/travel), bridge, Ohio Univ. sports, and Pittsburgh Steelers."

Karla Milanette - a Nebraska native, Karla joined FPC in 2006 for the second time. A life-long Presbyterian, she has been a member of several churches due to frequent moves as a Navy wife. Karla participated in the College Parkway New Church Development commissioned by the Presbytery of Baltimore in 1979, subsequently serving as an organizing elder and trustee of Christ Our Anchor before moving out of the area. She holds an MBA from Rutgers University. Karla and husband Jeff returned to Annapolis after she retired as a New Jersey School Business Administrator. They have two married daughters, Darcie, of NJ, and Terry and Charlie Mello (FPC members). Karla enjoys reading and volunteering for FPC Mission sub-committees (Foodshare, Connect Rwanda, Winter Relief) and in the community for Historic Annapolis, but most of all spending time with their five adorable grandchildren.

Stacy Skalski - "Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a trustee. I am a lifelong Presbyterian growing up in the FPC of South Bend, IN. I attended Hanover College (IN), a Presbyterian college, where I majored in Psychology and minored in Theology. After graduating, I attended the University of Denver where I earned my PhD in School Psychology. While living in CO, my husband Randy and our kids (Niko and Maddie) were active in the Cherry Hills Community Church (Evangelical PC). We became members of FPC when we moved to MD in 2005. For 12 years, I have taught Sunday school. Being a member of a church has always been important to me as I value the supportive relationships that are built through service, and the spiritual instruction and reflection that church participation provides. I hope as a trustee I can serve this congregation in a way that strengthens our faith community, while navigating the exciting transitions on the horizon."

Respectfully submitted, The Nominating Committee

(Lisa Rzepka, Pastor; Ed Gilhooly, Chair; Emily Downey, Bonnie Hatchard, Mindy LeBlanc, Jacob Hancock, Jay Hudiburg, Connie Scott, Karen Smith, Betsy Stewart)

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 15, 11:05 am in the sanctuary, immediately following the conclusion of the 10:00 am worship. The purpose of the meeting is for the congregation to elect elders, deacons, and trustees for three-year terms commencing on January 26, 2020, the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting, and such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting. The Nominating Committee presents the following biographies of the candidates:

Session Elders (Committee)

Deborah Dixon (Staff) - has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for three years, though she has always been involved in a church community. She has served as a council president, Sunday school teacher, liturgist, usher and in other volunteer capacities in churches she has attended. She is a semi-retired speech-language pathologist who spent most of her career in the public school setting. She retired as a clinical director from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She maintains a small private practice working with children with communication disorders. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering as a CASA, a docent with Historic Annapolis, and president of the Naval Academy Spouses and Civilians Club. She also enjoys visiting her three grandchildren in upstate New York whenever possible! Both she and her husband are fans of the Naval Academy (yes, they have season tickets to the football games!) and both enjoy traveling.

Jo Fleming (Membership) - "Just two years in Annapolis, I'm interested in becoming part of the community and love the small town flavor and beauty of the city. I opened a contemporary art gallery on Maryland Avenue and have been showing the work of local and regional artists including my own paintings. I previously attended church at Vienna Presbyterian and served as an usher and greeter. I love to visit my two adult sons in Manhattan and San Francisco and like to kayak on Spa Creek to catch water views and sunsets."

Jane Hudiburg (Family Ministry) - has lived in multiple states (California, Indiana, and Florida) and multiple counties in Maryland, but has spent most of her life in Riva, where she grew up and returned to as an adult. As a child, she attended First Presbyterian and has fond memories of retreats and other youth activities. Before having her own children (Sophie and Jackie), she led youth activities and taught Sunday School at Presbyterian churches in Bethesda, MD, and Merritt Island, FL. In 2006, she moved back to the Annapolis area and joined First Presbyterian with husband Jay. Since then, she has served on several committees and in many areas of family ministry, from volunteering in the nursery to

teaching middle school Sunday School. Jane works as an analyst in the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Service. In her free time, she enjoys boating and hiking with Jay and watching Sophie and Jackie play lacrosse and field hockey.

Avery Morrison, youth - "A junior at Broadneck High School, I have attended First Presbyterian for as long as I can remember and was confirmed in 2018. I have attended youth retreats, mission trips, and the English to the Church trip in 2018. During the summer, I have enjoyed volunteering with the STAIR Summer Readers Theater and Vacation Bible School. Beyond church, I can often be found in the swimming pool, hanging out with friends, playing the piano or doing physics homework. Currently I am a youth deacon and a member of the Youth Leadership Team. I am grateful to my FPC family and look forward to future leadership opportunities through the church."

Cathy Shultz (Mission) - joined FPC in 2010. She and husband, Michael, have two adult children and three grandchildren. Cathy has been on an FPC Lighthouse Friday dinner team for many years, served on the Justice and Peace Committee, is on the Mission Committee, and the FPC ACT core team. She is the treasurer for countywide ACT (Anne Arundel Connecting Together). In the community, she has served on the boards of the Ward One Residents Association and Unity Gardens. She also served on the Annapolis Liquor Board. Now retired, she had been a Maryland Assistant Attorney General for over 30 years. Early on, she worked on issues involving voting rights, migrant worker protections, prison reform, criminal justice reform, and the savings and loan crisis. For most of her career, she was counsel to the agency that provides public assistance, child protective services, foster care, child support, and the like. She ended her career as counsel to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and then as its Acting Secretary.

Deacons

Martha Boudreau - a church member since 2000, she served on Session from 2012-15 chairing the Communications Committee. A native of Detroit, Michigan, she is the Chief Communications and Marketing Officer at AARP. Martha and husband Peter raised their daughters, Madeleine and Louise, at First Presbyterian and are avid sailors.

Julie Finch - "I am in the early stages of my seminary journey and would like to be active in the church, not just be a consumer of its blessings. I was a deacon at my church in San Antonio before I moved to Annapolis and would love to serve our congregation here. During my 23 years in the Air Force, I was a pharmacist and spent my time caring for the needs of patients and my airmen."

Mark Jacobs - and wife Barbara moved to Annapolis in 2015 when Barbara took the position as the Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer at the Anne Arundel Medical Center. Mark is the Executive Director of the Washington Research Library Consortium, a partnership among nine Washington, DC area universities. They transferred their membership to FPC in 2017 from Lewinsville Presbyterian in VA. Mark has previously been active in music ministry, including monthly participation in worship with a 12-person string orchestra that also participated in three international mission trips. In addition, he has served on a church library committee, once directed a children's choir, and has been a trustee. Mark and Barbara have three grown children and three adorable grandchildren.

Maggie Leffler - joined FPC in 2002 after relocating from Buffalo, NY. She had been a Presbyterian for 10 years at that point, first affiliating with FPC, Olean, NY in 1992. She is a retired Navy nurse who served 29 years both in active service and the Naval Reserve. In 1999 she met and married Craig, the love of her life. She has two children and five grandchildren plus, through Craig, another five step-children, five more grandchildren and two great grandchildren! Life is filled with love and adventures. In the past she has served FPC on the Board of Trustees and worked with Sweat Equity. She has also volunteered with STAIR as a reading tutor and currently enjoys assisting as a liturgist and usher. In 2018 she retired as a psychiatric nurse practitioner and is enjoying the challenges of this new phase of her life. Becoming more active with FPC is one of her many goals.

Allison Hagee, youth - a sophomore at Arundel High School, she is currently serving on the FPC Youth Leadership Team, and has always been involved in the church. Allison is involved in the Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra and has played flute in church services.

Samuel Lander, youth - "attends St. Johns College High School where I am part of multiple activities such as the art and French club. Some interests I have are fighting climate change and sketching. I am generally quiet until I feel brought or called to something. At FPC, I sometimes attend Sunday School and attend most youth group events. From the youth program I have traveled to Massanetta Springs, Montreat, and Triennium. I thoroughly enjoyed these trips; they have made me appreciate my current situation and this church."

Trustees

Nicholas Berry - Nick's working life has centered on serving in and writing about government and politics. Now in semi-retirement, Nick is a columnist for *The Capital*. Married to Janet (61 years), they have two married daughters, Lynn and Stephanie, one grandson and one great grandson. Holding a PhD, he mainly served as a college professor, here and abroad,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 12/8	SECOND ADVENT	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Education Hour
	9:30	Christmas Eve Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	9:30	Mission Fair & Gift Market (FH)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)
	12:00	Christmas Caroling & Pizza Lunch (meet in FH)
	12:00	Worship Committee - <i>Sanctuary Set-Up</i>
Mon 12/9		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	6:30	Czech Partnership (KC1a)
		7:15 ACOA (Music)
		8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 12/10	10:00	Circle 2 (West home)
	6:30	Deacons (FH)
Wed 12/11	9:30	CLAMS (Panera's)
	11:00	Staff Meeting (Wiegand home)
	12:00	Staff Christmas Party (Wiegand home)
	4:00	Bible Study (KC1a)
	7:30	Taizé Worship (St. John Neumann Church)
Thurs 12/12	9:00	Wreath-Hanging
	9:00	Archives (KC6a)
	7:30	Chancel Choir (music)
Fri 12/13		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Sat 12/14	9:00	Cantata Rehearsal (sanctuary)
Sun 12/15	THIRD ADVENT; NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	10:00	Worship - <i>Cantata</i> (sanctuary)
	11:05	Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)
	11:30	Reception (FH)
	5:00	Youth Christmas Party (Kaulfuss home)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CHANCE FOR ONE STOP SHOPPING! Visit the Mission Fair and Alternative Gift Market today from 9:30-11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. You'll be glad you did!

CAROLING TODAY AT NOON - Join us for a quick pizza lunch in Fellowship Hall before we break into small groups for caroling visits to homebound friends. Sponsored by the Deacons.

YOUTH HOLIDAY REMINDERS:

- ❖ Sing with the Deacons today at noon, Fellowship Hall
- ❖ 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

JOIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE CHESAPEAKE & COMMUNITY PARTNERS - Saturday, December 14, 12:00-1:00 pm as we welcome Jessica and family to their new home at 123 Clay Street! Volunteers from FPC and 11 other churches completed the rehab-construction of this historic house. For questions, contact Dick Shakeshaft shakeshaft@verizon.net.

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.



DONATE POINSETTIAS IN HONOR/MEMORY - \$20 per plant in the offering plate, online (www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/give), or by mail (payable to FPC). Indicate for whom they are purchased and your relationship (e.g., "my uncle"). Deadline December 17. Plants in worship December 22 and 29.

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