

✦HYMN 306 - *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Dan Forrest

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

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - Preacher: Lisa Rzepka; **Liturgists:** Mary Stuart Kempton (8:30), Maggie Leffler (11:00); **Time with Children:** Miss Good (11:00); **Ushers:** Dave & Jeannie Heimann (8:30), John Rzepka, Ed Gilhooly, Paul & Marjorie Murphy (11:00); **Acolytes:** Drew Shallcross, Mary Hayes Cobbum (11:00); **Discovery:** Sharon Wiegand (11:00); **Safety Officers:** Deborah Dixon, Mark Moran (11:00); **Baptism:** Dibby Gundry with assistance from Anna Hashem (11:00); **Family Ministry:** Miss Good; **PNC:** Brad Olson (8:30), Helen Krone (11:00); **Stewardship:** Dave Heimann.

MEMORIAL FOR ALICE TAYLOR - Saturday, November 30, 2:00 pm, followed by reception.

STAFF NEWS - Al Johnson is away tomorrow and Lisa Rzepka on Tuesday and Wednesday.

CHANCEL ROSE - In honor of the birth of William "Wells" Seynhaeve on November 13 to parents Lindsey and Guillaume and big brothers Max and Gus. Welcome Wells!

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**

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland November 24, 2019 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE - *Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Dan Forrest

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

Minute for Family Ministry

Minute for Pastor Nominating Committee

Generations of Generosity

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

In caring and compassion, God's arms hold us when we are weak.

With ideas and inspiration, God pushes us to grow and thrive.

With divine generosity, God shares all creation with us.

God calls us as partners to build a world of joy and hope.

Let us join our hearts, hands, and voices with people the world over in praise, thanksgiving, and commitment to our one, wondrous God.

✦HYMN 691 - *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

LAND OF REST

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are all around us and in us.

We thank you for your presence.

From the east we hear you call us to the fresh newness of the day.

Deliver us, God, from ruts and stagnation.

From the west we hear you call us to the completeness and wholeness we are created to be.

Deliver us, God, from our broken hearts and uncompleted dreams.

From the south we hear you call us to warmth and growth.

Deliver us, God, from hard hearts and cold hands.

From the north we hear you call us to the refreshment and peace of a cool, bubbling spring.

Deliver us, God, from our boiling, destructive anger.

From below we hear you offer us a solid foundation.

Deliver us, God, from our unstable faith.

From above we hear you call us to life beyond what we experience now.

Deliver us, God, from our limited perception.

Praise be to God!

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's forgiveness slows us down and opens us up.

It is freely given: receive it freely.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

***Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.***

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!)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) - see insert

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 19:16-26

ANTHEM (11:00) - *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by

Christ's love, by love we thus are bound. Let us recall that here with us dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in Him we are made one. His love excludes no race or clan that names our Savior's name; His family embraces all whose Father is the same. We now forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Acts 4:32-35

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

"Looking with Gratitude"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 684 - *Faith Begins by Letting Go***

LUX PRIMA

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

Leanne Kreis (11:00)

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others, as Jesus has given himself for us. With gratitude for Christ's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - Offertory on *Duncannon*

arr. Douglas Wagner

✦ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering worthy of your unending grace.

Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

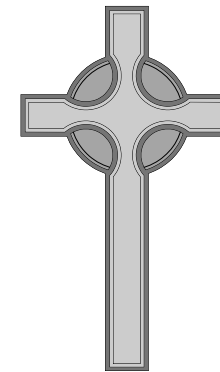
Date	Church	Community
Sun 11/24	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Education Hour
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Baptism</i>
Mon 11/25	12:00	Noon AA (FH)
	7:00	ACT - Education (St. Philip's)
	7:15	ACOA (The Conduit)
	8:00	Monday Night AA (music)
Tues 11/26	7:00 Trustees (KC4a)	12:00 Noon AA (music)
Wed 11/27	12:00 Office Closed	12:00 Noon AA (music)
Thurs 11/28	OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day	
	all day	SOHL Meal (FH, kitchen, music)
Fri 11/29	OFFICE CLOSED	
	12:00	Noon AA (music)
Sat 11/30	2:00	Memorial & Reception - <i>Alice Taylor</i> (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
	8:00	Evening AA (FH)
Sun 12/1	FIRST ADVENT; COMMITMENT SUNDAY	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Communion</i>
	9:30	CLAMS (FH)
	9:30	Advent Intergenerational Event, Mission Fair & Gift Market (FH)
	9:30	Advent Devotional, "Straw for the Manger" available (FH)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
11:00	Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Communion</i>	



The "Straw for the Manger" Advent Devotional will be made available on December 1 at the Intergenerational Advent Event at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall (courtesy of Family Ministry and Spiritual Formation Committees.)

**The Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 24, 2019
11:00 am**

**John William Carroll
Son of Joseph & Hannah Carroll
Rayiner Imtiaz Hashem
& Shawna Colleen Bray**



**First Presbyterian Church
Annapolis, Maryland**

✦HYMN 483, VS. 1 - *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

LIEBSTER JESU

*Dearest Jesus, we are here, gladly your command obeying.
With this child we now draw near in response to your own saying
that to you it shall be given as a child and heir of heaven.*

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Lighting of the Candles

Scripture

Questions to Parents, Children and Congregation

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Renunciations

✦Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM - *Liam Carroll, Ray Hashem, Shawna Bray*

PRAYER

✦THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

✦HYMN 492 - *You Belong to Christ* (sing twice)

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

*You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREENS NEEDED - for wreaths at next Sunday's Advent event. Text Miss (301.370.1791).

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT EVENT - All children, youth and adult Sunday School classes will meet in Fellowship Hall for this annual tradition. Make a wreath, Christmas cards, and Advent chains to usher in the season! NOTE: reindeer games on the 3rd floor Activity Room.

YOUTH HOLIDAY REMINDERS:

✦ Attend the Advent Event Sunday, December 1, 9:30 am

✦ 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

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. Singing voices needed! RSVP to Deacon Kevin Miller (kevbmillier@comcast.net) for lunch planning.

NEW MEMBERS - Shawna Bray and Ray Hashem with children Ezra and Anna are now in the directory. Updated directories are available by PDF from the church office (office@annapolis-presbyterian.com) and in hard copy in the volunteer office.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent, Commitment Sunday

Rev. Rzepka will preach on peace from Isaiah 2:1-4 and Jeremiah 33:14-18. The Sacrament of Communion will be served. The Stewardship and Finance Committee will invite members to make a 2020 financial commitment. **NOTE:** Mission Fair / Gift Market!

December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

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. **NOTE:** Gift Market at 9:30 am and caroling at noon!

December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent; **NOTE:** One service at 10:00 am

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. Enjoy this festive morning!