

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland
December 20, 2020 – Virtual Worship
Fourth Sunday of Advent



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE - *In the Bleak Midwinter*

arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE - *Savior of the Nations, Come*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
From God's heart the Savior speeds; back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death's command, back to reign at God's right hand.
Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.
Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your love is good news for the oppressed, O Lord, and you bind up the brokenhearted. Forgive us, O God, when we think that your good news is only for us. Forgive us, O God, when we twist your gospel into something that fits comfortably into our lives. By your light, let us see you leading us beyond ourselves and into the world you love. By your grace, forgive us, and free us to try again.

Kyrie - Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung twice)

LAND OF REST

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri - *Gloria Patri*

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen, amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Love

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM - *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

arr. Dan Forrest

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Romans 16:25-27

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Luke 1:26-38

SERMON - "Advent Apocalypse"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

(Give [online](#), in the mail, or by texting "give" to 833.983.0233 and register by smartphone.)

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In the language most comfortable to you; for English, using "debts" and "debtors.")

HYMN - *People, Look East*

BESANÇON

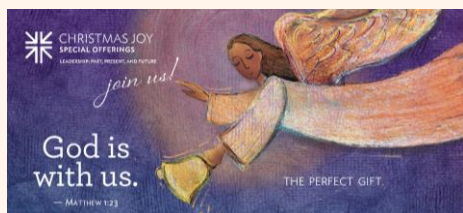
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*

arr. Patricia Lou Harris

THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP - Preacher: Andrew Kort; **Liturgists:** Mihee Kim-Kort, Jeannette Manseau, Deborah Dixon, the Balcer family; **Music:** Bob Muckenfuss, Chancel Choir; **Time with Children:** Miss Good.

ABOUT TODAY'S SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING - God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color — offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God.



THANKS FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE! *Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!* The first-ever Virtual Mission Fair & Alternative Gift Market was a great success thanks to the generosity of church members and friends. As of December 13, donations totaled \$14,330. The church also will receive \$236.07 as its commission for sales from SERRV International, which features goods from small entrepreneurs around the world. Even though the official fair is over, donations to missions and the purchase of Connect Rwanda coffee can continue throughout the year. And, informational videos specific to each mission are online: <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/mission>.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, two services. First at 4:00 pm, a live Zoom family service and a virtual pageant. Then, at 7:00 pm, a pre-recorded service with Revs. Andy & Mihee Kim-Kort and liturgists Pat Foye and the Bell family. The traditional service will remain available at <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/sermons>.

Sunday, December 27 - First Sunday of Christmas

Rev. Kim-Kort will preach "Wait for It" from Psalm 148 and Luke 2:22-40. Linda Hanifin Bonner and Jackson Lastowski will serve as liturgists.

POINSETTIAS

Given to the glory of God and in honor of:

In gratitude for the birth of our daughter Beatrice, from Jenn & Mike McDermott

The midshipmen Connie and I have sponsored, from Mark Moran

Our children, Charles, Peter, Moya, Bill & Britta, from Connie & Bill Scott

Pat Foye, elder of the Worship Committee. Her leadership during the past three years, through four pastors, session pressure, and the pandemic, has been a huge gift to the church and to God!

Session & Staff Committee, for your support of the church mission and staff, particularly the past few years through all the transitions and change. Very grateful, Sharon Wiegand

Friends, from Karla Goodridge

Given to the glory of God and in memory of:

Bob & Arleen Booe and William & Hedwig Robinson; from Amy Booe & Will Robinson



Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

James Allison Sr., much loved husband, Dad and grandpa; Alan Brooks, much loved Dad and PopPop, from the Allison

Bobby Handy, Ileda, Rudell and Bobby Chafin, from Gayle Hall

Alice Fink (Jenn's Nana) & Uncle George Fink; Margaret Degennaro (Jenn's grandmother) & Harry Dodd (Jenn's grandfather); Helen Karas (Mike's grandmother); from Jenn & Mike McDermott

Our parents, from Maggie & Craig Leffler

Our parents, Jo Ann & Bill Buntin; Dottie & Paul Krone; from Helen & Roger Krone

Bob Poole, loving husband, from Carol Poole

Bob Poole, loving father and grandpa, from Tim, Patti, Sean & Lauren Poole

Jeanne & Bill Clowser, Judy's parents; Lois & Wilson Dryden, Jack's parents; from Judy & Jack Dryden

Robert & Dorothy Foye, parents and grandparents; William & Dorothea Parmenter, parents and grandparents; Ellen Dower Bojarski, cousin; from the Foye family

Skip Smith, husband, from Gerri Smith

Kenneth W. Moore, Martha's husband; Lesley Moore Keogh, daughter; Mary R. Wooldridge, Tim's wife; from Tim & Martha Moore Wooldridge

Connie Moran, my beloved wife; Connie's and my parents and grandparents, from Mark Moran

Our parents, Minette & Mac McCullough and Ellen & Luther Shultz; from Mike & Cathy Shultz

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kort & Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort, Co-Pastors
Dr. Robert Muckenfuss, Music Director & Organist / Miss Good, Family Ministry Director
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Covenant Church with the Haiti Restoration Partnership

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Virtual, unless otherwise indicated.)

Date	Church	Community	
Sun 12/20	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT		
	8:00	Worship	
	9:30	Adult Education	
	9:30	Fellowship of the Bean	
	9:30	Jesus & Jammies	
	10:30	Congregational Meeting	12:30 AA (FH)
	5:00 Youth Fellowship	8:30 Evening AA (courtyard)	
Mon 12/21		- AA Kitchen Use	
		7:30 Morning AA (FH)	
		Noon AA (FH)	
	6:30	Vespers	6:00 AA (courtyard) 8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 12/22		- AA Kitchen Use	
	10:00	Worship Recording	7:30 Morning AA (FH)
			Noon AA (FH)
			8:30 Evening AA (courtyard)
Wed 12/23		- AA Kitchen Use	
			7:30 Morning AA (FH)
	3:00	Bible Study	Noon AA (FH)
			8:00 AA (courtyard)
Thu 12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE DAY		
			- AA Kitchen Use
			7:30 Morning AA (FH)
	Noon	Office closed	Noon AA (FH)
	4:00	Christmas Eve Family Service (live & recorded)	7:00 Evening AA (FH)
7:00	Christmas Eve Worship (pre-recorded)	8:30 Night AA (courtyard)	
Fri 12/25	CHRISTMAS DAY, OFFICE CLOSED		
			7:30 Morning AA (FH)
			Noon AA (FH)
Sat 12/26			8:30 Evening AA (courtyard)
			12:30 AA (FH)
Sun 12/27			8:00 Evening AA (FH)
	8:00	Worship	
	9:30	Adult Education	
	9:30	Fellowship of the Bean	12:30 AA (FH)
			8:30 Evening AA (courtyard)

BE A SECRET SANTA THIS CHRISTMAS! Designate First Presbyterian as your Amazon Smile charity and a portion of eligible purchases will go to FPC. Add <https://smile.amazon.com> as a bookmark in your browser and be a First Presbyterian Secret Santa all year long!!



NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO CHURCH OFFICER POSITIONS: CLASS OF 2023

The congregational meeting will be held Sunday, December 20, at 10:30 am via zoom (link to be announced).

Elders (Committee)

Dibby Gundry (Worship & Music) - Dibby joined the church in 1993. She served as a Deacon and then as an Elder



for Membership. She has been a member of the Worship Committee for many years. During that time her two most frequent responsibilities were to oversee Time With Children for six years, and then to assist with Baptisms for the last fifteen. Other jobs have included being an usher, Sunday School teacher, communion server, volunteering with STAIR, and being a liturgist. Married to Al Gundry for forty years, their children, Fred and Didi, came to Sunday School and Confirmation classes here, making this church an important place for the whole Gundry family to grow. Recently retired, Dibby was a preschool teacher for thirty-four years, most recently spending twenty-four with Calvary Center School at Calvary United Methodist Church on Rowe Blvd.

Ray Hashem (Planned Giving & Memorials) - Ray and his wife Shawna started attending First Presbyterian



Church in 2016, and joined in 2019. Before moving to Annapolis, they attended First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE, and Brown Memorial Church in Baltimore. They have two children: Anna, who is eight, and Ezra, who is two. Although they are not Annapolis natives (Ray is from Virginia and Shawna from Oregon) they have fallen in love with the area and the people here. Ray and Shawna are both attorneys, and met in law school in Chicago. Ray worked for a federal judge in Philadelphia and now practices patent law in D.C. He tries to serve the community through pro bono work; for example, representing a student seeking learning-disability accommodations, and a man seriously injured by police use of excessive force. Ray serves on several administrative committees at his firm, where he plans and executes projects related to IT, marketing, ethical compliance, etc. Ray hopes to use the skills he has learned in this work to serve FPC and the community.

Sherrie Smith (Congregational Life) - I've been a member of First Presbyterian for over 40 years. I grew up in



New Jersey and moved to Annapolis to take a position teaching special education in Prince George's County. My husband and I were married in the church and we raised our children, Lindsay and Andrew, in the church. My kids now live in Baltimore and, sadly, my husband passed away February 4, 2020. This is the fourth time I've been on Session. I co-chaired the PNC that brought Bill Hathaway to the church and stayed on Session at the request of the interim pastor at the time. I've chaired the Evangelism (now Membership) and Mission Committees. I've also been the Moderator for PWC and a tutor for STAIR. In my life outside of church, I've done a lot of volunteering in the community and have been on the Boards of several organizations, Junior League of Annapolis, Scholarships for Scholars, Annapolis Opera, Annapolis Jaycees, to name a few. I also served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Junior Leagues International.

Christopher White (Stewardship & Finance) - Chris joined FPC in 2007 along with his wife, Susan. Originally from



Charleston, SC, Chris grew up Presbyterian at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. At FPC, Chris has served two terms as a Trustee, and over the years has been a committee member of Planned Giving and Memorials, the Nominating Committee, and the Staff Committee. For the past 22 years, he has worked as an Employee Benefit Consultant for McGriff Insurance Services. He has 9-year-old twins – Charlie and Caroline, who over the years have brought much laughter to the congregation at Miss Good's children's sermons. In his free time, he can be found either on or in the Chesapeake Bay sailing, fishing, cruising, swimming, kayaking, kneeboarding... you get the picture.

Allison Hagee (youth, 1 year) - I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church my entire life, and I was confirmed in 2018. I am currently a youth deacon and a member of the Youth Leadership Team. I have enjoyed countless summer youth trips and have been an active member of the youth group since middle school. I have also participated in Vacation Bible School multiple years and helped plan the English to the Church camp in the Czech Republic this past summer. Outside of church, I play the flute in the Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra. I am a junior at Arundel High School.



Deacons

James Allison - Jim first started attending First Pres when he was two years old, baptized by Rev. Hudnut and confirmed under Rev. Shaw. He was active with the Youth Group and Young Adult Softball Team as a teen. Jim graduated from UMBC with a BS in computer science and went on to get his MS from Johns Hopkins University. He has worked for NSA for the past 35 years. Jim and his wife, Lisa, have been married over 32 years and have been active members in the church; both previously served as church officers. Jim and Lisa have two adult children, both members of the church. In his free time Jim enjoys reading, hiking and sailing (although he is currently without a boat!).



Allison Taylor - Allison has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2015 but has always been involved in a Presbyterian community. She has served as a covenant partner and participated on trips to Guatemala and the Czech Republic. Allison is a healthcare attorney and works on issues related to behavioral health, Medicaid, health insurance, and implementation of the ACA. In her spare time, she enjoys swimming, cross-country skiing, and studying Norwegian. She and her husband Gavin are expecting a baby girl in May.



Christine West - I first joined FPC in 1966 when my family moved here from Montgomery County. I re-joined FPC about 5 years ago when I moved to Annapolis to care for my Mom, Eleanor West. At FPC I serve on the Archives Group and a PWC Circle, I review and suggest edits for the newsletter, and I assist at memorial receptions. I transferred my church membership from Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield, VA, where I served as a Deacon for 3 years. After receiving a Master's degree in Personnel and Counseling from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, I served over 40 years in Federal service in the area of Human Resources, with the last 33 years at the National Science Foundation. I have one married daughter. My hobbies include history, archeology, genealogy, refinishing antiques, and learning about the history and challenges of the Chesapeake Bay.



Dianna Young - Dianna is a West Virginia native who came to Annapolis by way of San Francisco (which is where she happily became a Presbyterian). She and her husband, Doug Steele, have been members of FPCA for 20 years. Her first volunteer activities were in support of children's and youth programs. She has also helped in the courtyard, which is a great way to serve and get free gardening lessons! She is a member of the choir, Circle 5, and the Worship and Music Committee. Dianna served as a deacon from 2016-2018 where her interests were greening the coffee hour, Christmas caroling and music outreach to the homebound. She has been employed by the US Environmental Protection Agency for 30 years. She and her husband are the parents of a daughter, Caroline, a college junior.



Julia Chamberlin (youth, 1 year) - I attend South River High School and am weaving my way through Junior year. Watching from the pews since before I could walk, and getting confirmed in 2018, First Presbyterian has been a home away from home for as long as I can remember. I have so many great memories of being both a counselor and attendant of vacation bible school, and always love working alongside the rest of the youth. As for my pastimes (when I'm not finishing up school work), I love playing my guitar, baking for my family, and attempting to find perfection in ballet. I also love the snow, and am



hoping for a sizeable storm this year to give me a reason to get out my hot pink winter hat. I am beyond excited for the responsibilities that the Youth Deacon position will give me, and look forward to getting closer with the FPC family.

Dustin Danckwerth (youth, 1 year) - I am a junior in the STEM program at South River High School. I was baptized



when I was a few months old and confirmed in 2018 at FPC. I have volunteered for the Lighthouse Shelter, Winter Relief and teaching sports to younger kids. I am the youngest of my family of seven, following in the footsteps of two older brothers and sisters. When I am not doing school work I am playing baseball and finishing my Outdoor Ethics leadership position to complete my rank of Eagle for Boy Scouts. When I get time I play video games, hang out with my friends and play games with my family. I look forward to getting back to the sanctuary for church.

Trustees

Michael Derby - A Maryland native, Mike grew up in the Govans Presbyterian Church (Baltimore) and earned an



Economics/Business degree from Saint Mary's College of MD in 1987. His 33-year career in the International Shipping and Logistics industry has been mainly based in Maryland except for one year in Belgium, two years in Norway and three years in New Jersey. Mike joined FPC in 2006 to listen to his father and stepmother (Steve & Carolyn) sing in the choir. This was most particularly enjoyed by his daughter Julie, also a member of FPC until her passing in 2019. Mike served on the Session of FPC from 2016-2018 and previously served as a joint Elder/Trustee of Presbyterian Church in Norwood (NJ) 1999-2000. He also serves on the Board of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center, an ecumenical group caring for the personal needs of seafarers onboard cargo ships. Mike enjoys sailing with his wife Nancy and looks forward to travel restrictions easing to visit his daughters in Ohio (Sarah) and Colorado (Emily).

Paul Schilder - Paul grew up in First Presbyterian of Annapolis and has been active in many church-related



activities, starting in the nursery and going through Sunday School into youth fellowship. He has participated in mission trips building wheelchair ramps in North Carolina, canoeing in the Czech Republic and working in kitchens on Staten Island. In 2001 he became a member of this church, which has allowed him to serve as a youth deacon and have the honor of being a covenant partner. Paul lives in Mt. Rainier, MD, and is currently working in Annapolis for a boutique architectural office. In his free time he enjoys reading, house and garden work and volunteering in his local community.

Barbara Vosbury - I am a lifelong resident of Anne Arundel County, growing up in Severna Park and now residing



in Crownsville for 32 years. I was raised Presbyterian at Woods Memorial in Severna Park. Though I lapsed in my religious practices I feel extremely fortunate to have landed at First Presbyterian. I sing in the Chancel Choir and that experience made me want to join the Church again. I am a lifelong sailor and spend an incredible amount of time on or around the water. A graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland, I have a BA degree focused on Business and Economics. I am a bookkeeper by trade and excited to serve as a Trustee for this wonderful Church and Congregation.

Respectfully submitted, The Nominating Committee

Andy Kort, Co-Pastor, Mihee Kim-Kort, Co-Pastor, Ed Gilhooly, Chair, Bonnie Hatchard, Emily Downey, Betsy Stewart, Mary-Lou McCutcheon, Pam Mussenden, Karen Smith, Martha Moore Wooldridge