



First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland

December 24, 2020, Virtual Worship

Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE DUET - *What Child Is This*, Bob Muckenfuss & Steven Rainbolt, pianists arr. Rebecca Bonam

WELCOME

DUET - "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Rachel & Allison Hagee, cello and flute arr. Lewis H. Redner

LESSONS AND CAROLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN - *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn - *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN' ROS'

SECOND LESSON - Psalm 96:1-13

Hymn - *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

THIRD LESSON - Luke 2:1-7

Chancel Choir Anthem - *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Dan Forrest

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the year are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

FOURTH LESSON - Luke 2:8-14

Homily

OFFERING

Musical Interlude - *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlefolk* John Innes

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.")

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

FIFTH LESSON - John 1:1-14

Hymn - *Silent Night, Holy Night*

STILLE NACHT

BENEDICTION

HYMN - *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

POSTLUDE - *Ding! Dong! Merrily on High*

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP - **Preacher:** Andrew Kort; **Liturgists:** Mihee Kim-Kort, Pat Foye, Miss Good, Doug Smith, the Bell family; **Music:** Bob Muckenfuss, Chancel Choir.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Sunday, December 27 - First Sunday of Christmas

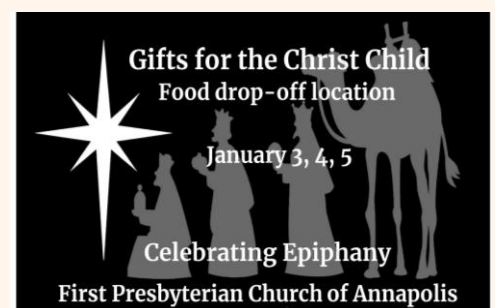
Rev. Kim-Kort will preach "Wait for It" from Psalm 148 and Luke 2:22-40. Linda Hanifin Bonner and Jackson Lastowski will serve as liturgists.

Sunday, January 3, 2021 - Celebration of Epiphany

The liturgy is Matthew 2:1-12. We will broadcast the one act opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, by Gian Carlo Menotti, performed and recorded at First Presbyterian, Annapolis, on January 4, 2015. Performers include Erin Jones, David Hancock, Frank Lyman, Ted Mussenden, David Lanenga, and the Chancel Choir. Bob Muckenfuss is the music director and Steven Rainbolt is the stage director.

ANNOUNCEMENT

CHRIST CHILD EPIPHANY OBSERVANCE: January 3, 4, 5 - This year for Epiphany we will carry forward our tradition of presenting gifts of non-perishables wrapped in white paper in a special food drive. The food will be donated to "The Center of Help" in Annapolis for distribution to the Hispanic community, hard hit by the virus coupled with the loss of jobs. Location of food drop-off sites will be announced. Suggested groceries include: MASA, rice, beans, pasta, chickpeas, oatmeal, tuna/chicken in cans, flour, lentils, broth, and vegetable stock.



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