



First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland

December 27, 2020 – Virtual Worship

First Sunday of Christmas

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE DUET - "Fantasy" on *Joy to the World*

arr. Robert D. Vandal

Steven Rainbolt & Robert Muckenfuss, pianists

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE - *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in Christ you were born a humble child, love-made-flesh, God-with-us. Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace. Free us to see your Light reflecting in the faces of friends and family, neighbors and strangers, enemies and friends, and make us shine forth with your love.

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.

HYMN - *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM - *What Sweeter Music Can We Bring*

John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing, the birth of this our heavenly King?

Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn?

Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden?

Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis he is born,

whose quickening birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, to heaven and the underearth.

We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers, turns the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him.

The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart, which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honour; who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE - Psalm 148

HYMN - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Luke 2:22-40

SERMON - "Wait for It"

HYMN - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

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 - *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

J. S. Bach

THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP - **Preacher:** Mihee Kim-Kort; **Liturgists:** Andrew Kort, Jackson Lastowski, Linda Hanifin Bonner; **Music:** Bob Muckenfuss, Chancel Choir; **Time with Children:** Miss Good.

CONGRATULATIONS - Susan & Ed Gilhooly, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary yesterday, Dec. 26.

CHRIST CHILD EPIPHANY OBSERVANCE



This year we carry forward our tradition of presenting gifts of food wrapped in white paper as a part of our Epiphany service in a different way. With the impact of the pandemic likely to peak during the months ahead, we will conduct a special food drive, inviting contributions by check or purchased non-perishable that will be donated to The Center of Help (COH) in Annapolis for the Hispanic community, hard hit by the virus coupled with the loss of jobs.

Suggested food is: Rice, Beans (mostly black or brown), Pasta, Chickpeas, Oatmeal, Tuna/Chicken in cans, Flour, Lentils, Broth, Vegetable Stock and MASA (for tamales and tortillas). On January 3-5, food may be dropped off at:

- Zimmerman-Wilson House, 138 Conduit Street, Annapolis
- 132 South Homeland Avenue, Annapolis (Wulff residence)
- 1652 B & A Blvd, Arnold (Foye residence)
- 1400 Christa Lane, Crofton (Lastowski residence)
- 925 Shore Drive, Edgewater (McCutcheon/Hult residence)

Members are encouraged to submit video clips of food placed in the boxes by adults and children with smiling faces to Bernie Wulff (berniewulff@gmail.com) by noon on January 5. Bernie will combine these clips into a single video that will be included in our January 10 service. Monetary donations may be made online (www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE) under "Epiphany Giving/Center of Help" or by mailing a check to church. Donations will be used to purchase much needed items, such as diapers, wipes and toilet paper for the COH.



LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Sunday, January 3 - 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.

Sunday, January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

Rev. Andrew Kort will preach from Mark 1:4-11.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Virtual, unless otherwise indicated.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Community</u>
Sun 12/27	8:00 Worship	
	9:30 Adult Education	12:30 AA (FH)
	9:30 Fellowship of the Bean	8:30 Evening AA (courtyard)
Mon 12/28		7:30 Morning AA (FH)
		Noon AA (FH)
		6:00 AA (courtyard)
	5:00 Grief Support Group	8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 12/29		7:30 Morning AA (FH)
		Noon AA (FH)
		8:30 Evening AA (courtyard)
Wed 12/30		7:30 Morning AA (FH)
	11:00 Staff	Noon AA (FH)
	3:00 Bible Study	8:00 AA (courtyard)
Thu 12/31	NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY	7:30 Morning AA (FH)
	Noon Office closed	Noon AA (FH)
		7:00 Evening AA (FH)
		8:30 Night AA (courtyard)
Fri 1/1	NEW YEAR'S DAY, OFFICE CLOSED	7:30 Morning AA (FH)
		Noon AA (FH)
		8:30 Evening AA (courtyard)
Sat 1/2		12:30 AA (FH)
		8:00 Evening AA (FH)
Sun 1/3	CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY; CHRIST CHILD EPIPHANY COLLECTION BEGINS	
	8:00 Worship	
	9:30 Adult Education	
	9:30 Fellowship of the Bean	12:30 AA (FH)
	9:30 Jesus & Jammies	8:30 Evening AA (courtyard)

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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