

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

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - Preacher: Andrew Kort; Liturgist: Maggie Leffler; Time with Children: Miss Good; ACT: Julie Carlson; Music Search: Becky Hagee; Music: Handbell Choir, Allison Hagee on flute; Crossroads: Miss Good, Kelly Friends.

CHURCH OFFICE THANKSGIVING WEEK - Sharon is in the church office tomorrow and then out the rest of the week. Other staff are working and may be reached by email. Rev. Mihee is away through Tuesday. Albert is on vacation and Will is covering for him on November 28. As always, please text the pastors or office for after-hour emergencies: 443.223.5434.

ABOUT PARKING ON CAMPUS - On Sundays, be reminded that the parking lot behind the ZW house is reserved for staff (Mihee, Andy, Jill, Grace, Albert, John, Miss). The lot by the elevator is for handicap parking. On Thursday evenings, both lots are used by 40 choir and bell members rehearsing. During the weekdays, staff and members are invited to park on campus for church business, meetings, and visits! Please always (1) leave your name and cell number in the windshield, and (2) pull ALL THE WAY IN so that others may park here as well.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DURING WORSHIP - We ask that congregants remain calm and follow directions from the pastors and Emergency Response Team member. Procedures are in place for child care, member assistance, and emergency service providers. Please familiarize yourself with the information in the emergency cards located in each pew.

CONGREGATIONAL EMAILS - Signup to receive the weekly congregational and monthly newsletter emails online at <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email>.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent: "Hope"

Rev. Mihee will preach "Advent Unbound" from Luke 21:25-36 and Zephaniah 33:14-16, with Bob Foye and Gordon Duvall as liturgists. MaryMarie Quigley will offer a Minute for Mission on FPC FoodShare.

December 5 - 2nd Sunday in Advent: "Peace"

Rev. Andy will preach, communion served, and Ashton & Blake Staniar baptized.

First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, Maryland

November 21, 2021 – 11:00 am Worship

Reign of Christ

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold** in unison.

Services are live-streamed, recorded, and posted on the website.

At the ringing of the church bells, the congregation is invited to quiet their hearts & minds.

PRELUDE - *Carillon for a Joyous Day*

Wagner

WELCOME - Minute for Mission: ACT, Music Search Committee

(Please complete and pass greeter pads down the pew and back again.)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Herbert (text), Routley

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Grace and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,
**From Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of all the earth.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory. Come, let us worship God!

✠ **HYMN 1** - *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

✦ **KYRIE 551** - *Land of Rest*

LAND OF REST

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us. (2x)

✦ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

✦ **GLORIA PATRI 581** - *Glory Be to the Father*

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children in grades K-5 are invited to depart with the adult leader today for CROSSROADS. Please pick-up children in the courtyard or Activity Room after worship. The nursery is also open!)

CHOIR ANTHEM - *God of Heaven*

Sorenson

God of Heaven. God of all the earth and sky. Great creator. Master of all nature. Who gives birth to snow from heaven, holds the waves at ocean's edge, gives the orders to the morning, shows each dawn its place to shine? God of Heaven. God of all the earth and sky.

God of Ages. God who wrote the Book of Time. Sov'reign Ruler. Alpha and Omega. Saints before, He's guided safely. History's pages signed by him. Author of our days and hours. Things to come are held secure. God of Ages. Alpha and Omega. God of Power! God who breaks the darkness. Righteous Warrior. Champion of His children. Goes before us into battle. Good and evil bow to Him. Those in bondage freed forever. Victories won at His command! God who heals us. God of Power. God of Ages. God of Heaven. God of all the earth and sky.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE - 2 Samuel 23:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Revelation 1:4b-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON - "Last Words"

✦ **HYMN 35** - *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

(Gifts may be made in the offering plates upon exiting, by text 833.983.0233, by mail, or online at <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE.>)

OFFERTORY - *Agape*

Starks

✦ **DOXOLOGY 606** - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

✦ **HYMN 268** - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

✦ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *Fugue from Prelude and Fugue in e minor, BWV 548*

J. S. Bach

Coffee Hour Has Returned!

Join the Deacons each Sunday at 10:30 am in the Courtyard for coffee & treats and in Fellowship Hall beginning in January.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 11/21	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Adult Education
	10:30	Choir Warm-Up (Music)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (courtyard)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)
	3:00	Youth Fellowship (Barbour home) - <i>Bring Your Own Rake</i>
Mon 11/22		7:30 AA (FH)
	1:30	Antiracism Team Noon AA (FH)
		8:00 AA (FH)
Tues 11/23	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
		7:30 AA (FH)
		Noon AA (FH)
		1:00 CHOW (Kitchen)
Wed 11/24	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	8:45	FoodShare (Whole Foods) All Day AA Thanksgiving (FH)
Thurs 11/25	CHURCH CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day	
		All Day AA Thanksgiving (FH)
Fri 11/26	CHURCH CLOSED	
		7:30 AA (FH) Noon AA (FH)
Sat 11/27		
Sun 11/28	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT: HOPE	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Hands & Feet (FH) - <i>Advent Event, Wreath-Making, Mission Corner</i>
	10:30	Coffee Hour (courtyard)
	10:30	Choir Warm-Up (Music)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: PICTURE DIRECTORY - Members are invited to take a copy at rear of sanctuary.

NOW: VIRTUAL MISSION FAIR & ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET - has begun! Donating is one way to support the church's missions in other countries: Technology for Rwandan schoolchildren; Trees to help Haiti restore the soil so they can grow crops; Medicine and cell phone minutes to our Cuban partnership; English language and cultural exchanges in the Czech Republic; Support for Guatemalan women's business ventures and safe water and health kits. Shop until December 10 (<https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/missionfair>).



NOVEMBER 28: HANDS & FEET ADVENT - 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Join us as we kick-off the Advent Season! Make an Advent wreath and Pomander Ball to take home and enjoy. Make an ornament to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree and one to take home to decorate your own tree. Decorate and enjoy cookies! Stop by the Mission Corner to do some meaningful Christmas shopping at the Alternative Gift Market.

DECEMBER 1: ACT ACTION - 6:00 pm to celebrate bringing a Turnaround Movement to the county. ACT and County Executive Steuart Pittman will announce the partnership with Maryland Reentry Resource Center and Luminis Health and the grant of \$1.3 million to kick-off "Turnaround Thursday" in the county. The action will be in-person (at Asbury UMC) and on Zoom. FPC has committed to bringing 52 people. Contact Julie Carlson (ladsmom@gmail.com), Sarah Bodor (sarahbodor1@gmail.com) or Cathy Shultz (catherineshultz@msn.com) to attend or added to the new FPC/ACT LISTSERV.

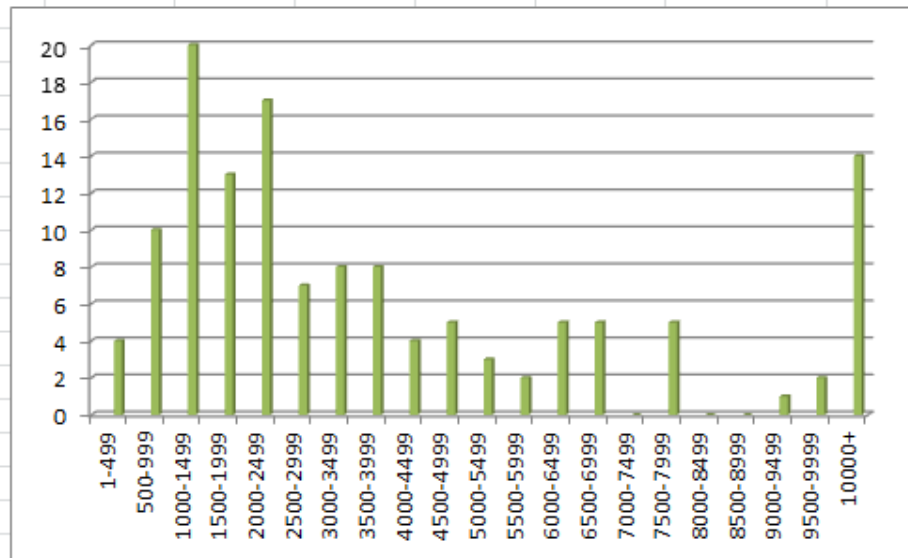
DECEMBER 4: PROJECT CHRISTMAS CHEER - Donate lights and/or join us at 10:00 to help beautify the church and neighborhood with twinkle lights! Hosted by Congregational Life.

DECEMBER 12: 2ND@5 & NEW ORLEANS BRASS VESPERS - Join us for a lively prayer service led by the Naptown Brass Band (<https://naptownbrassband.com/>). Treats provided by the Youth and Family Ministries. Enjoy a joyful and thoughtful service open to all ages!

(ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D)

2022 Stewardship Drive Report

				as of	11/17/2021
Number of commitments rec'd	133	44	by card	33%	
		67	online	50%	
Number of Members represented	205	21	by message	16%	
		Total Commitments amt		576,746	
Averages	Mean	4,336	High	43,200	
	Median	2,400	Low	200	
	Mode	1,200			
82 represent an increase in giving.					
6 represent a decrease in giving.					
15 are folks who didn't pledge last year.					
58 committed in 2021 have yet to commit for 2022.					



Weekly Stewardship Campaign Update

COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE - Session has approved the following:

- Beginning immediately we will remove the pew ropes in the sanctuary.
- On December 5 we will reinstate the passing of the offering plates during the worship.
- We will resume Coffee Hour hosted by the Deacons in the courtyard. In the case of inclement or unpleasant weather, fellowship hour is cancelled. Beginning the first Sunday of January, Coffee Hour will move indoors into McBee Fellowship Hall.
- Masks remain mandatory for large gatherings on campus (worship, committees, classes, meetings, etc.) especially in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

UPDATE OF OUR STEWARDSHIP: Message from G. Christopher White, Elder - I'm happy to report we have made significant progress the past week with the Campaign: 133 estimated commitments for a total of \$576,746 -- an estimated giving which is 72% of our \$800,000 goal (which would return us to "pre-pandemic" funding). This is quite an achievement! I want to thank those who have reached out and made a commitment for 2022. FPC has been truly blessed over the years with such generosity especially in this time of uncertainty. While we are *significantly* closer, we still have a bit to go. ***If you have yet to make an estimate, please do so now.*** Your commitment is vital in helping us to accurately formulate a budget for programs, activities, and ministries in 2022.

Generations of Generosity

On behalf of the Stewardship & Finance, I thank you for your generosity and support!
Estimate in one of four ways:

1. **Call** Dottie in the business office at 410-267-8705 ext. 107
2. **Email** Dottie at dottie@annapolis-presbyterian.com
3. **Go online** to <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/estimatedgiving>
4. **Send your card** to FPC, 171 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kort & Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort, Co-Pastors
Miss Good, Family Ministry / MaryMarie Quigley, Interim Music Director / Grace Oh, Organist
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Partner with the Caibarién congregation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Church of Cuba
The National Naval Memorial of the PC(USA) / An Earth Care Congregation of the PC(USA)
Partner with Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren, Czech Republic
Covenant Church with the Haiti Restoration Partnership

HIRED! JILL WOODWARD, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Message from the Music Search Committee

We are delighted to introduce Jill Woodward as our new Music Director. She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our church and we are pleased to have her join our staff on December 1. Also, we continue to give thanks for MaryMarie Quigley who has wonderfully led and served us in this interim and will help with on-boarding and orientation for Jill and Grace, organist, as they settle in to their new roles.

About Jill: Jill is a long-time music educator, church musician, soprano soloist, theater director and choral conductor. She earned her Bachelor of Music degree from the Hartt School of Music and has completed advanced study in vocal pedagogy and in opera. She currently serves as Director of Performing Arts at Indian Creek School, and in her twenty-seven years she has built a program with award winning choirs and theater productions.



A daughter of two music educators, her musical training started early, and she found a passion for performance and education as a young child. Singing and conducting in church has been an enriching and important part of her life since she was eighteen when she became the Soprano Soloist at the church where she grew up. Jill has served as soprano soloist at Grace Lutheran Church, Music Director and Organist at Epiphany Episcopal Church in Odenton and Soprano Soloist and Children's Music Leader at Saint Anne's Church of Annapolis.

Always interested in being a part of community arts programs, she has been a soloist for Live Arts Maryland, chorus member in the Annapolis Chorale, and spent several years as a director of the Annapolis Youth Chorale. Jill has conducted choirs with members from age three to ninety-three. She has shepherded many singers who have gone on to major conservatories, Xfactor (finalist) and Broadway.

Jill believes that music is a vehicle for emotional and spiritual growth that is of utmost importance to the health and wellbeing of our society. Her passion lies in bringing music to churches and communities by building ensembles and arts organizations. Through her leadership and development of high caliber musicians, choirs, ensembles and theater programs, she has demonstrated that arts can have a profound effect on both the individual and the community.

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