

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 6, 2020**

**Scripture for Meditation**

*Truly I say unto you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will not enter therein. Mark 10:15*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION** *Christmas Joy Offering & Giving Tree*

**PRELUDE** *Songs of Christmas* **Roger C. Wilson**

**Opening Sentences (Isaiah 9)**

Leader: For a Child has been born for us,

**People: A Son given to us.**

Leader: Authority rests upon His shoulders,

**People: And He is named – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**

**Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Loving Father we worship and adore You this day like little children.

Come and live in our hearts as our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming vs. 1&2* **Insert**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving Father, you ask us to come like little children, but we value our independence and like to stand on our own two feet. We ignore Your guiding hand and look down at times on the little ones in our midst - that trust You so completely. Forgive us and teach us to see You and Christmas - in and through, the trusting eyes of our children, that we might each, come to You as a little child. In Jesus' tender name we pray, Amen.

**TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**RESPONDING WITH PRAISE** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (vs 3)*

And ye beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow. Look now for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath** *(Light two purple candles)*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** **1 Samuel 2:1-10**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Breath of Heaven* **Westminster Four**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Jesus Loves Me!*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Luke 1:39-56**

**SERMON** *The Original Songs of Christmas: Mary's Song*

**Rev Dr. Katie Hopper**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me.*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His Only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE HYMN** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* **Insert**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**People's Response** *Hear Our Prayer O Lord*

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**HYMN** *People, Look East (vs. 1&4)* **Insert**

**THE CHARGE**

**BENEDICTION**

**THE PARTING**

*Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

**POSTLUDE** *Festive March* **Gertrude H. Richolson**

Should you have a joy or concern to share, please call the manse number and leave a message for Pastor Katie by Saturday night. CCLI 11332027

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Katie Hopper

Ministers: All church members

Sunday, December 6, - Sunday, December 13, 2020

Our Prayer List Today Includes:

Pahk5Nan, Thailand	Our Country & All In Service	Jeff Gearhart		
Ilene Millard	Dick Jackson	Barb Belko	Chuck	Lorie Slabon
Dawn O'Rourke	Mike Marcinko		Gabriel	Robert Diviney
Taylor Bowman	Dana Ecklund	Sharon Kizina	Lynn Gourley	Gary Rishel
Richard Patterson	Nichole Ellenberger- Bagley	Janey McElwee- Smith & boys	Denny DeBennidetto	Eleanor Virginia Lynn
Rege Rangers	Dick Washic	Sharon Nixon	Sherry Kizina	Kellie Vaux
Connie Bainey	Allison Lyons		Carson	Gertie Clyde
Bill Carbone	Bill Sisson	June Rebar	Sara McCully	Don Blake
Kelly Watson	Megan Harper	Trya Cantdina	All Nurses	Gene Dixon
Tracey Ray	Brian McConnell	Bonnie Jackson	Chris Harner	Katie Cowfer
Nan Moeschbacker	Nancy & Amy Baughman	<u>Friend &amp; Families of Charlie Mills</u>	<u>Ken Rodgers</u>	S.T. McCullen
Lindsey Bordas	Leo Kalinosky	Michelle Brown	Dan Ryder	Susan Carns
Ethan Reed	Leslie Rapsey	<u>Todd Jeffries</u>	Trina Shirey	Amy Churner
Autumn Shoff	Keno Beezer	Linda Daniels	Mike Hurtack	
Bill Baughman	<u>Jess Fosselman</u>	Jack Leonard	Caleb Strouse	

Family & Friends  
of Leann Davis

Please remember in prayer those unable to be present today, and the following churches in our Presbytery: State College congregation, Rev. Dean Lindsey, Pastor; Special Advent programs in the church

### Announcements

The 2020 Advent Devotionals by the Clearfield & First Presbyterian Churches are available for pick up in the narthex.

Epiphany Stars you received last year can be returned and placed in one of the baskets located at both entrances. Thank you for recycling!

Announcements continued - page following hymns



Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Katie Kelly Hopper  
Organist & Director of Music: Mrs. Sally Laux  
Sponsored Missionaries: Rev. Michael & Rachel Ludwig in Niger  
Custodian Emeritus: Gary Barnett  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Email: fpcphilipsburgt@comcast.net  
Website: fpcphilipsburg.com

### **My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

#### **Refrain**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!**

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

#### **Refrain**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

#### **Refrain**

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

#### **Refrain**

### **People, Look East vs. 1 & 4**

People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

## Announcements

**The Giving Tree gifts return date has been extended to Sunday, December 13.** There are tags still available on the board in the narthex for anyone who would like to participate. Should you want a tag and would like to have one mailed or delivered to you please contact Diane Thomas she will get one to you. An alternative to going out and shopping for the gifts this year you can also donate money to cover the cost of the gift and a Deacon will do the shopping for you.

**Please Send** any January 2021 newsletter items to Jill Reed ( jillsy1912@gmail.com) by December 22. Thank you!

**A Reminder** for anyone who shops online and purchases from Amazon: shop at smile.amazon.com and they will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases --- no fees, no extra cost. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0798827 to get started generating donations for First Presbyterian Church.

**Please Contact** Diane Thomas should you have a name on the prayer list which may be removed.

**A Blue Christmas** service will be held Thursday, December 17 at 7:30 pm. Anyone who has experienced any type of grief this year is encouraged to attend. It will also be lived streamed on Facebook and following the service on Youtube.

**Christmas Eve Services** this year will be virtual beginning at 7:30 pm. There will be instructions included in one of the pastoral letters for preparing for communion & candlelight during the service.

## Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming vs. 1 & 2

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to men a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.