

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, December 4, 2022

*If you are able, please stand.

Please turn off cell phones.



Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

An Advent Service of Scripture & Music

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

“It is Advent: the time just before the adventure begins, when everybody is leaning forward to hear what will happen, even though they already know what will happen, when they listen hard for meaning, and begin to hear, only faintly at first, the beating of unseen wings.”

-Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Craig Curry

Anne Marie Juliano, piano Bob Whiteley, bass

Introit (insert)

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

***Call to Worship – Litany for Advent**

Graham Bridgeman

One: It is Advent. The Holy One approaches. The Creator draws near.
The Maker of moons and stars, mountains and rivers, sparrows and
lambs, locusts and wild honey, you and me, is on the way.

All: **We will not miss this. We will stay awake.
We will watch for the Advent of God.**

It is December. The days are short. We walk through shadows.
Yet we are not alone. A beacon shines for broken hearts, for battered
souls, for ailing bodies, for angry spirits, for all who walk difficult paths.
Light is on the way.

**We will not miss this. We will stay awake.
We will watch for the Advent of God.**

It is Advent. A joyful spirit fills our hearts. We yearn to do good deeds,
to forgive, to serve. In ways small and large, we want to act out heaven's
mercy—to let light in—so that, step by step and leap by leap, we can
participate in God's tender embrace.

**Love is on the way. We will not miss this.
We will stay awake. We will watch for the Advent of God.**

***Opening Hymn 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Swedish folk tune

Welcome & Life of the Church

Pastor Greg Horn

(Please fill out the Friendship Pad completely and pass it along.)

Prayer of Preparation & Confession

our silent prayers of preparation and confession

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

*We Give God Glory

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3 times)
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

the Valle family
Lizzie, Chris, Luke & Henry

One: This morning we light the Candle of Peace. Our world longs for peace, and—because of Jesus Christ—we believe the day is coming when peace will be *more* than a dream.

**All: Wonder of wonders; joy of joys!
The wolf and the lamb shall dwell together.**

And when that peace comes, things will be different. Violence will cease. Forgiveness will flow like water from a fountain. Old resentments will fade away.

**Wonder of wonders, joy of joys! Enemies and strangers
will come to the table, side by side, and study war no more.**

Wonder of wonders, joy of joys. The Prince of Peace is coming.

[We light the first and second Advent candles.]

Light the Candle of Peace

*Light the candle of peace today, the Giver of peace is here!
Welcome the peace we fight and cry for, but only Christ can give.
Flicker and flame and glow with peace, light up the world around you.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Reading

Isaiah 7:11, 14
Carter Lubenesky

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Emmanuel
PCUM Sunday School

Keiko Ying

Time for Children

(All children are invited forward. Afterward, children preschool through 7th grade may attend Sunday School. If this is your child(ren)'s first time at Sunday School, please accompany and register them with their teacher.)

- Hymn 82** (seated) *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* *Hyfrydol*
- Reading** **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**
Keira Griswold
- Anthem** *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain* Carolyn Jennings
Chancel Choir
Denise Silecchia, soprano
- Reading** **Mark 13:32-37**
Garrett Pahl
- Anthem** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* spiritual
Adrienne Ostrander, congas
- Reading** **Isaiah 9:2-7**
Nadine Pearce
- Anthem** *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* Geonyong Lee
Elena Juliano, flute
- Reading** **Revelation 21:22-26, 22:6-7**
Gary Diamante
- Anthem** *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz
- Reading** **Philippians 4:4-9**
Andrew Kennedy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

We Worship With Our Offerings

Prayer Dedicating Our Gifts

Offertory Solo *Slow Down* Chuck Girard
Angela Starks, soprano

***We Give Praise to God** *Doxology*

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

***Communion Hymn 347** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
(verses 1 & 2)

Picardy

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

One: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God!

It is right to give God our thanks and praise...

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer after Communion

***Closing Hymn 384**

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

WELCOME and thank you for your part in this service of worship. If you are a visitor here at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair (PCUM), you are especially welcome. May you sense in this place the presence and the love of God in Christ. After worship, you are warmly invited for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER for anything you might need. When possible, help fellow worshippers by exiting and entering the sanctuary at times other than during prayers or scripture readings.

CHILD CARE for toddlers and younger children are always available during worship in the North Wing, located off Fellowship Hall (adjacent to sanctuary). Ask an usher for directions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all children preschool through 7th grade are located in the North Wing. Ask the ushers or Christian Education leaders for help finding classrooms. If you are sending your kids to Sunday School for the first time and have not yet registered your child, please step out briefly with your children as they are dismissed to Sunday School to fill out an emergency contact form before returning to the sanctuary.

LORD'S SUPPER TODAY – Today we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, also known as communion or the eucharist (*thanksgiving*). In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of God's grace in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At the table, Presbyterians trust that God's Holy Spirit, rather than the quality of our faith or our effort, brings us spiritually into Christ's real Presence, nourishes us in hope and sends us out to participate in God's work in the world. All are welcome who come acknowledging our broken-ness and seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor. Children who are being nurtured in the significance of the Lord's Supper—at their level of understanding and with parent/ guardian permission—are invited to share in communion. Welcome.

SUPPORT THE DEACONS' MINISTRY - On the first Sunday of each month, the PCUM family can offer special support to the work of the Deacons in their ministries of compassion, care, and community-building. You may use the green envelopes in the pew racks, you can mail your check to the church, or/and you can go to pcum.org, click on "Give" and specify "Deacons' Fund." Thank you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Dickson family for providing and decorating PCUM's Chrismon Tree and to the Peterson family for arranging its setup. The 'Chrismon' is a Christian symbol representing Jesus, the One who comes to be Emmanuel, "God With Us." A Chrismon Tree is decorated with white lights and Chrismon ornaments made of gold sequins, beads, piping, or other gold-colored adornments. Chrismon ornaments are made in white and gold, with white representing the innocence and purity of Jesus, and gold representing the glory and majesty of God.

PCUM'S NATIVITY SCENE will be arriving today at 4pm on the south side of the church! This recent newer tradition has become a favorite over the last couple of years. You can join others in the PCUM family by showcasing your artistic talents—painting each of the wooden figures that live in the beautiful outdoor manger. If you or/and your child(ren) would like to paint/decorate a Nativity Figure this year, just let Tom Williams (tomclair178@gmail.com) or Colleen Brambilla (colleenbrambilla@hotmail.com) know. Today, *extra pairs of hands are needed for set-up*. Contact Colleen, Tom, or Pastor Greg following worship to help.



LOOKING AHEAD: DECEMBER/ADVENT CALENDAR:

Saturday, December 10th @ 11:00 am – Kids Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18th @ 4:00 pm – Christmas treats in Fellowship Hall; Caroling in the sanctuary

Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) @ 5:00 pm – annual Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 24th @ 8:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Chancel Choir

Saturday, December 24th @ 11:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols

Sunday, December 25th @ 10:00 Christmas Worship celebration – The Birth of Jesus Christ

PCUM'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: After two years of virtual pageants, PCUM's annual children's Christmas Pageant will happen in-person on Saturday, December 24th—**Christmas Eve—at the 5:00 p.m.** family Christmas Eve service! Sign your child(ren) up to participate today! There will be two Saturday morning rehearsals:

Saturday, December 10th from 10-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 17th from 10-11:00 a.m.

The Children's Christmas Pageant features children of PCUM friends & members starring in traditional roles—*Roman soldiers, stars, friendly animals, shepherds, angels, Mary & Joseph, the Innkeeper, wise people, singers, and narrators.* Signing-up your children ASAP will be helpful and make pageant planning a lot easier. Thank you in advance ☺ Just fill out a registration form, either online on the homepage at www.pcum.org or in-person with Director of Christian Education, Millie Tourtelot. Contact millie@pcum.org with questions!

PCUM KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 10TH @ 11:00 am – PCUM kids and friends are invited to a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10th. The party starts at 11 am immediately following the Christmas Pageant rehearsal – but you don't need to be in the pageant to come to party! There will be ornament-making, cookie decorating, games, and a pizza lunch! Please RSVP to the party by emailing Millie Tourtelot, Director of Christian Education, at millie@pcum.org.



‘TIS THE SEASON TO MIX, MINGLE AND SING ON DECEMBER 18, AT 4 P.M. You and your family are invited to PCUM to share in the spirit of Christmas with a casual social gathering, delicious treats and a chance to hear Renae Baker’s fabulous *Broadway Carolers*, as well as to sing carols together! In this hectic season, give yourself, your kids or grandkids, friends and neighbors the gift of time to get into the real spirit of Christmas. From **4:00-4:45 p.m.** connect with old friends and make new ones during the casual social hour. Share the treats you are kindly asked to bring--your favorite dessert or appetizer--or a good will offering, and we’ll provide the beverages and music by the fabulous Broadway Carolers. From **4:45-6:00 p.m.** the Broadway Carolers will continue to perform and inspire us to sing together our favorite carols. Come and be filled with the true spirit of Christmas!

DEDICATE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – Remember a loved one this Christmas by dedicating a poinsettia in their memory or honor. Dedication Forms are in the Narthex. Please drop your form & check in the church office. The deadline for poinsettia dedications is Sunday, December 18th.

PCUM TO RECEIVE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING ON DECEMBER 18TH – For over 70 years, Presbyterians have supported the unmet needs of church workers and their families who have devoted their lives to ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Christmas Joy Offering that the PCUM family will take on Sunday, December 18th supplements inadequate retirement income for clergy and church workers, funds long under-supported ethnic colleges and universities, and provides supplemental medical insurance for

PLEASE SUBMIT 2023 PLEDGE CARDS! – This fall, PCUM’s stewardship theme, *Coming Home to Today’s Church*, invites members & friends to support this church’s many worthwhile ministries in the year ahead. If you haven’t yet pledged to be part of Christ’s work through this church in 2022, pledge cards are available in the narthex this morning. You may also submit your pledge online by visiting www.pcum.org and clicking on the online pledge card link on the homepage or using the church app and the QR code. Thank you!



CAN YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS? Saturday dates are available for you (and your family) to join other volunteers from the PCUM family to serve hungry neighbors here in Montclair on the 4th Saturday the month and in Newark on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This is great way to help others, make new friends, and share God’s love. Prepare food, serve meals, and provide music for guests. **Sign up at** www.pcum.org/serve-others/local-opportunities-to-serve-homeless-neighbors.

THE MONTCLAIR MUSIC CLUB (MMC) will host a concert in the PCUM sanctuary tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm. The program will feature pieces by Handel, Melanie Bonis, Mozart, and Sarasate; Chopin works; *Roots* by Tamar Sagiv, James Simon’s ‘Arioso’ and a Brahms Sonata; *Piazzolla Oblivion* and *Piazzolla Libertango* for flute, cello and. Members and guests, please join us for this enjoyable program of chamber music. Donations welcome.



PCUM’s *Core Values:*

Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship ✝ *Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth*
Relationships ✝ *Participation* ✝ *Service to Others and to the World* ✝ *Relevance and Authenticity*



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Jerome Nelson
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Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

*Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world.
Lift up your voice. Shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms.
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, He.*

*Behold, your Lord! He will come in power and glory,
He will rule with mercy and truth, Hope of the nations, Light of all the world.*

*He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms.
Love him and trust him as a little child. Behold your Lord comes to you.
Love him as a child. Trust him as a child.*

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning!

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Lo, the morning soon is breaking, the time is drawing nigh.*

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

*Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

*Come now, O God of love make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

*Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.*

*Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.*

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

*Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins.
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.*

*Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell there in,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon.
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!*

