
3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND MISSION MINUTE: Baldwinsville Food Pantry

SILENT CENTERING PRAYER

Loving and awesome God, in you all things are possible. We join in Mary's song and lift our praise and hope to you. You do not abandon us. May your transforming grace and promise of justice live in our hearts this Advent as we align our hearts with yours. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Russell, Liturgist

One: Holy one, you created the heavens and Earth and all that is.

All: Happy are those whose help is in God.

One: You bring justice for the oppressed, food to the hungry and set the prisoners free.

All: Happy are those whose help is in God.

One: God, you lift up the humble and watch over all who are vulnerable.

All: For all generations, praise God.

*HYMN #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

MUSICAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 1:39-55 **Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser**
red Bible pg. 1244 black Bible pg. 57

This ends our reading of God's word this day.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Sing of Joy and Justice"

Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

*HYMN #600 "Song of Mary"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (tune is Old Hundredth) *HYMN #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

O Lord of Life, you call us to strengthen our hearts because the coming of Christ is near. Let us live in the light of God that we may abound in joy and act for justice. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God's church and world. Amen.

*HYMN BENEDICTION #4 "Creator of the Stars of Night"

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*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Usher:** Marty Pond
- **Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Barb Winegard.
- **Bible Study:** Monday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. in the Media Center and Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Session:** Tues., Dec. 13, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Deacons:** Tues, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room
- **Parkinson's Support Group:** Weds., Dec. 14, 2 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Christmas Eve Service:** Sat., Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.
- **Christmas Day Worship:** Sun., Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.
- **Church Office** will be closed on Mon., Dec. 26.

**First Presbyterian Church
Baldwinsville, NY**

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Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

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Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #2085 "He Came Down"

**He came down that we may have hope
He came down that we may have hope
He came down that we may have hope
Hallelujah forever more.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God's love for us is unconditional and cannot be lost, freeing us to be honest about our lives. Pray with me.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

Creator of Life, we do not always see the joy in the ordinary. We may mistake gaining power, possessions, status, or wealth for true joy. Sometimes despair and emptiness overshadow the joy. Sometimes we forget to say, "thank you" and we overlook simple things in our lives that are cause for gratitude and joy. Sometimes we say "yes" and give of ourselves from a place of guilt rather than a place of joy, or sense of justice. We give of ourselves until there is no joy left inside us.

SILENT REFLECTION

Help us to find the balance, courage and deep, abundant joy that is so needed in a hurting world.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God is hopelessly in love with each of us. Even in our brokenness and imperfection God never leaves us. May we sing praise as Mary does, steeped in the assurance of this truth: We are forgiven and cherished through and through.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri #579

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

Liturgist

red Bible pg. 874 black Bible pg. 663

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Angel Tree

During Advent we will be supporting local families with our Angel Tree. This is a yearly event for us as a congregation to give Christmas gifts to those people in our community who would otherwise not receive gifts.

This year we are supporting a family from **Peace, Inc.** and the **Bee-Full** program.

There are angels on the trees in the Chancel hallway and the lobby of the CE center.

Please take an angel from the tree, buy the gift, and return it to either tree by **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

If you would like to wrap the gift, please do BUT make sure the angel is still attached to the gift so we know who the gift goes to. Thank you for supporting this cause.

