
4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND MISSION MINUTE: Samaritan Center

SILENT CENTERING PRAYER

O God, we await your presence among us in the form of our great teacher and healer, Jesus. Give us courage, like Joseph, to live according to your will and dream for the world. Grant us patience and open our hearts as we receive Christ's presence in our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE: Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Pond, Liturgist

One: In a time of waiting and anticipation...

All: God is with us.

One: As close as the air we breathe...

All: God is with us.

One: From generation to generation...

All: God is with us.

One: Hear the good news...

All: God is with us

*HYMN #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

MUSICAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 1: 18-25 **Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser**
red Bible pg. 1170 black Bible pg. 1

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Fragile Love, Faithful Response"

Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

*HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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)

Friends, we are called to bear witness to the fragility of our human story and follow God to a manger. May we live in the light of God that we may abound in compassion and love. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God's church and world. Amen.

*HYMN BENEDICTION #12 "People Look East"

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*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Usher:** Marge Calkins
- **Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Marty Pond.
- **Bible Study:** Monday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Media Center and Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Christmas Eve Worship:** 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.
- **Church Women United Open House:** Jan. 1, 2-4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**First Presbyterian Church
Baldwinsville, NY**

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Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Barry Bullis; Nancy Dobbins; Mimi Dundon; Freida Mason

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Deacon Moderator-----Marty Pond Administrative Assistant---Elizabeth Bayer
Financial Secretary-----Andrea Ducharme Treasurer-----Diana Anastas
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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)

Holy One, sometimes we act with pride, ignorance, pettiness, shame, guilt, and cruelty. Sometimes, we mock and judge others when we should seek to understand. Sometimes we are quick to jump in with solutions when we should wait and listen. Sometimes, we ignore hurt and suffering when we should shine a light on those places with compassion and courage. Sometimes we are angry and seek to get revenge when we should pause, breathe, let go.

SILENT REFLECTION

Holy One, restore us. Let your face shine on us, that our hearts may be illumined by your grace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, our God is a God of love. Even in our brokenness and imperfection, God never leaves us. Like Joseph, may our dreams lead us to the wisdom of God. May angels guide our hearts and minds. 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 7: 10-16 *Liturgist*
red Bible pg. 842 black Bible pg. 636

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