
Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

PROCLIMATION: "Hodie Christus Natus Est", Margaret Sollish

Today is Christ born;
today the Savior has appeared;
today the Angels sing,
the Archangels rejoice;
today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

WELCOME

SILENT CENTERING PRAYER

On this day of days, loving God, we gather to celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ. Born long ago and still today, Child of the universe present among us. May we, in the things we do and say, continue to give birth to the presence of the living Christ in our world today and always. Amen

PRELUDE: "Mary Did You Know?", Joyce Stanton and Rheta Jenks

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rheta Jenks, Liturgist

One: Come, and sing a new song to God!

All: for God has done wonderful things!

One: God brings justice and salvation,

All: God's faithful love is for everyone.

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

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

Thank you, God of love, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. We give these offerings of our life and labor in love, in joy, in prayer, in thanksgiving, and in unselfishness.

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Loving God, in the birth of Jesus You show your preference for all that are humble and poor. May this mystery save us from illusions of grandeur and power, and lead us to love simplicity of heart, through Christ. Amen.

*HYMN BENEDICTION #29 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Usher:** Mark Chamberlin and Heidi Henderson
- **Bible Study:** will resume the week of Jan. 9.
- **Church Office** will be closed on Mon., Dec. 26.
- **Wedding Celebration:** of Emily Soeder and Clayton Messmer, Sat., Dec. 31, 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Church Women United Open House:** Jan. 1, 2-4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **A Congregational Meeting** for the sole purpose of calling Kirsty Dickson Maret to be the installed pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Baldwinsville will be held immediately following worship Jan. 8, 2023.
- **A Welcome and Meet the Candidate** event is set for 1-3 p.m. Jan. 7 in the Fellowship Hall of the CE Building and the entire congregation is invited to attend. This will be a time for fellowship and conversation with Kirsty. In addition, Kirsty will be leading worship Jan. 8. A biography and picture of Kirsty will be sent out next week, so be on the lookout for that email.

**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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Director of Music & Choirs-----Rheta Jenks Organist-----Lee Johnston
Deacon Moderator-----Marty Pond Administrative Assistant---Elizabeth Bayer
Financial Secretary-----Andrea Ducharme Treasurer-----Diana Anastas
Nursery School Director--Jessica Newcomb

Identity Statement

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

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All: Make music and celebrate!

One: For to us a child is born:

All: Jesus, the light of the world

*HYMN #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS WREATH LIGHTING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #2085 "He Came Down"

**He came down that we may have hope
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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)

What causes us to stop singing? What causes us to stop being amazed? Why must we be reminded to sing, marvel, and remember love and faithfulness?

SILENT REFLECTION

Forgive us, God, for the times we easily forget Christ born amongst us. Help us to remember Christ's peace, love, compassion, and justice born and growing to the ends of Earth; for all to see, to sing about, and to respond to in love.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let all Earth praise God. The seas roar, the hills sing together in joy, for God has come. All of you on Earth, make a joyful noise. Break forth in joy, for the God of peace has come to Earth. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri #579

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 62: 6-12

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN #41 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

THIRD LESSON Psalm 98

HYMN #53 "What Child Is This?"

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2: 1-10

HYMN #28 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

FIFTH LESSON John 1: 1-14

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