
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND MISSION MINUTE: Bee Full Food Pantry

SILENT CENTERING PRAYER

You love us, O God. Open our hearts to face, with courage, a broken world in need of healing and justice. Our fragility reminds us that we need you, and we need each other. Help us tune into the best parts of ourselves and our child-like qualities, as you accompany us to surrender to your deep vision of peace. Amen.

PRELUDE: Allegro in C Minor by Telemann, Kathy Bowen, Flutist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tricia Adams, Liturgist

One: We are all welcome to this place. Just as you are, whatever hopes or worries are on your mind, you are welcome.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.

One: Young or old, tall or small, we are all part of God's vision.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.

One: Let us welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.

*HYMN #13 "Prepare the Way"

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

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.

BREAKING BREAD, POURING THE CUP

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, our Shepherd, your steadfast love present in this sacred meal sustains and restores us. Open our hearts to trust your presence to guide us into the place of promise and grant that we, who have heard words of hope, tasted the bread of life and the cup of peace may be messengers of hope to others. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

O God, just as you welcomed us in Christ, so we hear your call to welcome one another. We seek to walk in your light O God that we may abound in hope and peace. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to be used in ministries of hope and peace. Amen.

*HYMN BENEDICTION #412 "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

December 4, 2022

- **Today's Ushers:** Matt McGivney & Pam Keckison
- **Communion Server:** Matt McGivney
- **Coffee Hour** today is Pam Keckison & Martha Stevens
- **Music & Worship:** Mon., Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. in the Media Center
- **Bible Study:** Monday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. in the Media Center and Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Book Club:** Tues., Dec. 6, 10 a.m. in the Media Center
- **Building & Grounds:** Tues., Dec. 6, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **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.

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Barry Bullis; Nancy Dobbins; Mimi Dundon; Freida Mason

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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)

God of Love, there are times when we are filled with despair, boredom, apathy, and not hope. We get tired and protect ourselves from hoping, afraid that we might get hurt or disappointed. We ask your forgiveness when we create walls around ourselves, when we hurt ourselves, others, and your planet. You know that sometimes we can be mean and sometimes too passive. Sometimes we see only our differences, and do not take the time to listen and understand one another. Though we may strive for balance, we often fail to be as open-hearted and welcoming of one another.

SILENT REFLECTION

God of Creation, we humbly expose our shortcomings to the immensity of your wisdom and love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God is always with us. Just as a shoot can grow out from a tree stump, so too can God's love grow within us from the dry, shadowed places. Believe, you are truly and deeply loved and be at peace.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri #579

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11: 1-10 *Liturgist*

red Bible pg. 847 black Bible pg. 640

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 3:1-12 **Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser**
red Bible pg. 1171 black Bible pg. 3

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "New Shoots of Perspective"

Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

*HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION

Bread and wine silently speak of a new realm. Table and followers silently speak of a new community. Breaking and pouring silently speak of rebirth. Sharing and communing silently speak of rebuilding.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You have entered this place, O God, and in your holy shadow, heaven tangles with earth in the bread and wine, and the promise of flesh is realized.

Come now, God, as you once came to us in a stable in Bethlehem. Come now and be with us in the bread of Christ's body in this world that hungers and waits for truth.

Come now, God, as once your Spirit poured forth life upon the earth come now and pour the wine of Christ's blood for this creation, waiting for renewal. Be present in our hope in this holy time: in the silence of power and the power of silence; in the throne rooms of the rich and the shanties of the poor; in overfed communities and underfed souls; gather up hope in the bread and wine.

Break open the good news of your incarnation: on parched farmlands and frightened cities; in the hearts of the proud and the longings of the lowly. Come now, God, as where once we ate the bread of tears nourish us now with the abundance of your love made real in a small child born long ago and far away yet real and living now in our midst. For humanity is waiting and longing for life even as we pray as Jesus taught us, **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**

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.



H.E.L.P Project

Thank you to all who contributed to the H.E.L.P. project. Your response was wonderful. We were able to collect and donate over 500 items to individuals that needed them!