

The Presbyterian Church Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dennis Jones, Pastor

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Pellegrino Family

In a world of darkness and shadows, where chaos often prevails,

We turn to you O God with expectant hearts.

We seek your presence in our midst.

In a world of anger and bitterness, war and strife, discord and destruction,

We turn to you O God with hopeful hearts.

We trust in your promises.

We light this first candle of advent, turning to God for wisdom and strength,
waiting for the dawning of hope in our lives.

We turn to you O God, meet us in our need.

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(VS. 1, 6, 7)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God we know that we call upon your name

when the needs of this world overwhelm us,

and we are impatient when your presence is not immediately known.

We look to you to serve our lives and turn away from you

when your call upon our lives seems to threaten our own sense of self.

Forgive us Lord, claim us as your own this day,

soften our hearts to your ways and incline our ear to your word.

Through Christ we pray, Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

The Story of Your Birth

by Chris Fortin

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "The stor - y of your birth gives us hope and prom - ise. Let our prais - es rise to you, O God! Em - man - u - el has come to re - deem us. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!" Above the notes, the following chords are indicated: Dmin, G, Dmin/F, F2/A, G, F2/A, Bb, Asus4, A, Dmin, C/E, F, G, Dmin/F, Gmin7, F/A, Gmin7/Bb, Amin7, D.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Let the Children Come

by Helen Kemp

Let the little children come to me.

Let them come and gather at my knee.

**Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,
this is how God's kingdom ought to be?**

This is how God's kingdom ought to be.

(Children ages preschool-grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School.
Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship 2023

Ashley Bastow

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 3:1-4 (pp. 871; 873)

Julie Roberts

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Get Real with God

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Awake, My Soul, Give Thanks and Sing
Sanctuary Choir

by Craig Courtney

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

HYMN 606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

*CLOSING HYMN 94

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C

by Michael Ryan

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

Please join us immediately after worship for fellowship in Westminster Hall and the Advent Festival Children's Gathering: crafts, games and fun for all!

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Anne Roy Warman, by her niece, Wendy Potter.

~In loving memory of Chip Landis by his sisters and father.

~In loving memory of Blanche Stires by the Stires family.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in December. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



The Rosebud on the Communion table is in celebration of the birth of Marlowe George Youngblood on November 17, daughter of Olivia & Billy Youngblood III, granddaughter of Bill & Debbie Youngblood.

***There will be a Memorial Service** for Blanche Stires today at 2 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 27

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & via Zoom
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Westminster Hall
Advent Festival 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Blanche Stires Memorial Service, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Monday, November 28

Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m.
Spiritual Development, 6:15 p.m.
Deacons, 7:00 p.m.
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.
Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Children Mid-Week, 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Sanctuary
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Adult Small Group, 7:15 p.m.
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, November 30

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, December 1

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.
Yoga Class, 4:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Oratorio Choir, 7:00 p.m. Knox Room & Sanctuary
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 2

PEO Group, 9:00 a.m., Church House Parlor
Cookie Walk Drop-off, 9:00 a.m., Westminster Hall Kitchen

Saturday, December 3

Oratorio Dress Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary
Cookie Walk Event, 9:00 a.m., Westminster Hall

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