

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

The Light Before Christmas Medley
Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dennis Jones, Pastor

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Rhodes Family

In this time of watching and waiting,
We turn to you O God with expectant hearts.

We search for you in the midst of our daily lives.

During these times of joy and celebration,

We come to you rest in your goodness and grace.

We light this third candle of advent, turning to God for wisdom and strength
To recognize you in our lives.

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

*HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming,
we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.**

**We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.
Forgive us, God.**

**Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
the we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.**

**In the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

The Story of Your Birth

by Chris Fortin

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!

*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 MUSICAL

The Light Before Christmas

by Joseph M. Martin

Children's Choir

Prepare Our Hearts For The Coming of Jesus

Grace Healy

The Wonder of Advent

The Candle of Hope

Julianna Carlo
Elise Asay

Hope is Like a Candle

Claire Healy, Elise Asay, Grace Healy, soloists

The Candle of Peace

Wynafred Fahey
Cecilia Pellegrino

A Prayer for Peace

The Candle of Joy

Sarah Barnhart
Claire Healy
Gabe Balboni

Sing for Joy, Children of Light

The Candle of Love

Brynn Healy
Nathan White

Look to the Night

The Christ Candle

Ben Hughes
Finnegan Fahey
Nathan White

An Echo Carol of Praise

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

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 110

Love Has Come

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Regent Square

by Henry Thomas Smart

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

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

Please join us for fellowship in Westminster Hall immediately following worship.

Congratulations and many thanks to the children for their hard work and dedication.

Beth Donley, Music Director

Paige McQueen, Accompanist

Children's Choir:

Elise Asay

Drew Asay

Gabe Balboni

Gemma Balboni

Sarah Barnhart

Juliana Carlo

Finnegan Fahey

Wynafred Fahey

Brynn Healy

Claire Healy

Grace Healy

Benjamin Hughes

Cecilia Pellegrino

Nathan White

Honorary Choir Members:

Norah Hughes

Isabella Pellegrino

Katie White

Special thanks to Kevin Ward

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Judy's parents, Natalie & Bob Ambrose, by Judy & Duncan Ewald.

~In loving memory of Samuel & Esther Tsang, Dorothy Yung and Sharon Williams Tsang, by Annette Hu.

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.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 11

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & via Zoom
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m., Church House Parlor
Small Group Bible Study, 11:15 a.m.
Vedic Prayer Group, 3:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Senior High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, December 12

Pantry Committee, 10:00 a.m., Church House Parlor
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m.
Middle School Advisor Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Church House Library
Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Youth & Young Adult Council, 7:00 p.m., Church House Library
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Council 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

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.

Wednesday, December 14

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor
Cemetery Heritage Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

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

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

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