



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (Handbell Choir)

Joy to the World

French Carol, 15th cent.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 105**

People Look East

Besançon

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF ADORATION *(in unison)*

Sam Miglarese

Heavenly God, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

"Journey to Bethlehem"

by Akiko Kageyama

Cast: *Narrator*, Mary Ellis Merritt; *Angel*, Vanessa Armstrong; *Star*, Cordie Ramont; *Shepherd 1*, Logan Brown; *Shepherd 2*, Noah Dillon; *Joseph*, Ricky Bennett; *Mary*, Brianna Bennett; *Baby Jesus*, Luke Bennett. Handbells: Jane Brawley, Kate Busa, Gordon Campbell, Brent Curtis, Mindy Douglas, Andrew Hedgpeth, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Mary-Jo Keenan, Julie Maxwell, Betsy Robinson, Phyllis Supple, Tess Tessier.

(Following the pageant, the children may either go and sit with their parents or return to the playroom for the remainder of worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND

Kirk Huslage, Erin McClain, Maeve and Rhys

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of the peace only God can bring. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

***HYMN NO. 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

***CONFESSION OF SIN** *(remain standing)*

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

John Weicher

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: **And also with you.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Covenant God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets' message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

(Pew Bible, OT Page 889)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

(Pew Bible, NT Page 543)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

"The Great Leveling"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent meditation)

*HYMN NO. 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

NEW MEMBER SERVICE OF WELCOME

Mindy Douglas and Marilyn Hedgpeth

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer

Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 306, verse 1; all sing)

Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

People: **From God comes my salvation.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

. . . 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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Anthem

In Adam We Have All Been One

Marilyn Hedgpeth
Southern Harmony,
Saints' Delight, arr. Hysop

*In Adam we have all been one, one huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice that sought us as we ran.
We fled Thee, and in losing Thee, we lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own, each man his brother slew.
But Thy strong love, it sought us still and sent Thine only Son
That we might hear His Shepherd's voice and, hearing Him, be one.
O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind, O hear us when we call.
Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, to make us one in Thee.
Then shall our song united rise to Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore and Spirit Thou art one.*

*Doxology (Hymn No. 108, verse 6)

Divinum Mysterium

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**
All: **God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives.
Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine
with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Genevan 42

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

People Look East

Paul Manz

Parents: The Children's Choir will hold a quick rehearsal today following worship in the choir room. They will sing again during worship on December 23rd.



First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the **Ritual of Friendship pad**, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, December 2, we welcomed 31 visitors to our worship service.

Please welcome the following new members to FPC: the **Bass Family (Dustin, Elizabeth and Bennett)** and **Diane Goff**. **Elizabeth Bass** is the daughter of **Ed and Caroline Pritchett**. **Diane** is the mother of **Leslie McDow**.

The *table* upon which the Advent wreath sits was handcrafted by *George Danser* and is given to the church by him and his wife, *Jean Cary*.

The *Advent paraments*, a gift from the bequest of *Anne St. Clair Williams*, were designed and created in 2012 by Laurie Wohl, an internationally known fiber-artist.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of *today's worship texts* are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (2018 edition) and *Feasting on the Word*.

The bulletin cover by Netherlands artist Geertgen tot Sint Jans (1460-1495), "*John the Baptist in the Wilderness*," is from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56033>

Year-End Giving: Contributions statements are being mailed this week to all those who had pledge balances as of November 30. Timely payment of pledges by December 31 will allow First Presbyterian to pay its end-of-year bills promptly and to meet its benevolence obligations for 2018. Please remember that the church must receive your charitable contributions by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24, 2018; or placed in the offering plate at a service through Sunday, December 30, 2018; or the gift must be postmarked by December 31, 2018, if mailed, to be deductible on your 2018 taxes. If you wish to make a contribution by credit card, this may be done through the church's website (www.firstpres-durham.org) at any time. To be deductible on your 2018 taxes, please initiate the gift by Friday, December 28. If you wish to make a donation through a gift of stock, please notify Tom Bloom, Business Administrator (t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org) as soon as possible. Members aged 70 ½ + who own an IRA may be able to make a tax-excludable gift directly to First Presbyterian and have that gift satisfy any required minimum distribution for this year. Please contact your IRA administrator ASAP if you wish to consider this giving option for tax year 2018.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee has two important tasks to complete this 2018-2019 church year. They will manage the process to nominate members to the Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families Nominating Committee and in the spring, will present a slate of candidates for the Diaconate, Session, and at-large members of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. Forms for submitting nominations can be picked up from the tables in the foyer and narthex. The deadline for submitting nominations is January 6, 2019.

Christmas Concerns

During Advent, share Christmas wishes with friends in the congregation by making a donation to Christmas Concerns. This year's proceeds will be given to support two people who are in sanctuary: Rosa at the Church of Reconciliation and Jose at the School for Conversion in Durham. Both Rosa and Jose are parents trying to support their children who are also in the area. To participate in Christmas Concerns, write a check to First Presbyterian Church, memo: "Christmas Concerns" and put it in the offering plate. Then, visit the Giving Tree in the foyer, sign your name on an ornament and hang the ornament on the Giving Tree for all to see. The names of those who share greetings will be listed in the December 18th edition of the church's newsletter. **The deadline to participate is December 16.**



Day School Winter Pageant and Auction



Please join First Presbyterian Day School on **Friday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m.** for their annual Winter Pageant and Auction. The auction will be held in the fellowship hall and doors open at 2:30 p.m. Do some holiday shopping including ornaments made by the students, a beautiful hand-crafted maple table made by Miguel Rubiera, and the opportunity to bid on a child's playhouse - your gifts will support the Day School! At 3:00 p.m. the pageant begins in the sanctuary. You'll enjoy music and songs from all of the Day School classes as well as the staff. Santa will also be stopping by! The children, staff and parents of the Day School hope you'll join them! If you have items to donate for the auction or would like to help, please contact Roxanne Little at 919-698-3910.

~ Our Concerns ~

Sympathies

We extend our sympathies to the family of **Peggie (Peg) June Bracken**, a longtime visitor to FPC who died December 5, 2018 at Duke Hospital. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at FPC at 2:00 p.m. today. The family will receive friends at a reception in Watts-Hill hall following the service.

Hospitals

Ann Prospero, a patient at Duke Regional Hospital

Joseph Ngumi, a patient at Duke Hospital

Jake Frost, husband of Erica Shirts (friends of FPC)

Doug Hervey, son of Jeanne Hervey and a patient at Duke Hospital

Jim Mau, father of Shirley Frederick's daughter-in-law, Sharon

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Home

Lee Courtland

Barbara Gerwe

Franzi Rokoske

Carolyn Wolfe

Care Communities

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin, Jim Wolfe**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr**

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: **Helen Garrison**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff

Catherine Gitia, friend of Mary Gitata

Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins

Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece



Advent MIDWEEK CAROLING AND CHILD-FRIENDLY WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 12 with Cheryl Henry

Wednesday, December 19 with Mary Berry

Join us at 5:45 p.m. on the Main Street steps for caroling, followed by worship and communion at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The evening worship will be followed by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 16

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - A Service of Lessons and Carols

6:00 p.m. - Potluck Supper and Carols Sing-Along

Bring a dish to share. If you play an instrument, bring it along (with a music stand) and join the improvised orchestra that accompanies singing of carols around the Christian symbols tree.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 23

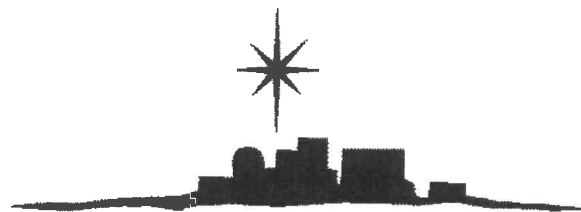
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Come prepare for a silent night/holy night. The Children's Choir will be singing.

The *Hunger for Change Offering* will be received during worship.

The PC(USA) *Joy Gift Offering* will be received, supporting financial assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.



CHRISTMAS EVE – MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

(The livestream radio broadcast of the King's College Lessons and Carols event at FPC has been canceled.)


3:00 p.m. - Worship with communion and candles (in the sanctuary)

A simple 45-minute service featuring carols from around the world.



5:00 p.m. - Communion and Candlelight Service (in the sanctuary)

The birth of the Christ Child is celebrated in word and song with Communion by candlelight. Childcare provided for younger children. An offering will be received to support Welcome Baby and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC.


People, Look East




1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who


crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



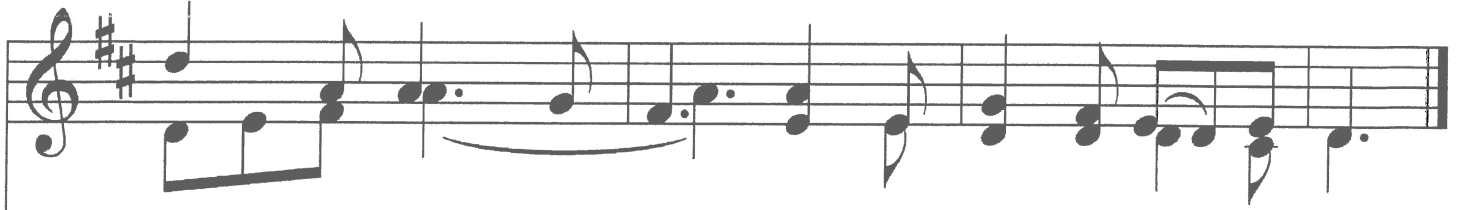
Peo - ple, look



a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



east and sing to - day:



Peo-ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Bird, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east:

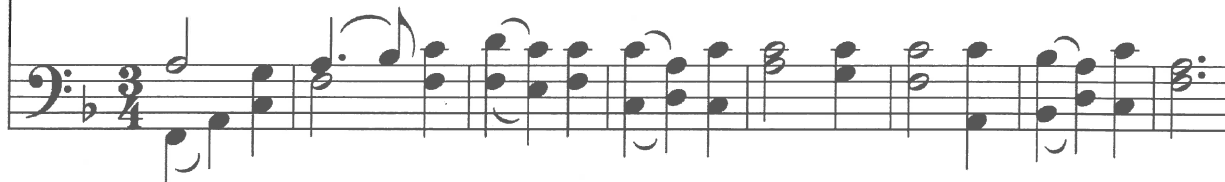
(Love is on the way.)



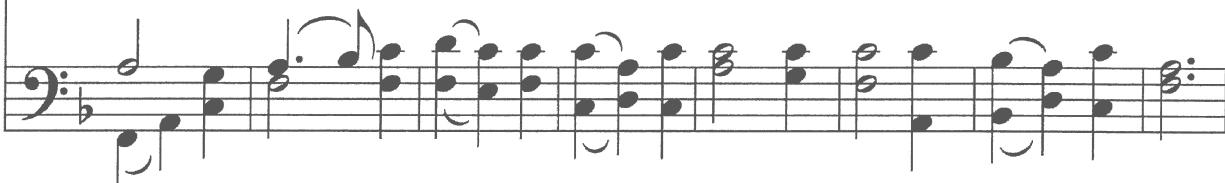
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



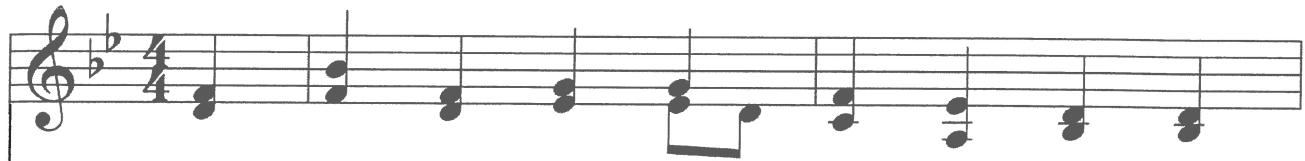
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and



nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -



for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.



Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -
 → 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
 → to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 → wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 → min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



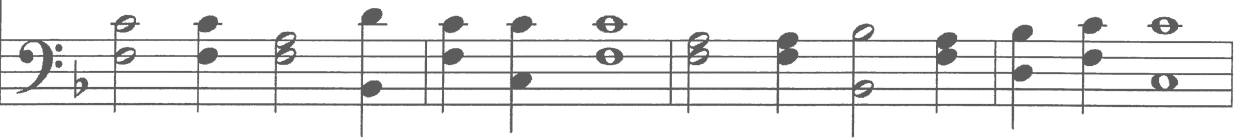
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.




To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.



The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship:</p> <p>12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>2:00 PM Memorial Service for Peg Bracken (Reception follows in Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>TBA Youth Groups Christmas Party</p>	<p>Monday, December 10</p> <p>5:00 PM Time Out Radio Show Jennie Belle talks about immigration and sanctuary opportunities (Listen live on FM103.5 or at wcom.org)</p> <p>6:00 PM Property Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship and the Arts Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 11</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>Newsletter today!</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 12</p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon at Croasdaile Village</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>5:45 PM Carol Singing (Sanctuary porch steps)</p> <p>6:00 PM Advent Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:30 PM Advent Supper (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, December 13</p>	<p>Friday, December 14</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries</p> <p>3:00 PM Day School Winter Pageant and Auction</p> <p>Deadline for newsletter and worship bulletin information through January 7, 2019</p>	<p>Saturday, December 15</p>	<p>Sunday, December 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third Sunday of Advent</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship "A Service of Lessons & Carols"</p> <p>6:00 PM Christmas Potluck and Carols Sing-Along (No evening Youth Groups)</p>

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Amy Dillon*

Narthex Greeters: *Maxie Honeycutt, Elinor Hess*

After Worship Greeters: *Sigfried Fullenkamp* (narthex/rear); *Raymond Mbah* (side/font)

Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Amy Sanchez, Amy Dillon, Katy Barron*

CHURCH STAFF

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Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor



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