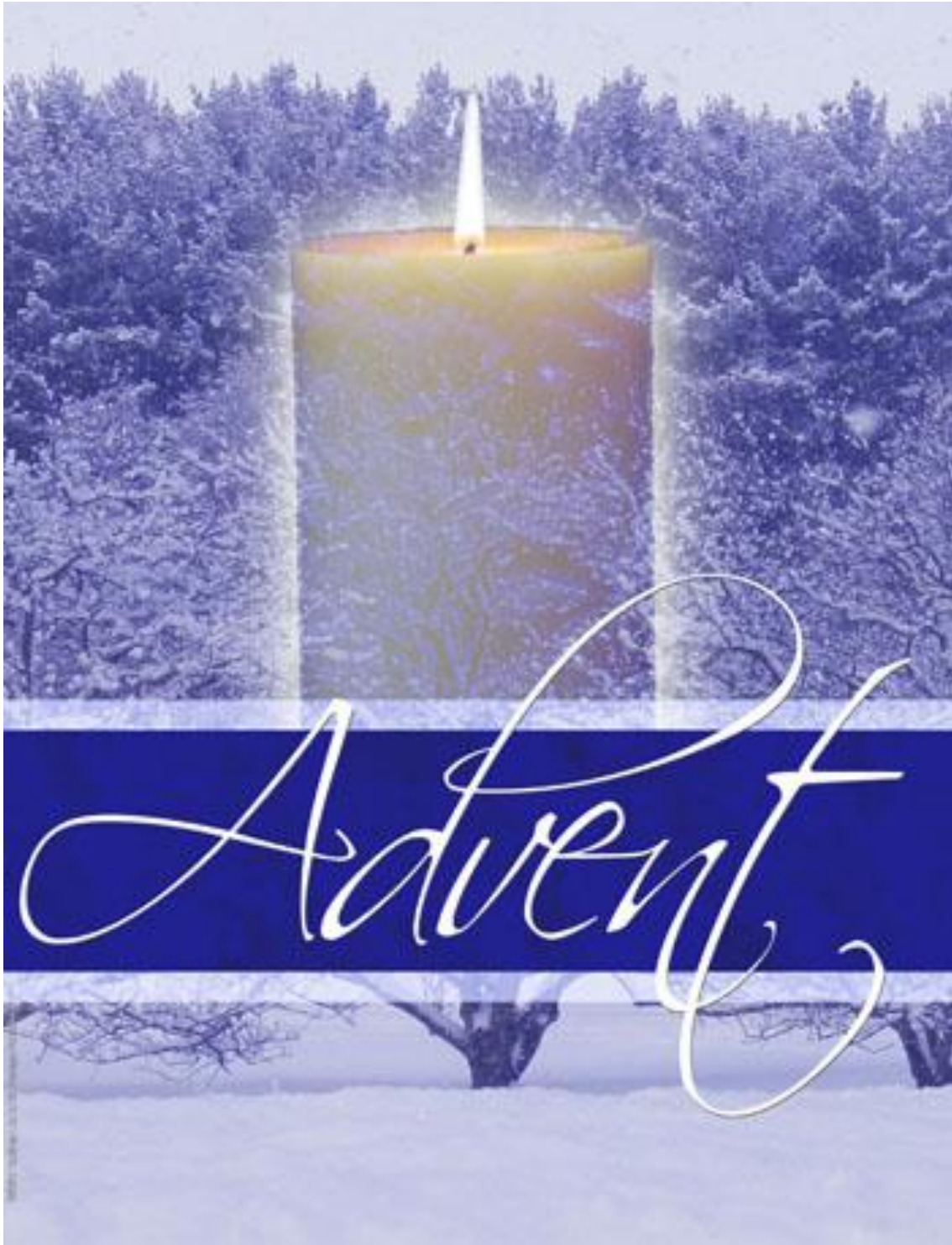


First Sunday of Advent



Hope

Peace

Love

Joy

*United Presbyterian Church
of
Plainfield, New Jersey*



December 2, 2018

11:00 AM

Holy Communion

**TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTER HERE, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent.
Before the Service speak to God, during the Service let God speak to you, after the Service speak to others.**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Waiting for a King*

Joe Martin

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING HYMN PH 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Our souls magnify the Lord,
and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.
God has done great things. Holy is God's name!
God's mercy is for all who fear the Lord,
God's love from generation to generation!*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
You are coming in power to bring all nations under Your rule
We confess that we have not expected Your kingdom,
For we live casual lives, ignoring Your promised judgement.
We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, abuse the earth*

and refuse Your justice and peace.

In Your mercy, forgive us as we await Your Second Coming!

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice in this Good News! If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to the Triune God!

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN/YOUTH MESSAGE

Marcia Marsh-Hinds

ANTHEM While We are Waiting, Come C. Cornager/R.Daniels

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33: 14-17

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 21: 25-36

Pages 104-105

***GLORIA PATRIA**

SERMON

“Warning! Welcome! Waiting!”

Rev. Macari

THE RESPONSE

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY At The Cross

Hudson

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn 708)**

*We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed Traditional,
PH Hymnal Page 14

COMMUNION HYMN GTG 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORD OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of Bread

Distribution of Cup

UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND INSTITUTION

Triune God, we give You thanks that You came to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ. We eagerly await His coming again so that His rule may be complete and Your righteousness reign over all this world. Then we will feasts at His royal banquet and sing His praises with choirs of angels and saints of all ages.

UNISON PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND MISSION

Triune God, through long generations You prepared a way for the coming of Your Son. Keep us awake and alert, watching for His kingdom and strong in faith. Renew our daily thoughts and our decisions by Your Holy Spirit to always give Your Son all the praise and glory at His marvelous Second Coming. Amen!

THE SENDING

***PARTING HYMN GTG 82** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE 568

POSTLUDE Lord, Dismiss Us with your Blessing Sicilian Mariner

Assisting in today's Worship:

Liturgist: Marcia Marsh-Hinds

Greeters/Ushers: Neekah Hinds and Mobolaji Falowo

WE WELCOME YOU IN JESUS' NAME! Let us come before the Lord our maker. And may God grant us the humility to be receptive to God's life changing grace.

Nursery Care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Again, thanks for coming out today!!! Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

If you are interested in becoming a member of United Church, please see the pastor or an usher. You are invited to the Fellowship Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.

REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS:

At Home: Ronn Daniels, Jamie Sweeney, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney, Richard Lecky, Jan Boot.

Rev. Dr. Aloyo and Esperanza Aloyo: Victor's mother

Jennie Salas and Eneida Concepcion: Jennie Salas mother

Freda Lenzo: friend of Jeanne Ashanky

Frank Klikus: BJ Klikus husband

Ginny Mayer-Brown: former member

Stanton White: Morena White's husband

Bob Neumann and wife Jean: Helen Forester's nephew

Brandon Williams: friend to George & Ginni Hansen

Helen Pridgen: Audrey Smith's mother

Gail Stokes and Izaiyah Stokes: Gail Stokes grandson

Truth Sutton: Gail Stokes grandson

Cecilie Martinez-Brown: Gail Stokes sister

Sylvia Denson: Gail Stokes friend

Greg and Cyndi Tufaro: friends of: Kathy Luisi's

Kevin Brown: Yolanda Braswell's friend

Prayers for our students: Joy Awobue, Kay Falowo,

Crystal Awobue, Izaiyah Stokes and Gean Bernard.

Prayers for peace and end to gun violence throughout our country. U.S.

Armed Forces in Afghanistan and citizens of these places. People of Syria.

FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:

The Presbyterian Foundation Minister-at-Large:

Rev. W. Alfred Tisdale, Jr.

WE WELCOME Rev. Ken Macari:

Ken Macari is an Honorably Retired Teaching Elder of Elizabeth Presbytery. He retired in 2016 after 21 years from the Community Presbyterian Church in Edison. He occasionally preaches in Elizabeth and Philadelphia Presbyteries. A native of Philadelphia, PA, Ken served the Hermon Church under the Philly Elevated Train from 1977 to 1989. After serving the North Park Church in Buffalo, NY for six years, Ken took the call to Edison, in Advent of 1995. He met his wife, Linda, at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. They were married in March of 1977.

THANKS TO SUE TERRY for filing in for me for vacation and at last minute when I was sick.

Ronn, Music Director

DROP & SHOP –Saturday, December 8th for children: movie and play in room 309. UPC members to assist with children.

Sunday, December 16 at 2:pm meet for carolling in the Lind Room

BINGO NIGHT PRIZES NEEDED

Boy Scout Troop 5 is running the bingo night at Arista Care at Norwood Terrace the **first Monday night of the month**. They are looking for prizes for the residents. They can use toiletries, jewelry, lotions, shampoo, razors, or any small items they can give as gifts to their loved ones. There is a box in the Narthex for any Donations. Any questions contact: Carl or Wanda.

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2018 PLEDGE CHECKS As we reach the end of 2018, the Stewardship Committee wishes to remind everyone that any pledge received after December 30 regardless of the date on the check will be applied to your 2019 commitment. The Stewardship Committee

CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES Vouchered expenses for 2018 must be placed in the Treasurer's mailbox no later than Monday, December 31.

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. – Isaiah 40:31

But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. – James 1:18

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. – Colossians 3:14

SCHEDULE – December 2 - 9, 2018

Sunday	10:00am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00am	Holy Communion Service
	12:15pm	Refreshments, Lind Room
	7:30pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Boy Scout Meeting, Friendship Hall
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	11-6pm	Drop & Shop Rm. 309
	6:30pm	A/A, Hansen Room

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday	10:00am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:15pm	Refreshments, Lind Room
		Deacons Meeting, Hansen Room
	7:30pm	A/A Friendship Hall

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