SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PEACE

United Presbyterian Church
of
Plainfield, New Jersey

December 9, 2018 ***11:00 AM***

Youth Sunday

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 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Es Ist Ein Rose

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING HYMN GTG 95 Prepare the Way of the Lord
(Sing 3 times)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house
of God's servant David.
Blessed be the Lord our God!
God has shown mercy and remembered the holy covenant,
that we might serve God without fear.
By the tender mercy of our God,
God will guide our feet into the way of peace.
Let us worship God together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We seek to serve you, O Lord, with glad and generous hearts.

Forgive us when our hearts are hardened
and move us to trust the depth of your promise.
We seek to live as baptized people,
repenting of sin and sharing your grace.
Forgive us when we fall into selfish ways,
and move us to know the goodness of your call.
Have mercy on us, O God.
By your grace, cleanse us.
By your providence, help us to learn from our mistakes.
By your Holy Spirit, equip us to love and honor you.
Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN/YOUTH MESSAGE Marcia Marsh-Hinds

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:1-4 Page 1088
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3: 1-6 Pages 72-73

****GLORIA PATRIA***

SERMON **Good News: Divine Fulfillment** Pastor Samuel

THE RESPONSE

PRAYER REQUESTS
PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY The First Nowell Nowell

****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 SENDING

****PARTING HYMN GTG 318*** In Christ There is No East or West (vs. 1-2-4)
****CHARGE & BENEDICTION***
CHORAL RESPONSE 599
POSTLUDE Sleepers Wake Watchet Auf

Assisting in today's Worship:
Liturgist: Marcia Marsh-Hinds
Greeters/Ushers: Youth Participation

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.

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FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:

The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

Minister-at-Large: James Verser

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

12/10 Macy Robinson

12/13 Javin Scott

Summary for Bulletin

What does your future hold?

In Latin, there are two words for the "future": *futurum* and *adventus*. Futurum is the future we can project, based on trends and what we have seen before. Adventus, however, is a future that comes to us from beyond ourselves. Adventus is a future open to possibility and filled with anticipation.

For Christians, adventus is a future filled with anticipating an encounter with the Divine. This year, our Advent sermon series anticipates good news through Divine encounters. So during the next four Sundays, I invite you to join us at 11AM for the "Good News" sermon series. For in Christ Jesus, your future holds "good news" through an encounter with the Divine.

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

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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

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

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Peace- Second Sunday in Advent

God's peace is always possible, even on the busiest days. I am never far away from what the apostle Paul calls "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding."

I am a living expression in my life. In the stillness of prayer, I embrace God's peace, allowing it to till my body, mind, and spirit.

Centered in the stillness of God, I go about my daily activities, affirming: God's peace is mine. All things contribute to the calm peace of my soul.
Interruptions and inconveniences no longer upset me. My peaceful presence blesses me and everyone I meet.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:7
- Daily Word

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POINSETTIAS - Once again it is time to celebrate the birth of Christ, our Lord and Savior. We are asking for donations for this activity. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia for **United** to "borrow" until you take it home after the Christmas Eve Service. The cost is $8.00. Please place in offering plate in envelope mark "Poinsettias". Thank you.

Please place your order by Sunday, December 16th.

Thank you.

Flower Committee

Name_____

Amount _____

Red or White_____

SCHEDULE – December 9 -16, 2018

Sunday	10:00am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00am	Worship 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	7:00pm	Administration Meeting
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm	A/A, Hansen Room

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