



*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

*United Presbyterian Church  
of  
Plainfield, New Jersey*



*December 10, 2017*

*11:00 AM*

*Youth Sunday*

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**THE GATHERING**

***PRELUDE***    *Waiting for a King*  
***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING***

Joe Martin

***OPENING HYMN GTG 82***        *Come, Thou Long - Expected Jesus*  
***CALL TO WORSHIP***

*Jesus says: I am coming soon.*

***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!***

*God has promised us a new creation*

***where righteousness will be at home.***

*Let us worship God.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***God our Maker, we confess***

***that we are not ready to meet you.***

***You call us to repent,***

***but we turn away from you.***

***You wait patiently for us,***

***but we fail to watch and wait for you.***

***Forgive us, God of grace.***

***Embrace us with tender mercy***

***so that we may be at one with you***

***when all your glory is revealed;***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON***

***WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***PASSING THE PEACE***

***CHILDREN / YOUTH MESSAGE***

Marcia Marsh-Hinds

***THE WORD***

***OLD TESTAMENT READING*** Isaiah 40:1-11

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***NEW TESTAMENT READING*** Mark 1:1-8

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***\*GLORIA PATRIA***

***SERMON***

***“Lift Up Your Voice”***

Pastor Aloyo

***THE RESPONSE***

***PRAYER REQUESTS***

Pastor Dottie

***PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE***

***THE LORD’S PRAYER***

***BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS***

***OFFERTORY*** Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

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***\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)***

***\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

***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 143** Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs. 1&4)

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG Hymn 599**

**POSTLUDE** Good Christian Friends Rejoice In Dulci Jubilo

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**Assisting in today's Worship:**

**Liturgist: Youth Participation**

**Greeters/Ushers: Youth Participation**

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**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!!!** Hearing Aid Units, Large Print Bibles, and 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.**

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**REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS:**

**At Home:** Thelma Barnes, Jeffrey Barnes, Ronn Daniels, Meril Neil, Byron Pelan, Jamie Sweeney, Chuck Sass, Carl & Helen Foerster Richard Lecky, Barbara Hyney, Avril Lecky, Marcia Marsh-Hinds.

**Pastor Aloyo and Esperanza Aloyo:** pastor Victor's mother

**Rev. Howard Bryant:** at home

**Tony Rosado:** Victor's friend

**Jennie Salas and Eneida Concepcion:** Jennie Salas mother

**Tom Eddy:** former member

**Judy Winter:** Skip Winter's wife (Presbytery Committee)

**Freda Lenzo:** friend of Jeanne Ashanky

**Frank Klikus:** BJ Klikus husband

**Dorothy Meriwether:** former member

**Lucie Brown:** former member

**Paul Beyfuss:** Amanda Beyfuss father (Arista Care at Norwood)

**Stanton White:** Morena White's husband

**Yvonne Alston:** Lozelle Whiting's daughter

**Cynthia Noonan:** Bruce Pereyra's daughter

**Barbara Pereyra:** Bruce Pereyra's wife

**Bob Neumann and wife Jean:** Helen Forester's nephew

**Brandon Williams:** friend to George & Ginni Hansen

**Paige Black:** daughter of Steve Gray - our Florist

**Diane Hovington:** Pat Perry's sister

**Cynthia Hinton:** Pat Perry's cousin

**Dorothy Hines:** Avril Lecky's mother

**Sybil Slaten:** Warren Slaten's wife, Audio International

**Michelle and Barbara:** attends A/A Meeting

**Helen Pridgen:** Audrey Smith's mother

**Cecilie Martinez-Brown:** Gail Stokes sister

**Robin Powell:** Gail Stokes sister

**Marc Stokes:** Gail Stokes son

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

**Peter Henkel:** 13 years old has (SMA) parents Lorna & Will: helpers for PeaceWorks.

**Omar Curry:** Arista Care at Norwood

**Gabriel Roche:** Arista Care at Norwood

**Alfonso:** Arista Care at Norwood

**Prayers for our students: Stanley Awobue, 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:

**Outreach Ministries: New Creation Family Center,  
Old First Historic Trust and Restore Ministries**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!**

**12/10      Macy Robinson**

**12/16      Meril Neil**

**12/13      Javin Scott**

**12/16      Yetunde Falowo**

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**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** 12:15pm. Please bring your lunch, dessert and beverage will be provided.

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**THE UPPER ROOM** booklets for November/ December 2017 and Jan/Feb 2018, are available on the literature rack in the Narthex. If you wish to make a donation, please place \$1.00 in a pew envelope mark "literature" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

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**To All CROP SUPPORTERS**, Sunday, October 22 was a beautiful day made even more so because over 45 people took time to help those less fortunate. To make it a real success though it is necessary for all walkers to make sure their funds are turned in as soon as possible!

To those who will be collecting their money we will try and make it as easy as possible. You can bring your funds to the Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church 170 Watchung Ave, N. Plainfield: Tuesday-Thursday between 10 and 3 (call first 908-755-2781 or call Al Smith (908-756-0738) or Tom Ledder (908-232-2119) and we will pickup at your church or home.

Remember also all those individuals who earn \$100 or more receive a tee shirt; those earning \$200 or more receive a sweatshirt or tee shirt with a \$200 plus designation and the top five fundraisers receive a sweatshirt or two tee shirts with their name and position on the shirt.

**Your monies are due in today, Sunday, December 10.**

God Bless, Tom & Al

**THE SESSION** has approved the resurrection of the UPC Church Newsletter. The new newsletter will include an electronic as well as the paper version. Volunteers are sought to work on layout, writings, editing, reporting, photo, and distributing positions along with other jobs associated with a newsletter. Please see James Plummer (908-757-1426) or contact the church office (908-756-2666) if you have an interest or questions.

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**2017 PLEDGE CHECKS** As we reach the end of 2017, 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 2018 commitment. The Stewardship Committee

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**CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES** Vouchered expenses for 2017 must be placed in the Treasurer's mailbox no later than Friday, December 29th.

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### **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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*Peace*

### **Second Sunday in Advent**

#### **Living Peace**

We envision the birth of Jesus occurring in a setting of great peace. From this auspicious beginning, he grew to become the Prince of Peace—our Way Shower for living a life of peace, love, and compassion.

We each have within us a deep well of peace. It lies at the very center of our being. Anytime we feel unsettled, anxious, or upset, we can return to the abiding peace of the Christ within. We can live peace, know peace, and be peace.

*May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.*

*--2 Thessalonians 3:16*

## **SCHEDULE FOR December 10 - 17, 2017**

Sunday	10:00am	Youth/Adult Church School
	11:00am	Worship Service
	Noon	Refreshments, Lind Room
	Noon	Deacons Meeting, Hansen Room
	7:30pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall
Tuesday	12:15-2:00pm	Bible Study, Hansen Room
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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Church Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm