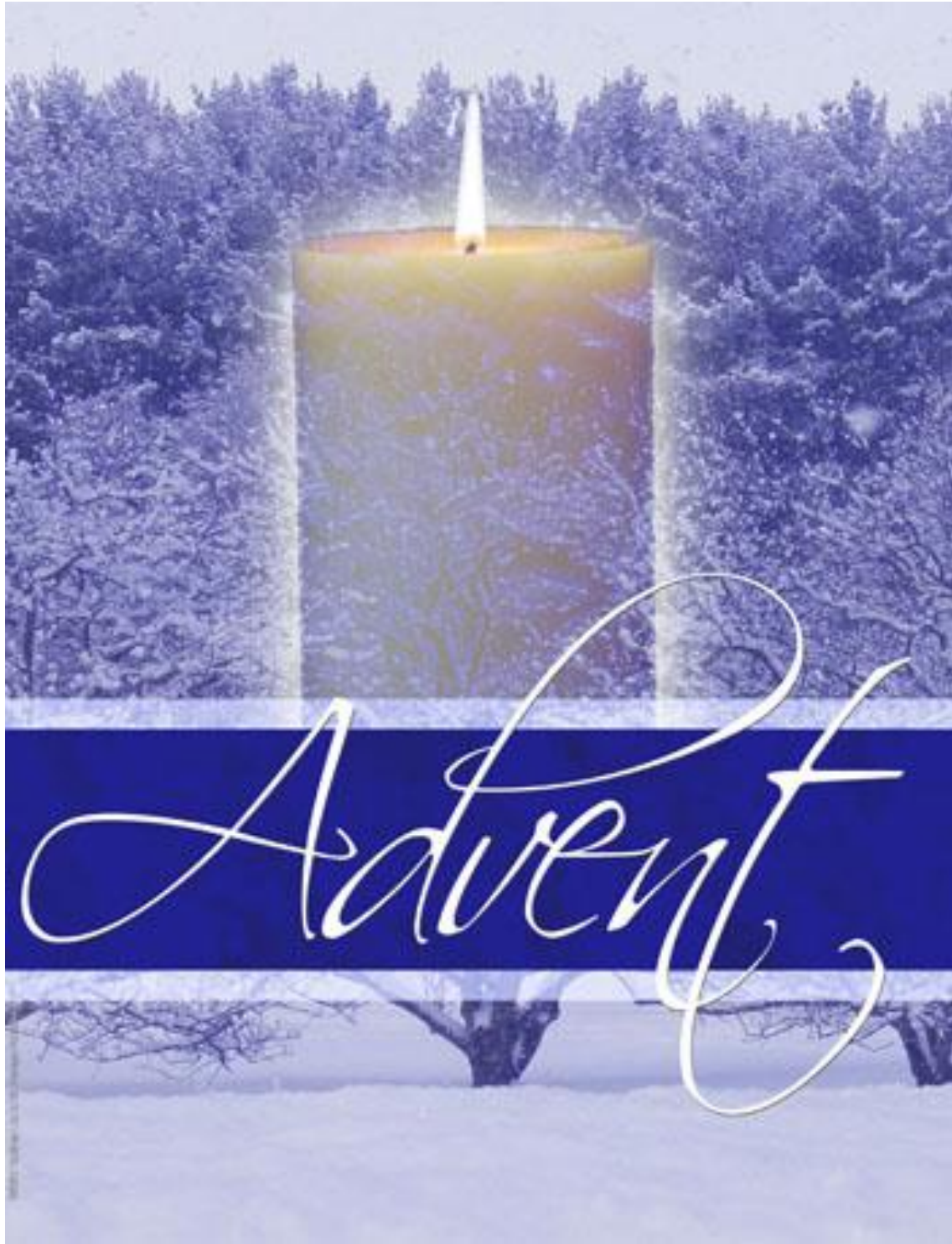


*First Sunday of Advent*



*Hope*

*Peace*

*Love*

*Joy*

*United Presbyterian Church  
of  
Plainfield, New Jersey*



*December 1, 2019*

*11:00 AM*

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*Holy Communion*

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**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.**

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**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** Prepare the Way of The Lord Randy Edwards

**ADVENT CACNDLE LIGHTING**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Come all who seek truth—let us go up to the  
Lord's house,*

***that we might learn holy ways and follow  
right paths.***

*Come—all nations, all peoples—stream through  
open gates,*

***that we might gather in the hallways of  
justice, the courts of peace.***

*Come—children of God—let us walk in the light  
of the Lord!*

***With hope in our hearts, let us worship God.***

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God,*

*You set before us the way of goodness  
and beckon us to follow you,*

*but we disregard your teachings  
and disobey your word.*

*You call people of every land to dwell  
in harmony,*

*but we sow division and harvest discord.*

*You command us to craft tools that sustain life,  
but we cling to weapons that damage and  
destroy.*

*Forgive us, Lord.*

*Your creation yearns for wholeness;*

*your people long for justice and peace.*

*Keep us ever watchful*

*and awaken us to your ways*

*as we wait in hope for the light of the world. Amen.*

## PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PASSING THE PEACE

## CHILDREN / YOUTH MESSAGE

Marcia Marsh-Hinds

## ANTHEM

While We are Waiting, Come

Claire Cloniger

## THE WORD

**\*GLORIA PATRIA**

**SERMON**

**“Wake UP!”**

Rev. Jennie Salas

**THE RESPONSE**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      When Morning Gilds the Skies      Laudes Domini

**\*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**

Apostles' Creed

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**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*The Lord be with you.*

*And also with you!*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them to the Lord  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

*You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
On a lonely mountain  
his human body was transfigured by your divine splendor.  
In his face, we have glimpsed your glory.  
The world was dark at his death,  
but the light of his life could not be extinguished.  
From the grave he rose like the sun,  
with blinding power and radiant peace.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 510**      We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Distribution of Bread / Distribution of Cup*

**UNISON PRAYER of COMMISSIONING for MISSION**  
*Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love.  
And inspire us to shine in faith and witness as His holy disciples.  
Transfigure us and transform us by Your Holy Spirit. May Your  
love shine in all we say and do. May the whole world see Your  
radiant light in the face of Your Son through us. Amen.*

### **THE SENDING**

**\*PARTING HYMN GTG 352**      My Lord! What a Morning

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**Assisting in today's Worship:**

**Liturgist: Marcia Marsh Hinds**

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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!!! 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 Lind Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.**

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

**At Home:** Ronn Daniels, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney, Thelma Barnes, Fred Robinson.

**Frank Klikus:** BJ Klikus husband

**Jamie Sweeney:** Helen Foerster's cousin

**Jean Neumann:** Helen Forester's niece

**John and Marianna Perry:** Helen Foerster's brother and wife

**Annette O'Connor:** Jean Scott's sister

**Phyllis Sennyuen:** Jean Scott's sister

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

**Nabielah Scott:** Kevin Scott's wife

**Zachary Robinson:** Jean Scott's nephew

**Lillian Willing:** Michelle Wildridge's mother

**Wendy Oldham:** Pat Dawson's friend

**Osquit Vanderstoop**

**Gail Stokes, and Izaiyh Stokes:** Gail Stokes grandson

**Sylvia Denson:** Gail Stokes friend

**John Zayatz,** Gail Stokes friend

**Larry Brown:** Gail Stokes brother-in-law

**Freda Lenzo:** friend of Jeanne Ashanky

**Charisse Payne & Family:** Elder & Mrs. Davis, daughter: Cathedral

**JoAnn Edwards, Lazarus Edwards:** JoAnn Edwards's husband

**Lazarus Edwards Jr.:** JoAnn Edwards's son

**Prayers for our students: Neekah Hinds, Mobolaji Falowo, 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 Foundation**

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**2019 PLEDGE CHECKS** As we reach the end of 2019, 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 2020 commitment. The Stewardship Committee.

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**CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES** Vouchered expenses for 2019 must be placed in the Treasurer's mailbox no later than Monday, December 30.

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### **First Sunday of Advent**

**Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?" Matthew 25-37**

## **GATHERING UP THE STRAW OF HOPE**

**On this first Sunday of Advent, consider what gives you hope. Who took notice of you when you felt discouraged or alone in**

**the world? What was done for you?**

**Now think about your neighbors. For many, it is the season of magnified loneliness and despair. How might you, your family and the church be the flesh and bone of Christ in**

**Your neighborhood and beyond?**

**Make Christ known through the sign language of kindness -it's the language that all people of every nation and tribe can understand.**

**Reflect on what you choose to do and how it affects you, your family, the church and the community at large.**

**SCHEDULE: December 1 - 8 , 2019**

Sunday	11:00am	Holy Communion Service
	12:30pm	Refreshments, Lind Room
	7:30pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, FH
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	A/A Friendship Hall
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm	A/A, Hansen Room

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

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