



# First Presbyterian Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent

**December 13, 2020**

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ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Christopher Henkel

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Tess Feiler

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: -- Vacancy --

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Ali Elias-Lizardo

ACOLYTES: 8:30 am Brayden Young · 11:00 am Isla Marsh

**WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**

@ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg/videos>



### Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Service

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10*

PRELUDE

*"The King Come When Morning Dawns"  
"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

Keesecker  
Keesecker

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: The Davis Family

Leader: This third Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

**People: (Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*HYMN

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

No. 29



## Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Service

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy and Living God, together we thank You and praise You for the messengers proclaiming the Good News. Together we confess that we want to hear more and understand more of the message. Together we pray to be forgiven for questioning as if that news is not enough for us. Open our hearts and our minds to joy in knowing that the Holy Way to Zion is before us because You have promised. Keeping watch together through Advent, we pray in the name of our Emmanuel. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ's peace with one another.]*

### \*HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ali Elias-Lizardo

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"How Far Is It to Bethlehem?"*

Chesterton/Hayes

### FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

### SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 1:6-8, 19-28

***A Season in the Lectionary***

### SERMON

*"Advent and Repentance"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

### \*HYMN

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

No. 31

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### \*HYMN

*"Arise! Your Light Is Come"*

No. 411

### \*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

### \*POSTLUDE

*"The Advent of Our God"*

Brandon

## *Prayers*

**In our prayers today and your prayers this week, please remember the following people and their families:**

- Allan Scheurich, Recovering at home
- Joyce Hollinger
- Donna Burkholder, Recovering at home
- Larry Guise, York WellSpan

Our sisters and brothers in our partner congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras, Presbytery of Mthatha (South Africa) and Donegal Presbytery.

**In need of the prayer chain?**

Call Sandy Bernstorf 717-201-7926 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676



**NEXT WEEK – December 20**

**A Season in the Lectionary**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: Advent and Salvation



## Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM Service

### Greeting and Announcements

#### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: The Harrar Family

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**People: (Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

#### \*Praise & Worship

*O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)*

*Cornerstone*

*Here As In Heaven*



#### Prayer & Peace

#### Children's Message

Commissioning of the Harrar family: Simeon, Alison, Sam, and Lydia

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Second Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

### *A Season in the Lectionary*

Sermon:

"Advent and Repentance"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

#### \*Offering/Closing Song

*Even So Come*

#### \*Benediction

### *Christmas Eve Services*

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Covid surge, all in-person worship services have been cancelled until further notice for the safety of everyone.**

#### *Family Christmas Pageant Services*

4:30 pm - **Online only**

[YouTube](#)

[Web Site](#)

[Facebook](#)



#### *Candlelight Services*

8:00 pm & 11 pm **Online only**

In person or live streaming at home:

[YouTube](#)

[Web Site](#)

[Facebook](#)



#### ***Regular Worship Services • 8:30 am & 11:00 am***

Sunday, December 20 & 27 • Sunday School at 10:00 am **Online Only**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to be able to commission to missionary service the Harrar family. Simeon is a pastor here in the Donegal Presbytery. Ali grew up locally and went to school at LS and they met at the Strasburg Railroad gift shop. They will be serving with Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya which is a Christian international school which gathers students from over 50 nations. Ali will be teaching music and Simeon will be the chaplain for high school students.

**College Student of the Week:** Bethany Bronkema, 500 College Ave, Swarthmore, PA 19081

E-mail: [bethanyb2000@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyb2000@gmail.com) Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

**The work of FPC continues:** All of the staff are still working hard to keep us connected and are keeping the light of Christ shining within the community. While programmatically things may have shifted, we are still looking to provide a family for those who don't know Christ, for those who want to grow in Christ, and for those who want to go with Christ. This not only takes time and planning, it also takes resources. We fully realize that we are in a time of having to rely even more on the providence and provision of God. You can play an enormous role in helping us meet the needs for our staffing and our programs during this time when collecting tithes in person is limited. There are various ways that you can give your tithes and contribute to the FPC ministries. One way is to send your tithe and offering checks to First Presbyterian Church at 101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, Pa 17579. Make it out to First Presbyterian and our financial accountant will take care of it. Another way to give is online at the church website: <http://www.straspres.org/> Click the donate button. On your home computer, at the top of the page, select "Computer Giving". From there click on "Go to Engage e-giving" where you can either create an account to give more frequently or in a recurring way. To give a one-time gift, click "Create a Gift" and it will provide similar options. You can pay either by credit card or by ACH, your bank information. Please take the time to make an impact on your community with your offerings at this time. For questions about electronic giving please give me a call at 717-799-0777. I can walk you through it.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Links are also on the FPCS Website Homepage

### Sunday, December 13

**8:30 am Worship – Online**

[YouTube](#)

[Web Site](#)

[Facebook](#)

Phone in: 1 646 558 8656 then key in 9703411314#

**10 am Wired Word Sunday School Class - Online**

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 869 4647 397 Passcode: 355650 or word

**11 am Worship – Online**

[YouTube](#)

[Web Site](#)

[Facebook](#)

phone in: 1 646 558 8656 then key in 9703411314#

**6 pm Ignited Youth Group**

### Tuesday, December 15

**2 pm Food Bank**

### Wednesday, December 16

**7 pm Session Meeting - Zoom**

### Thursday, December 17

**6 pm Bible Study** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZgg>

### Friday, December 18

**2 pm Food Bank**