

Advent Peace
Kirkpatrick Church
Sunday, December 4, 2022 9:30am

Preservice Music
Greeting & Announcements

Preparation Music: There's A Song in the Air - Arr. by James D. Kimball 🛎 The Bells Of Kirkpatrick

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord." A choir sings in the silence, "Come, Emmanuel." Every valley shall be filled. Every heart shall be made whole, for peace is stronger than turmoil, and love is louder than hate.

As we light our second Advent candle,

we pray for the holy peace of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Peace.

Sung Response *(tune: Away in the Manger)*

***A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay***

Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

**O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us,
that in this time we may await with abundant expectation
the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation,
for you live and reign among us, now and forever. Amen.**

Gathering Songs:

I Wonder As I Wander
What Child Is This?

by John Jacob Niles
Traditional

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We study the ways of war; we stray from the paths of peace. By day we waste your gifts; by night we dishonor your name. Forgive us; deliver us; awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response: O Little Town of Bethlehem vs 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem!

Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in,

Be born to us today.

We hear the Christmas angels

The great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Immanuel!

A Time for Children

Prayer of Thanksgiving - Offering

Doxology

**All praise to you Eternal Son whose advent has our freedom won
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.**

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-11

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2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

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Sermon: "And Along Came John"

Pastor Marie Branigan

Hymn of Response: Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prayers of the People

Communion Hymn: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution
Sharing the Feast

Prayer after Communion

Lord, Emmanuel

By your presence in this meal

you have fed us and strengthened us,

In this waiting season

fill us with hopeful expectation

that we may see the signs of your kingdom

all around us

and rejoice

in your coming salvation and glory. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn: O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

Benediction

Sung response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, Oh Israel!

Post Service Music

The word "PEACE" is written in large, bold, gold-colored letters with a textured, metallic appearance. The letters are set against a white background and have a slight shadow effect.

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Announcements

Please join us for coffee after worship today in the connector. We could really use some more volunteers to make coffee and bring treats. Please speak with Norma Z. Thank you.

Food Ministry: Christmas Food Box collection has begun.

We currently could use:

cereal

fruit cups: applesauce, mixed fruit, etc.

pancake mix

syrup

jelly

Thank you for all you do to support this ministry.

Christmas Eve Bulletin Dedications: This year, due to fiscal and supplier issues, M&W will not be making poinsettias available for purchase. If you would like a memorial or dedication included in our Christmas Eve bulletin, please fill out the forms that will be here in the church or send your memorial information to the office. We will be happy to accept an "at-will" donation attached to your form for our KMPC food ministry in memory of or to honor your loved one!

M&W would like to thank Will Hodes, Darryl Cronce, and Lainie Ballard who came to the church to help decorate our Sanctuary.

Our Boy Scout Troop #65 will be participating in two fundraisers over the holidays: Wreaths Across America and ShopRite Gift Cards. We can help them by sponsoring (purchasing) wreaths that will be laid on the graves of veterans at Rosemont Cemetery on December 17th and by donating money so they can purchase gift cards that can be used at any ShopRite store. The forms for both programs are on the table. Once completed please drop them off for Chris in the church office or give them to Roger Pickard. Thanks for your help in supporting the scouts in our troop.

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Christmas Giving This year the mission committee is reaching out to support the families who use the services of The Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington with gift cards to either Shoprite or Wal-Mart. These gift cards are favored gifts for the families and can be used for a variety of needed items. Our contacts at The Friendship Center ask that cards be in the amount of \$10.00. The mission committee is asking that donations of these gift cards be either placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed directly to the church by December 7. Once they are all collected they will be delivered to the Friendship Center for distribution. The timing for donation of the gift cards is limited, but the ease for the purchasing of these helpful gifts is great. Please consider becoming a part of this **Christmas Giving** opportunity.

Calendar Updates:

🔔 **The Bells of Kirkpatrick** 🔔 Will play on Christmas Eve.

Vacation Days: Chris, our office admin, will be off on Fridays in December.
Pastor Marie will be off on Sunday, January 1.

Grocery Giveaway, Christmas Food Baskets: December 17, 11 – 12:00

Christmas Eve Worship: 5:30 pm in person & zoom

Sunday, Dec 25 Worship: Pre-recorded provided by Presbytery, details to be announced.

No in-person or Zoom on Christmas Day.

Coming in January: “Souper Sunday” Congregational Luncheon

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