

December 18, 2022; 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent

We Gather Together

Gathering Music: *please join in singing the following Christmas carols*
PH 14 Savior of the Nations, Come vs. 1-3
PH 20 Watchman, Tell us of the Night vs. 1-2
PH 8 Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates vs. 1 & 3
Laurie Christie, Cantor

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

Lighting of the Candle of Love *Beth Bergman, Joanne Marchionda*
Love is more than a flicker within the human heart.

Lord, reveal Your love and make us new.

In a hurried world with little time for others,
Advent calls us to remember that . . .

Love is patient.

In a world where we often are quick to anger and slow to forgive,
Advent calls us to remember that . . .

Love is kind.

In a world where often we are quick to anger and slow to forgive,
Advent calls us to remember that ...

Love is not easily angered, and through love we come to forgive. This Advent let us behold the love of God embodied in our Savior's birth.

This advent season we affirm together that:

God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God lives in them.

GTG 85 “Light One Candle” vs. 4 (during the lighting of the candle)

Prayer

Lord of all life and all seasons, help us open our hearts to hear the words of promise and love that you send to us. Like Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power. Prepare us to receive your gift of grace and peace. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

***Hymn PH 13** “Prepare the Way”

***Call to Confession**

Jolene Schry

God comes to us just as we are, with all our triumphs and worries, our gratitude and failures. We deepen our relationship with God now by drawing close and confessing our sins.

***Confession**

Shepherd of our souls, we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready.

We have done too much, yet not enough.

We have focused too much on ourselves, and too little on others.

Restore us, O God; shine your face on us, that we might be saved.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Emmanuel did not come into the world to condemn, but to save. God does not come to imprison, but to set free. This is our strong assurance that in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen.

***Sharing God’s Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Hymn GTG 583** "Glory to God"

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel Lesson Matthew 1:18-25

Children's Time

Katy Johnston

***Hymn PH 5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Sermon "Remember and then . . ."

Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Offering "Low How a Rose E're Blooming

Soloist, Beth Bergman

***Offertory PH 427** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" (vs. 1)

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn GTG 100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”
Charge and Benediction**

Let all God’s people say,
Alleluia, Amen!

***Closing Refrain GTG 88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1-4)**

Postlude “Bereden väg för Herran”

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Jerry and Mary H.
Chastity G. and Joan S.
Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

This Week at Church

Sunday 9:00-10:00am	12.18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections for All Ages Book Study – “Holy Disruption”
1:00-2:00pm	AA Planning Meeting
6:00-7:30pm	Scout Troop 702
Monday 10:00-11:30am	12.19 Staff Meeting
6:30-8:00pm	Session Meeting (Hybrid)
Wednesday 8:00-9:00am	12.21 Men’s Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm	Hand Bell Practice
6:30-7:30pm	Bingo
7:00-8:00pm	Confirmation
Thursday 9:00-10:30am	12.22 Finance Team
Friday 1:00-3:00pm	12.23 Making Christmas Cookies – All are invited to help. (For Christmas Eve)
Saturday 9:00-12:00pm	12.24 Table Tennis
5:00-6:00pm	Christmas Eve Service – Moravian Love Feast
6:10-6:45pm	Cookieluck Fellowship Time
7:00-8:00pm	Christmas Eve Service – Candlelight and Carols
Sunday 9:00-10:00am	12.25 Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Worship Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections – Ornament Stories

Update Member Information

Breeze is our church management system. It has names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and other important information. It is vital software that helps us keep in touch with you. Update forms are in the pew pads and in the office. If you have had a change of address or phone number, etc., please complete a form, and drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
Dec. 11, 2022	84	\$12,221.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
Dec. 11, 2022		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
12/05--12/09/2022		\$1,151.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
12/05--12/09/2022		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$13,372.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$47,731.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
12/11/2022	8		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 12/11/2022

THE WORSHIP OF *Christmas*

Christmas Eve

5:00pm

Candlelight Service
Moravian Love Feast (Milk and Cookies)

7:00pm

Candlelight Service with Christmas Carols

Christmas Day

9:00am

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

10:15am

Fellowship Time - Bring your favorite ornament and tell us about its history.

Whittington Chimes

These chimes were made famous by a person rather than their location of St. Mary Le Bow in Cheapside, London.

One day, a penniless boy named Dick Whittington heard them as he ran away to escape drudgery as an ill-treated houseboy. The chimes seemed to call him back with promises of success. He returned and persisted; later becoming Lord Mayor of London.

The image displays four musical staves for the Whittington Chimes in G major. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

- 1/4 Hour Chime:** A single measure of the melody.
- 1/2 Hour Chime:** Two measures of the melody.
- 3/4 Hour Chime:** Three measures of the melody.
- Hour Chime:** Four measures of the melody.