

# The Order for the Worship of God

The Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017

Eleven o'clock a.m.

## The Service of Preparation

### Silent Preparation

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;*

*Let earth receive her king;*

*Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,*

*And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,*

*And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

Welcome, Announcements, and The Lighting of the Advent Candles

*Every heart prepare Him room*

The Prelude

The Choral Introit "Every Valley" John Ness Beck

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 126)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy.

**People: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, so that those who go out weeping shall come home with shouts of joy! Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration..... No. 125  
*Joy to the World!* (v. 1)

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayers of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Assurance of Forgiveness

✦ The Gloria Patri #131, verse 4 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory  
Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ,  
the new-born King.*

## The Response to God's Work in Our Lives

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

And the Christmas Joy Offering

The Offertory

✦ Doxology No. 625

*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.*

✦ The Prayer of Dedication

### The Ministry of the Word

The Chancel Choir presents

**A Thrill of Hope**

**By Joel Raney**

✦ The Hymn of Dedication ..... No. 132

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (vv. 1, 3)

✦ The Benediction

✦ The Congregational Response No. 138 (chorus)

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where;*

*Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

**Elder/Reader:** Keith Campbell

**Acolyte:** Sierra Willis

**TO OUR VISITORS:**

**W**e thank you for worshipping with us today at First Presbyterian Church of Salem and invite you to come again. If you are looking for a church home or wish to know more about what it means to have a personal relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ, please do not hesitate to speak to our Pastor or one of our Elders before you leave this day. We pray all of Christ's rich blessings on you and on your family.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
12/17 Shirley Campbell

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
12/17/1994 Gene & Theresa Zieger

**SERMONS FOR ADVENT AND EPIPHANY**

December 24, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Worship in the Annex,  
"A Child Has Been Born To Us", Isaiah 9:2-7  
December 24, 7:00 p.m., Candlelight Service, "Hope",  
Romans 15:13  
December 31, Worship in the Annex, "The Favor of God Was  
Upon Him", Luke 2:22-40  
January 7, Epiphany Sunday, Baptism of the Lord, "In the Name  
of the Lord Jesus", Acts 19:1-7

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST**  
Memorial Baptist Church Salem NJ

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:**

**Ellie Hall** - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand  
**Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle** - Living in Haddon Heights NJ,  
and seeking a new call.  
**Trinity Preparatory School** - Matt & Chanda Williams

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS & THOSE IN THE MILITARY:**

**Mark Lindle**...U.S. Navy  
**James Morrison**...U.S. Air Force  
**Jamie Spears**...U.S. Navy  
**Andrew Spears**...Delaware Air National Guard  
**Matthew Kemm, M.D.**...U.S. Army Medical Corps  
**Austin Brown**...U.S. Air Force



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sun. 12/17** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service & Christmas Cantata, 11:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour, 12:00 noon  
**Mon. 12/18** LLC, 3-4:30 p.m.  
**Tues. 12/19** LLC, 3-4:30 p.m.  
Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.  
**Wed. 12/20** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.  
LLC, 3-4:30 p.m.  
No evening activities

 **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**  
**BECAUSE CHRIST IS GIVEN, WE GIVE**

Today we will receive the PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering during the Worship Service. An envelope is available in the church bulletin for this special offering.

**WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE**

The morning worship service for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve will be held in the church Annex at 10:00 a.m. as opposed to the normal 11:00 a.m. time. The Christmas Eve evening service will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

**FUNDRAISERS FOR 2018 SALEM ASP TEAMS**

- It's that time again to "Make a Change!" Loose change collection for ASP can be given to Kym, Erin, Morgan, T'Aja, Sierra or Beth.
- Italian Kitchen Sub Sale beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>. Buy a sub for \$7.00 and redeem it at Italian Kitchen or Roman Pantry between November 6, 2017--January 31, 2018.

Thank you!!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Bill Fuse**, Prayers for serious health concerns. *(Friend of Gene Zieger)*  
**Angela Grabow & Family**, Angela's mother passed away.  
**George Parris**, Battling cancer. *(Friend of Noel Kemm)*  
**Gary Bell**, Battling cancer. *(Friend of Noel Kemm)*  
**Scott**, Recurrence of throat cancer. *(Friend of Lindsey Zieger)*  
**Chelsea Slaughter & Baby Amelia**, Salem resident (daughter of Chris Davenport's co-worker, Gail Slaughter); Chelsea is now at home and baby Amelia continues to be hospitalized.  
**Dawn Kimble**, Continued prayers for health concerns.  
**First Presbyterian Church**, The work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee continues. We have sorted through one hundred resumes and have requested further information from several. Now we await these people to respond positively. Although the process moves slowly, the members of the committee are committed to finding God's perfect candidate for our church. Please continue to pray regularly for the members of the committee (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin, Wendy) that we will always be reminded of the importance of our task. Pray also for John, giving thanks for his willingness to serve us while he waits for this interim season to come to a close.  
**Harry Springer**, Heart valve replacement surgery. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*  
**Elvena Eastlack**, Recovering from second major back surgery. *(Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack)*  
**Charis and Ana Williams**, Undergoing treatment for Lyme Disease and related complications.  
**Peg Ingram**, Recovering from Lyme Disease.  
**Colton Colican**, Recovering from extensive injuries resulting from an auto accident. *(Friend of Lindsey Zieger)*  
**Ann Eber**, 94 years old; prayers for chronic health concerns. *(Mike Eber's mother)*  
**Mike Smith**, Prayers for serious health issues. *(Friend of Keith & Shirley Campbell)*  
**Terry Zieger's sister**, Serious health problems.  
**Robert Parker**, Health concerns. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*  
**Brandon Bush**, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*  
**Bob Hyatt**, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*  
**Alexander Fiorillo**, Diagnosed with a spinal tumor. *(Joe's piano coach)*  
**Sarah Doyle**, Continued prayers. *(Rev. Dwayne & Janet Doyle's daughter)*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** (CONTINUED)

**Linda Grant**, Prayers for serious health concerns and treatment. *(Friend of the Warren/Owens Families)*  
**Sam Elliot**, Continued prayers during cancer treatment. *(Mother works at the Oak Diner in Salem)*  
**Steve Silagi**, Prayers for health concerns and surgery. *(Friend of Betty Simpkins)*  
**Gene Zieger's father**, Prayers for chronic health issues.  
**Bernie Weber**, Prayers for serious health concerns. *(Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack)*  
**Bill Wilkinson**, Receiving treatment for spinal tumor. *(Friend of the Kings)*  
**Caroline Hickman**, Prayers during cancer treatment. *(16 year old daughter of a co-worker of Keith Campbell)*  
**Robert Pollack**, Continued prayers. *(Steve Pollack's brother)*  
**Donna Bacon**, Continued prayers for health issues.  
**Bob & Maureen McCook**, Chronic health issues. *(John King's sister & brother-in-law)*  
**Carol Lee**, Diagnosed with cancer. *(Friend of Sharon Eastlack)*  
**Amy Ricketts**, Continued prayers for health issues.  
**Galen & Sara Lenhart**, Continued prayers. *(Beth Davenport's parents)*  
**Biba Kavass**, Continued prayers. *(Friend of Beth Davenport)*