

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day July 26, 2020

PRELUDES

Burns, Grace & Nathan Leach in the sanctuary
Tim & Michelle Sanchez (Somerville)
The Slade Family (Milton)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Burns Stanfield
Assoc. Pastor Katie Cole

- *This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
THURSDAY: You have the option to attend 6pm service in person, in the yard.
Please register with Burns, Katie or online
- *Monday thru Friday: Summer Meals Program, 8:30-12:30 (by registration only, ages 6-12)
Grab N Go Meals continue to be available for all families who need them.
- *Wednesday: ICE CREAM WEDNESDAY
6pm-6:30 We participate in the Zoom prayer service from Carson Beach
6:30 Ice cream and whatever from concession stand
NOTE: Location is Carson Beach, **NOT** Castle Island !
- *Friday & Saturday Food Pantry :
Future Distribution Date: Aug 7 (Truck Unloading) and Aug 8 (Distribution)
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for any of these days. Contact Christine Keller.

- *NEXT SUNDAY, Aug 2 - Communion. (Bring bread and drink) Deb Duval, preaching
- * SUNDAY, Aug. 9: Healing Service
- * SUNDAY, Aug. 30: Worship at Castle Island (we recommend you bring your own chair)
- * SATURDAY, September 12 - Our day for a church retreat.
We are working on a new way to do this.

Please write announcements & prayer requests in the Zoom Chat Section.

DO YOU WANT A CALL? Tell Katie Cole in the private chat and we will have a staff or deacon call you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Christmas-in-July

Leader: Whatever the season,

People: God can surprise us.

L: Whether we are in a chilly December or a broiling July,

P: God can take away our breath with a new child.

L: Whether we are shoveling snow, or looking for shade

P: God invites us to look up and notice The Star.

L: Whatever the season,

P: God loves us, and calls us to seek the Word Made Flesh.

All: Let us worship God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT (Please light a candle at home)

*HYMN #132 – *Good Christian Friends Rejoice (The sanctuary)*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened the heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

LITURGY OF CONFESSION (Sanctuary)

Unison Prayer. _ Come, O come, Emmanuel. Our iniquities, like the wind, take us away from your path, away from your call, away from your joy. Come, Lord God, dwell among this people and lead us home. Be born in our hearts this day. Hear us now as we name our sins, and clear a way for your Word in the silence.

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response (# 88)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
who lives in lonely exile here, until the Son of Man appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee o Israel.

LITURGY OF PARDON

Leader: Brothers and sisters, in Christ God calls to us.

People: God declares: you are my beloved, with you I am well pleased!

Leader: Beloved, God has given us the power of the Holy Spirit

People: That we might heal and repair our broken world.

Leader: Renewed by God's love, let us proclaim with our whole lives:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, all are loved, forgiven, and redeemed!

Response : (# 113) Glo-ria! In excelsis Deo (repeat)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

The Christmas in July Pageant

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

BURNS will begin our prayer time with the Howard Thurman poem printed below

PRAYER REQUESTS on the Continuing Work of Christmas

Dana Conneally, Kelly Luethje and August

(Anybody who would like to share, please tell Katie Cole on the Chat Line)

PASTORAL PRAYER: Burns Stanfield

HYMN #115 - *Away in the Manger* (Alison and Peter Slade)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2: 1-20

SPECIAL MUSIC *While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks By Night*

Virtual Choir

MESSAGE "Continuing Christmas- In Three (Kids) Voices"

Katie Cole

with Lijah Blue Jacobs
Ariannah Hamilton
Ailsa Craig

AFFIRMATION "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman (Luis Martinez)
When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

OFFERING
We can give online at www.fourthboston.org OR send a check to
Fourth Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127

DOXOLOGY Tim, Michelle, Abe Sanchez & Grandma Jenny (in Somerville)
With a recording from a past worship service

HYMN- #119 – Hark the Herald Angels Sing (The Sanctuary)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*BENEDICTION Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen! (The Sanctuary Team)
God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again

POSTLUDE

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