

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day November 29, 2020

PRELUDES

"There Will Be A Light/ People Get Ready"
"Wait"
"Awaiting on You All"

Willie, Liz, Grace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru Friday, 11am-1pm
- Learning Pod for remote learners (see Katie Cole for details)
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday (4pm-5:30pm, during which time the sun sets!):
SANCTUARY AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
*Music will be playing. Candles will be lit. Come and go at your convenience.
(Please wear your mask. Limit of no more than 5 people in the sanctuary at one time.)*
- Wednesday: **ADVENT STORY-SHARING CIRCLE**, 6:40pm-7:30
We gather (on Zoom) to share stories and reflections on Advent themes.
This week: "Pleading like Isaiah" - When have you wanted (like Isaiah) for God to tear open the heavens, come down, and fix something? (And/or - When have you yearned to have your broken heart healed?)
- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT CHOIR REHEARSAL**– We're putting together a 2020 version of the concert for Saturday, December 19 at 4pm. REHEARSALS on WEDNESDAYS (zoom) at 8pm
- Mindful of day-to-day changes in COVID numbers, Session has voted to lower the number of people allowed in attend worship IN PERSON, for now through December 20. We will be allowing 11 worship participants, plus 4 worship leaders. *Windows will be open and everybody needs to wear a mask.*
Session will continue to monitor our situation.
Sign up with Debbie, Katie or Burns to have a space.
- * **NEXT SUNDAY: Debbie Duval is getting ordained in Wellesley on December 6 at 3pm!**
A Zoom link will be sent out later this week.

*THANK YOU to the deacons for sandwiches last week, and for mini-wreaths today.
THANK YOU to Mark, Karen, Fiona and Diane for decorating our sanctuary.*



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

DO YOU WANT A CALL? Tell Deb Duval or Katie Cole in the chat and we will call you today.

*CALL TO WORSHIP - The Season of Advent

Leader: Come all who are weary, all who are broken-hearted, all who ache from the world's hurt.

People: With the prophets we name our plea: O that the Lord would tear open the heavens and come down.

L We plea, we hope, and we prepare.

P: Make a way for the Lord. Repent and make these paths straight.

L: With the prophets we live in expectation,

P: For the spirit of the Lord is upon us

L: And like the prophets we offer ourselves as God's partners in repairing and building.

All: O Lord, we remember that you came.

We acknowledge that you're here.
We trust that you're coming.
We offer our hands to build your kingdom

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES (Stanfield family, in the sanctuary)
The Light, A Psalm, A Prayer, The Peace

*HYMN (#88) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verses 1, 3, 4, 6)
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law In cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice!...

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice!...

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice!...

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Deb Duval, liturgist

Unison Confession: Gracious and merciful God, we often dwell in shadows that darken Your bright image. Forgive us for seeing ourselves and those around us with eyes dimmed by judgment and fear; open our eyes that we may see each other as You see us – as beloved. Forgive us for closing our ears to the sound of Your voice; may we hear the sound of Your good news, and leap for joy like John in his mother's womb. Forgive us for allowing our minds to be fixed on despair; keep us awake to signs of hope. We cry out, O God, come down and reveal Yourself to us once more. Restore us, so that we may do Your work of restoration.

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response (in sanctuary)

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*LITURGY OF PARDON (Deb Duval)

Leader: "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.

People: The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us.

Leader: The glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people together will see it, will hear it, and will live in it.

People: We have beheld that glory.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sung Response (#23) (in sanctuary)

Gloria. In excelsis Deo (repeat)

TIME FOR CHILDREN - Preparing Our Space Burns and Arthur

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

A MOMENT FOR THE Pledge Campaign to Support Ministry in 2021

PRAYER REQUESTS – From The People Gathered in the Sanctuary
From Those Gathered on Zoom

Deb Duval will share prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section"

PASTORAL PRAYER Burns

*HYMN #379 "We Shall Overcome"

We shall overcome (3x) some day.
O deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome some day!

2. We'll walk hand in hand (3x) some day. O deep in my heart...

3. We shall live in peace (3x) some day. O deep in my heart...

4. We are not afraid (3x) today. O deep in my heart...

5. God will see us through (3x) today. O deep in my heart...

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Alyce Lee

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
Mark 13: 24-37

Danae Jacobs
Holly Aloise

SPECIAL MUSIC "There Will Be A Light/ People Get Ready" Sanctuary Singers and You

MESSAGE "Maybe Everything Else is Strange?" Mike Motia

*UNISON PRAYER (from the poetry of Mary Oliver) Laura Massie
Gracious God, thank you for this wild and precious life. Thank you for moments that amaze, the silence in which Another Voice speaks, and even gifted boxes of darkness. Guide us this season in the living of this life—
That we might pay attention,
That we might be astonished.
That we might tell others about it.
We patch our words together, Holy One, with all our yearnings, our hopes, our fears and our faith. Awaken in us a heart to receive and be astounded. Amen.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Burns, Katie, Burns
Music: *There will be, there will be, there will be a Light...*

*HYMN # 133 *O Come All Ye Faithful*
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
Refrain: O come, let us adore him (3x) Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very- God, begotten, not created, [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen!
Sung Response 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

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