

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day December 27, 2020

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PRELUDES

Tim & Michelle Sanchez

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burns Stanfield

## "For Such a Time as This"

### PLEDGE DRIVE FOR MINISTRY IN 2021

Session met for a budget review & they are in the process of calling many of you.

This year, we project that we need \$220,000.

CURRENTLY, Our pledge total for next year is \$202,500.

Gap: \$17,500

*Session is meeting today. We appreciate your prayers and support.*

*Please Susan Devine your pledge, or use this online form:*

<https://forms.gle/ag4tj55ysmhZRzkC7>

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
  - Meals every day, Monday thru WEDNESDAY, 11am-1pm (Christmas off)
  - Learning Pod is on break for the holidays (like BPS). We will reopen in January.
  
  - Wednesday – will be quiet after our 6pm worship service.  
Study Group and Choir are taking a holiday break.
  
  - Mindful of day-to-day changes in COVID numbers, Session has voted to discontinue in person participation in Sunday worship at least through January 24. Session is making an extra effort to call those who most depended on the In Person connection. Obviously, we encourage everybody to make an effort to call each other, too! This is how we will make it.
  - COMING IN JANUARY
    - Next Sunday, January 3, we will observe Epiphany in Sunday Worship
    - Sunday, January 10, we will mark the Baptism of the Lord with a Reaffirmation of Baptism and a (Zoom) Blessing Service –  
"You are God's Beloved. In you God is well pleased."
- ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLES ARE DUE – THURSDAY, January 14 at Noon  
(deacons, food pantry, youth programs, classes, etc...)
- ANNUAL REPORT and Budget will be available on Sunday, January 17

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION: Sunday, January 24, after worship

All by Zoom

We elect officers, receive the annual report & budget,  
and vote on the revised pastors' terms of call



*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.*

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP -

Leader: Whatever the season,

People: God can surprise us.

L: Whether we are in a chilly December or a hot 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: Arise! Shine! Our Light has come! Let us worship God!

\*HYMN (#136) "Go Tell It On the Mountain" (sanctuary)

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere

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

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night

Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the Earth

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(Katie Cole)

Unison Prayer. Emmanuel, you call us to awaken and prepare for your coming. Child of the Manger, in Bethlehem and in Boston you incarnate among us, fragile and vulnerable, and invite us to listen for your still, small voice. But we confess, God, that we often struggle to embrace your vulnerability and listen for your surprising voice in those like and unlike ourselves. God, you say, "Fear not," but sometimes fear gets the best of us and leads us to hurt others. Rouse us, O God, that we might prepare our hearts as a manger for our Christ. Hear us now, as we lift our confessions to you.

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response: (4th verse of #144)

What then can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

\*LITURGY OF PARDON

Leader: Church, this is the truth of Christmas: God has come to us!

People: As the vulnerable child of a family seeking safety, God came to us.

Leader: In surprising and unexpected faces, God comes to us. Behold, this is the one we've been waiting for—Emmanuel, God with us!

People: Let us make a way in our hearts: The promise of forgiveness is in Him!

Thanks be to God!

Sung Response (#113, chorus) Gloria... In excelsis Deo (repeat)

TIME FOR CHILDREN - *Children Go Where I Send Thee* (Liz & Nate Stanfield)  
Sing and Dance with us!

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 (#119) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Tim and Michelle

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King!

