

fellowship

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Cinematic Christmas

Sunday Morning Worship

December 5, 2021

9:30 am



Service for the Lord's Day: 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021 9:30 am

*indicates congregation is invited to stand in body and/or in spirit;
bolded words indicate congregational participation

Gathering Song # 103

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

O-So-So

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

Please sign the online friendship pad making use of your smartphone camera to do so. This allows us to know you are worshipping with us this morning. You may also include any prayer requests or concerns you may have with Pastor Kathryn.



Prelude

"The First Noel"

arr. Forrest

Cynthia Hartis, piano

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Kim and Campbell Throckmorton

*** Opening Hymn # 100**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

[Refrain]

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws
near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you
work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths
of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might,
put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

[Refrain]

"Canticle of the Turning"

Irish melody

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone,
Let the king beware for your
justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread;
every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

[Refrain]

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears
heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

[Refrain]

*** Prayer of Confession**

Kim Throckmorton

You witness the sorts of lives we lead, Approaching God. Asked to share the gospel of hope, we place it on our to-do list instead. Given the chance to cry out for justice for others, we fall strangely silent. Invited to pray with joy in every moment, we prefer to grumble about every insignificant thing in our lives. Have mercy on us, God of grace, and prepare our hearts for Your forgiveness to have its way in them. Fill us with Your hope so we might lighten the shadows of others. Help us to join the choirs of children in singing of Your joy. Transform us with that tender mercy who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
(time for silent confession) Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

*** Hymn Response**

“Hope Has Found Us”

Hyrfrdol

Hope has found us, grace has grown us,
never more should we despair
Waiting, watching, giving, growing,
Gather us as we prepare
God-made-flesh will come among us, call us
his,
And us, his own
God-with-us will keep his promise,
Never will we be alone.

Peace has found us,
War has left us,
Never more should we abuse
Sword and steel to solve our conflicts,
Peace should be our only muse.
God-made-flesh will come among us,
Calm our hearts, wipe every tear.
God-with-us will keep his promise,
Never will we live in fear.

Time for (All of God's) Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading – Luke 3:1-6

New Testament Reading – Philippians 1:3-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Cinematic Christmas: It's a Wonderful Life

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

*** Hymn # 192**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Kendrick

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

(Chorus)

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me (*chorus*)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me (*Chorus*)

*** Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe that God has come to us;
that God brought us into being,
that this God gave us breath and purpose,
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,
that we have fallen short of this commandment
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.**

**We believe that God is coming to us;
that God is not happy to leave us alone,
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.**

**We believe that God will come to us;
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect “Alleluia!”**

Sharing Our Fellowship Family’s Celebrations and Concerns

Offering

(Tithes and offerings for Fellowship can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, through bank draft, or made through online donation – information on how to do that is in the announcements below. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Fellowship Presbyterian Church.)

Offertory “Light of the World” (Redman)

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of the Elements

Communion

Hymn during Communion # 92

"While We are Waiting, Come"

Cason

While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Closing Prayer

*** Closing Song # 106**

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Bereden Väg För Herran

Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

[Refrain]

O blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

[Refrain]

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every
place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.
[Refrain]

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ Be with You!

*** Postlude**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Cynthia Hartis, piano

arr. Hayes

Worship Participants

Rev. Blake Tickle	<i>Music Director</i>
Cynthia Hartis	<i>Piano</i>
Kim Throckmorton	<i>Elder Elect, Liturgist</i>
Campbell Throckmorton	<i>Liturgist</i>
Charles Layno	<i>Technical Support</i>
Steve Brandt	<i>Technical Support</i>
Susie Knorr	<i>Technical Support</i>
Mary Howe	<i>Technical Support</i>

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- Traci Rankins seeks prayers for **Richard Turner**, who is her husband's stepfather, who has entered hospice care. She also seeks prayers for **her and Erik** as they travel back from Washington state to Greensboro this week.
- **Jennifer Raines** (Susan Harman's niece) passed away Monday afternoon in Charlotte following a lengthy illness. Susan requests prayers for her family.
- Jeannine Bailer requests prayers for **Ed McLean**, a member of the Unity Bell Choir, who suffered a heart attack prior to the concert on 11/21; he underwent heart surgery on November 30 for an aortic repair.
- **The Votaw Family (Erin, Trent, Lucas, and Ben)** needs prayers after their house burned down on November 27. **Erin** was a teacher at Fellowship Day School.
- **Donna Ritter**, Aimee Steven's aunt, passed away November 23 in Pennsylvania from pancreatic cancer. Aimee thanks the congregation for their prayers.
- Continued prayers for our church members: **Melissa Johnson, Lea Groves, Donna, Katie & the Steele family, Nancy Baughman, and Bruce Weaver, and Marjorie Van Horn.**
- Continued prayers for the family and friends of our congregation: Baylee Ann & Yancey Burleson (Nora's great granddaughter and grandson), **Felicia Schaps** (Lindahl's daughter-in-law's mother), **Teresa** (Terry Anderson's coworker), **Ashley Long** (Joel and Ann Long's daughter-in-law), **Libby Ansel** (Lesa Layno's sister), **Gail Keefe** (John Archambault's colleague), **John Fair** (FPC's former organist), **Joyce Berger** (Kandee's mother), **Gwen Flowers & her family** (Linda Ueland's sister), **Dorothy & Edward Archambault** (John Archambault's parents), **Roe Roe Tucker** (friend of Lesa & Charles Layno), **Arch Gravely** (Peggy Koppel's cousin), **Tim King family** (Phyllis King's son), **Roger Eliason** (Tye Wittmann's coworker).

If you have any additional prayer concerns, please contact Linda Ueland (336-314-5481) or call Martha at the church (336-288-5177).

Announcements

- **Urban Ministries Food Drive Collection:** Fellowship's next Food Drive is this Sunday, **December 5th**, following worship until noon.
- **Pennies for Hunger Collection** will continue to take place during worship on the second Sunday of the month. Next collection: December 12.
- **Honor Cards:** The Mission Committee is selling Honor Cards in support of its partner ministries of Greensboro Urban Ministries, Backpack Beginnings, and Ukirk Greensboro starting next Sunday, November 28. If you're interested in purchasing cards or would like more information, please contact Judy Meyler.
- **Caroling in the Community:** Meet Blake at the church **THIS Saturday, December 11, at 1:30 pm** to gather addresses, song sheets, and determine groups to head out to homebound members' houses for some holiday spirit. If you know of someone who may benefit from a visit, please contact Blake by Thursday, December 9.
- **Open House at the Campbells:** Whether at the conclusion of caroling or any other events you have going on that day, all are invited to the home of Pastor Kathryn, Austin, Avis, Archer, Fred, and Carollynn for a festive time of fellowship and light refreshments. Their house, at 510 Hobbs Road, will be open for all on **Saturday, December 11, from 3-5 pm**.
- **Service of Wholeness and Healing Worship:** While we have many things to celebrate during this Advent season, there are some for whom this season can be difficult. As we recognize the long nights that accompany this time of year, we will mark the longest night a few days early with a service of a Service of Wholeness and Healing on **Sunday, December 19 at 4:30pm**. All are welcome; professional childcare will be provided.
- **Guidelines for Safe Return to Worship** are posted at the Office and Dogwood Lobby doors for your review. ***Despite the lifting of the Guilford County mask mandate, the mask rule is still in effect in the building. The Session will revisit the mandate at its next Session meeting on December 7.*** If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kathryn or Julie Davis, Clerk of Session.
- **Volunteering with Applewood, Backpack Beginnings, and Greensboro Housing Authority:** Fellowship has started an ongoing partnership between Backpack Beginnings, GHA, and The Applewood Community. Please contact Mary Howe to sign up for one of the Wednesday opportunities (maryhowe0712@gmail.com or call/text 336-698-6541). A signup is also available online and in the Dogwood Lobby.
- **Additional Way to Support Backpack Beginnings!** The Mission Committee is collecting "gently used" plastic grocery bags for *Backpack Beginnings*. Please bring your bags to church with you, leaving them on the Mission table in the Dogwood Lobby closest to the double doors leading towards the classrooms.
- **Online giving is available:** Fellowship Presbyterian has online giving available through the Presbyterian Foundation. <http://fpcgso.com/donations>

This Week's Events

- **December 5: Second Sunday of Advent**

- **9:15-11:15am:** Professional Childcare available in the “Preschool” Classroom
- **9:30am:** Worship – in-person (with masks), on Facebook Live, Zoom and YouTube
- **10:30am:** Fellowship Time – in Dogwood Lobby
- **10:45am:** Education Hour in the Library
- **After worship until noon:** Food Drive supporting Greensboro Urban Ministries
- **3pm:** Elder Training via Zoom

- **December 6:**

- **6pm:** Outreach Committee Meeting via Zoom
- **7:30pm:** Worship and Music Committee Meeting via Zoom

- **December 7:**

- **7pm:** Session Meeting via Zoom

- **December 8:**

- **7am:** Men's Coffee Klatch @ Panera Bread (Lawndale)
- **12 noon:** Bulletin and Blast Deadline

- **December 9:**

- **1pm:** Bridge in the Parlor
- **6pm:** Programs Committee Meeting via Zoom

- **December 11:**

- **1:30pm:** Caroling in the Community (meet at church)
- **3-5pm:** Open House at the Campbells

- **December 12: Third Sunday of Advent**

- **9:15-11:15am:** Professional Childcare available in the “Preschool” Classroom
- **9:30am:** Worship with *Pennies for Hunger* collection – in-person (with masks), on Facebook Live, Zoom and YouTube
- **10:30am:** Fellowship Time – in Dogwood Lobby
- **10:45am:** Education Hour in the Library
- **3pm:** Elder Training via Zoom

WORSHIP NOTES

WORSHIP DATE:

SCRIPTURE
PASSAGE(S):

HYMNS & MUSIC:

SERMON NOTES -

OTHER NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP/THINGS I WANT TO REMEMBER -

PRAYER CONCERNS -
