

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

*Loving God...Loving Neighbor...for 190 years*



## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

December 6, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Dul Family

Unison Prayer :

I will light candles this [Advent]  
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long.

### ADVENT HYMN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we confess that far too often we find ourselves stuck, overwhelmed or aimless, trapped by fears and anxieties that paralyze us, constraining our actions. Simple acts of compassion – of connection with others – are enormously difficult. And sometimes anger, even rage, takes us hostage, and we treat others as enemies, failing to discern your beloved image in them. Free us from fear and anger so that we can love without restraint — so that we may be compassionate, as you are compassionate, because we are your children.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

You may send an offering to the church in the mail to 10 Academy Street Cold Spring, or donate on our website via paypal at [www.presbychurchcoldspring.org](http://www.presbychurchcoldspring.org)

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-11

### GOSPEL READING Mark 1:1-8

Elder Connie Knapp

### REFLECTION Christmas is Coming! What's the hurry?

## ADVENT HYMN

## COMMUNION

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you..

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Connie Knapp is an ordained ruling elder, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, and the current Moderator of the Hudson River Presbytery. She is a participant in the Commissioned Ruling Elders program and has completed a Certificate in Theology and Ministry from Princeton Seminary and a Certificate in Christian Leadership from Dubuque Theological Seminary. She serves as the Moderator of HRP Council and is a member of HRP Green and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. In a former life she was a computer programmer, a systems analyst, a management consultant, a college professor and an acting dean (of the Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace University).