

Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

We proclaim God's Word, share God's love, and practice God's justice.



CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

November 28, 2021

8 & 10:30 am

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Worship Information

Please silence cell phones as you prepare for worship.

Bold print indicates congregational reading or response.

An asterisk * indicates when to stand if able.

Offerings may be placed in the wooden boxes at each of the entrances.

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Service for the First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Noel XII "Suisse," Noel X "Echo"
Grant Wareham

Louis-Claude Daquin

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker

CALL TO WORSHIP

There is a story to tell in this place.

It is a story of hope, a story of wonder, a story of abundant life.

It is a holy story, for it is the story of God's love,

and it is a story of good news, for God reveals a holy love for all creatures.

We come to God's house to hear the good news.

Our God has come to us. God is with us and for us.

*HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Liturgy to Light the Candles (First candle is lit)

Marilyn & Charlie Koch (8 am)
The Greg Brandt Family (10:30 am)

Let us pray together,

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the painful places in our lives and world to the healing and hopeful light of Christ. We confess we give way to despair.

We don't live in the hope of Christ or share it with the world. Forgive us Lord.

Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen,

SUNG RESPONSE

One Candle Is Lit (verse 1)

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night, our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light. Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage. One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 11:1-9 and Mark 1:9-12

Rev. Pam Meilands

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am)

Pastor Pam

Children age 4 - kindergarten are welcome to join Mrs. Steelman in the Chapel for KIWI.

Children in grades 1 & 2 are welcome to join Pastor Pam in the Lounge for RECONNECT.

Please pick up your children from assigned spaces following worship.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

.... we praise your name and sing glory to your name:(#347 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*)

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died.

Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.

Christ will come again. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Though you may be alone or with family, we share this meal together.
All our bread and juice is gluten, soy, dairy and nut free.*

Please say these words as you partake and share the bread and cup.

At the bread: **The bread of heaven.**

At the cup: **The cup of salvation.**

ANTHEM (10:30 am)

Christus Paradox
Sanctuary Choir

Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.

You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

*Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,*

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and vict'ry, Worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. Alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

*HYMN 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Sounding
Grant Wareham

J.S. Bach

Music Notes - Born in late 17th century France, Louis-Claude Daquin was best known for a set of 12 *Noëls* for organ. The two which we hear today are named according to the French custom of the era where the composer includes the desired sounds in the title, with both having the subtitle *Grand Jeu et duo*. *Grand Jeu* indicates a somewhat full-organ sound dominated by the reed stops. *Plein Jeu* indicates a similarly full sound, but includes the mixtures and upper work instead of reeds. *Duo* means a duet between the two hands.

Christus Paradox is based on a poem by Sylvia Dunstan regarding the mystery of Christ's Advent. Calvin College commissioned Alfred Fedak to write a piece based on this text, which takes the form of a set of variations on the French hymn-tune *Picardy* (known to many as *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*).

Sleepers Wake, a Voice is Sounding comes from a set of 6 chorale preludes Bach wrote known as the *Schübler Chorales*. Given that Bach made a point of seeking out a publisher for this set (unlike much of his music, which was left unpublished and unplayed until 100 years after his demise), he considered it to be some of his finest work.

UPCOMING

Evening Worship with Communion

Tuesday, November 30 with Rev. Nancy Reinert

Cookie Walk

9 am - 12 pm Saturday, December 4 in the Fellowship Hall

Mission Drive-Thru

1-2 pm Sunday, December 5 in the parking lot

Christmas Concert: A Weary World Rejoices

2 & 5 pm Sunday, December 12 in the Sanctuary
Live streaming at 5 pm

Poinsettia Orders Due Dec 12

It's time to order poinsettia plants that will brighten the church during the Advent season. After Christmas, you're invited to take your poinsettias home to enjoy for weeks to come. A single plant is \$13; baskets are \$32. Forms available at the insert rack in the Narthex.