

# Pultneyville Reformed Church Worship Service

December 10, 2023 ❖ Second Sunday in Advent

Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

Ringling of the Church Bell

Life Of The Congregation/Joys And Concerns

## Our Approach to God

Votum

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God Creator of heaven and earth.

**P: Amen.**

Sentences -- *Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13*

L: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**P: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah**

L: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**P: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**P: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

L: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**P: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

Salutation -- *2 John v.3*

\* Opening Hymn No. 17: *"Beautiful Savior"*

Prayer of Confession –

**Merciful God, We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that he may give us power to live by your mercy, as you have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison -- *spoken*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon -- *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

L: Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

**P: Amen.**

Summary of the Law -- *Matthew 22:37-40*

\* Gloria Patri -- *sung*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Traditions

Choral Anthem: "*The Holy Child Will Come*" by Patrick M. Liebergen

Advent Wreath

L: Hope and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

Advent Song – Hymn No. 57: "*All Earth Is Waiting*" Verses 1 & 2

*Children are invited downstairs for Sunday School following the Advent Song*

## **The Word of God in Proclamation**

Prayer of Illumination

Lectionary Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

\* Hymn No. 59: *“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”*

Sermon “What Shall We Cry Out?”

Prayer For Blessing

\* Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

\* The Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

### **Our Response to God’s Grace**

\* Offering

\* Doxology -- *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication (*Book of Common Worship PCUSA*)

**Most merciful and gracious God, from whose open hand we all have received much: We ask you to accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it. Remember also those persons and purposes for which it is given. So follow this sacrifice with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray; Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

\* Closing Hymn No. 56: *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Postlude

Response

L: And all God’s people said:

P: **Glory be to God, Amen and Amen.**

\* Benediction

**Welcome to the Pultneyville Reformed Church**  
“A community of faith seeking to express, in all of life, the mind of Christ”

Everything you need to participate fully in worship is found in the bulletin. Please rise at the places indicated by an (\*) if you are able.

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**CONSISTORY**

**Elders**

Dick Baxter (2025)  
Alison DeMarree (2024)  
John Manahan (2025)  
Carolyn Youngs (2024)

**Deacons**

Chelsea Manahan (2024)  
Gary Orbaker (2025)  
Donna Reuter (2024)  
Matthew Yost (2025)

**OUR MISSIONARIES**

**Nathan & Nozomi Brownell**

Kenneth, Raymond, Luke

**Japan**

[www.rca.org/brownell](http://www.rca.org/brownell)

**Felipe & Janelle Silva**

Luca, Sofia, Mila

**Romania**

[www.rca.org/silva](http://www.rca.org/silva)

**OUR SUNDAY TO SUNDAY CALENDAR**

Sunday – December 10th

8:40 Choir rehearses

10:00 Worship in the sanctuary

7:00 Vespers Service at the Brick Church (formerly the Presbyterian Church)

Thursday – December 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30 Advent Bible Study

12:00 Caring Hands

Sunday – December 17<sup>th</sup>

8:40 Choir rehearses

10:00 Worship in the sanctuary

12:00 Angel Tree Gifts due

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Eric Titus

Organist/Choir Director: Dr. Morgan Nikolov

Liturgist: Matt Yost

Greeter: Linda VerHow

Ushers: Dick and Kathy Baxter

Coffee Host: Mary Bryan

Sunday School: Diane Luke and John Manahan

We thank Alan and Carol Verbridge for the flowers in the sanctuary this morning.

Maynard Bixby has a new address! He is in room 247B at the Wayne County Nursing Home in Lyons.

Our Thursday morning Bible Study class will meet this Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Julie Fuller will be leading this Advent study using the book “Advent: The Weary World Rejoices”. Books and notebooks are available on the piano in the Agape Room.

December 10<sup>th</sup> (tonight) is the Community Vespers Service. It begins at 7:00 p.m. at the former Presbyterian Church in town (the big brick church).

Our Angel Tree is filled with angels bearing the gender, age and gift ideas for a particular person or family. It is also filled with food items for the families. We will be sponsoring four families this year. Please consider taking an angel or food item from the tree and shopping for the person/family listed on it. There is a box under the tree for monetary donations which will be used to buy gifts and food that have not been spoken for. All of the gifts, wrapped and with the angels attached to the outside of the gift need to be returned under the tree by **noon on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Food items should be left on the table in Fellowship Hall by the same date. Consistory members will deliver the food and gifts to the families. Thank you for your generosity!

Looking ahead for 2024’s Directory! We would like to include your photo in the 2024 directory, which will be available in January. Please send the picture you would like displayed to the church office, either by email or by dropping one off. If you would like a new picture taken, arrangements can be made by contacting Craig DeNagel, who has graciously volunteered to be the photographer for this project.

You have the opportunity to add to our Heritage Walkway to the pavilion. Brick order forms are available in Trinity Hall. Orders will be taken through December with the installation of the bricks in early Spring.

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for supplying flowers for the sanctuary and to be a coffee host. We always appreciate the beauty of flowers and a delicious snack after the worship service!

A sign-up sheet for the Women’s Retreat is now available on the board in Trinity Hall. The retreat will be held at Camp Fowler from February 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> for a cost of \$160. The theme this year is relaxation, reflection, reconnecting, and worship. Each day will begin and end with prayer and perhaps some hymns or songs. On

Sunday morning we will gather to worship together, eat lunch, then travel home.

The deadline for the January issue of our newsletter, PRC Connections is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please email your submissions to the church office at [prc@pultneyville.org](mailto:prc@pultneyville.org).