

Welcome to Worship at
Safe Harbor
Presbyterian Church



Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday of Advent
December 23rd, 2018

The Gathering

Welcome

Gathering Carol: # 108 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” verses 1,3 & 6

The Lighting of the Advent Candles and the Preparing of the Cradle

Reader 1: This is the fourth Sunday in Advent, the time of preparing for the coming of Christ our Savior. Today our words are *Let it be*. We remember that we are to wait, to prepare, and witness. Now, as Christ’s arrival nears, we are reminded of Mary’s words, “Let it be.” It is not up to us to dictate to God how Christ will come into our world and lives, for God continually surprises us. Let God’s will be done in each of us.

Reader 2: (Isaiah 7:10-14)

Reader 1: We relight our candles that remind us to wait, to prepare and to witness. Now we complete our circle, lighting the candle that proclaims, “Let it be.” Christ is the light of the world, and we have only to open ourselves and he will come to us.

Reader 2: Let us pray. Gracious God, our time of waiting is almost over. We pray that we have prepared well, that we have proclaimed and witnessed to Christ’s coming, and that we are now willing to let Christ enter our hearts and lives.

Carol: #123 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” verses 1 & 5

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Carol #133 “O Come All Ye Faithful” verses 1,2 & 3

Prayer of Confession (unison): We sing, “O come all ye faithful,” O God, but we confess that we are not always faithful. We could have shown love this past week, but we kept ourselves busy with other things. We spoke without thinking and hurt others. We treated the gifts and greetings and meals as chores, leaving out the most important ingredient—caring. We are sorry.

(Please take a moment for silent personal prayers of confession.)

Please forgive us, and accept our humble worship. Amid the bright colors that surround us this season—the red, the green, the gold—send the light of your Christ, that all that is good may be revealed more clearly and all that is wrong may be exposed and changed. We pray in the name of Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, who lived and died for our sakes, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

†=If able, please stand

Assurance of Pardon

†The Sharing of the Peace
Moments with Children

Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18

Hymn of Promise: #88 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” verses 1, 6 & 7

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol: #121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” verses 1 & 4

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

Carol: #82 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol: #100 “My Soul Cries Out with Joyful Shout”

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1,3-7 and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Congregational Carol: #115 “Away in a Manger”

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

Carol #113 “Angels we Have Heard on High”

Meditation

Solo: “O Holy Night”

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offering

Invitation to the Table

Call to the Table: #119 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” verse 1

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

The Sending

†**Hymn of Parting: #122 “Silent Night”**

† Charge and Benediction

Safe Harbor Presbyterian would like to especially thank our guest violists Pam Barnett and Linda Clark who added so much to our worship today. We are also grateful to our own Michael Green, today’s soloist.

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Welcome

We are so delighted that you have worshipped with us today! If you are a guest, we are doubly blessed by your presence. We will pray for you this week. Please stay for a moment for refreshments so that we can get to know you.

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