

Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church



Service for the Lord's Day December 1, 2019 1 Advent

The Gathering

Prelude *The tolling of the bell signals the beginning of the Prelude. During this time, please quietly prepare your heart for worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

Leader: Come now into this sacred space.

People: We enter here as children of our Creator God.

Leader: Look now; it is a season to open your eyes.

People: We look for the Advent light.

Leader: Prepare now for God's gift.

People: We prepare our hearts for the Christ child.

All: We come into God's house with thanksgiving, with joyful hearts, approaching His table in reverence. We are here to worship our Triune God, the giver of all that is good.

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Patti Ropp & Jackie Vetterani

† **Prayer of Adoration (Unison):** Gracious God, you come to us in the tenderness of a newborn child. All power, all grace, all mercy, all love is bundled in a manger, in pure innocence and in the splendor of your everlasting power. Our hearts are set alight and our lives are transformed; and we love you with all that we are. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise: # 2** *Come Thou Almighty King*

Prayer of Confession (Unison): Lord, we bow before you acknowledging that we are easily distracted. In the busy rhythms of this season, in the festivities, and holiday time, we lose sight of the meaning of Christmas even though it is before our eyes. Christ. We pray that this year we first incline our hearts toward the manger, and allow the radiance of your love and the peace of the Christ child to guide us through this season. Lord, we ask now that you hear our silent prayers...

(Unison): Lord please fill us with Advent light and thrill us with the knowledge that our Savior is born. Amen.

†=If able, please stand

Assurance of Pardon *New Creations in Christ*

† The Sharing of the Peace

The Word

Hymn of Preparation: # 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Leader: Listen for the Word of God.

People: Our ears are open and our hearts are ready to receive.

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6 and Luke 1:57-66

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *God's Hand is on You*

Dr. Dennis Falasco

Hymn of Response: # 108 (vv. 1,3,4) *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

The Prayers

Call to Prayer: Hymn # 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace*

Prayers of the People

Response to Prayer: Hymn # 710 *We Are an Offering*

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Ritual of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Sending

† **Hymn of Parting: The Lord's Prayer**

† Charge and Benediction

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Welcome to Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church

Where the love of Christ builds a harbor of acceptance, inspiration,
Fellowship, service and joy.

You enrich our worship with your presence.

If this is your first time here, please sign our guestbook.

If you have a prayer request, please put it in the offering plate or contact us.

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Patti Ropp

Leadership

Tom and Lana Cochrun

Monty and Julia Rice

Patti Ropp

Michelle Costa

Jeff Rodriguez

Refreshments

Lana Cochrun • Patti Ropp

You are invited to our dinner fellowship "Table Talk" on the
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

If you would like to support the work of Safe Harbor Church financially:

Tax deductible checks may be made to Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church.

Thank you!

WHEN WE SAY "WELCOME!", WE MEAN IT!