

Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church



Service for the Lord's Day December 22, 2019 • 4 Advent

The Gathering

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| Prelude | Deborah Farrand |
| <i>At the tolling of the bell, please quietly prepare your heart for worship.</i> | |
| Meditation Music | Toni Destro |
| Welcome and Announcements | |
| Lighting of the Advent Wreath | Tom and Lana Cochrun |
| Special Music | Toni Destro |

† Call to Worship

Leader: The Star of Bethlehem shines again.
People: It shines in our heart.
Leader: What is the meaning of this star?
People: It guides our heart and informs our mind. It reminds us of the birth.
Leader: Wise men sought the child of this birth.
People: We seek him now. We await His birth anew, in our hearts.
Leader: The way has been prepared.
People: We follow now. We seek the Christ child, the Prince of Peace.
All: We come now to open our hearts, to give praise. We come to worship Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

† **Prayer of Adoration (Unison):** Dear Gracious God, source of Love and all that is good, we are humbled by the magnificence of your giving. We can barely comprehend the Divine incarnation; your perfect love, made into flesh. He is salvation and the light of the world, born as infant, filled with your peace and healing power. Never has there been such a gift and we are filled with awe and gratitude. We give you all praise, honor and glory. Amen.

† **Hymn of Adoration # 88 v. 1,6,7** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Prayer of Confession (Unison): Creator God, we are on the way to the manger, where you bring heaven to earth. You have told us the way to the Lord and you have shown us the path, but we get distracted and stumble and detour. The good intentions of our heart are too easily pushed aside by our whims, desires, grudges, pleasures and even selfishness. Sometimes we just get too busy to remember your word and the promise of a Messiah. Lord, please hear our silent prayers...

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†=If able, please stand

(Unison): Please cleanse our hearts and fill us with a giving love and selfless service so we may gaze upon the radiant purity and grace of Emmanuel. In his precious name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *New Creations in Christ*

† The Sharing of the Peace

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| Special Music | <i>Mary, Did You Know?</i> | Michael Green |
| | <i>Performance on Harp</i> | Toni Destro |

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.**
Scripture: Matthew 3:1-3
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon: *Longing for the Way* Reverend Sam Lundquist

Hymn of Response #82 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

The Prayers

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

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

† **Hymn of Parting #134** *Joy to the World*

† 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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Musician

Deborah Farrand

Liturgists' Coordinator

Patti Ropp

Leadership

Tom and Lana Cochrun

Monty and Julia Rice

Patti Ropp

Michelle Costa

Jeff Rodriguez

Refreshments

Lana Cochrun • Patti Ropp

December 22 Christmas Social: 1298 Warren Road, Cambria

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!