

# Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church



## Service for the Lord's Day

December 8, 2019

2 Advent

### The Gathering

Prelude *At the tolling of the bell, please quietly prepare your heart for worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jeanette Wolff

#### † Call to Worship

Leader: We await the Light.

**People:** We await the light of Advent

Leader: We await our king.

**People:** He will come as a child, pure, innocent and with the power of salvation.

Leader: We are his people.

**People:** We are his flock and he is our shepherd.

Leader: Why have we come to this holy place?

**People:** We are here to give praise, to raise our prayers, to renew our faith and to heighten our vigilance.

**All:** As we await His coming we are here to worship Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

† **Prayer of Adoration (Unison):** All powerful and all loving God, this season vibrates in our entire being. You renew our faith as You birth the Christ in our hearts. You give us a love that goes beyond the bounds of our comprehension. You strengthen us with a power in our inner most self. You are the source of all that is good and even love itself. You thrill us and you fill us in this season of the light of Christ. We adore and love You. Amen.

† **Hymn of Adoration # 83** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):** Lord as we travel toward Bethlehem we often forget the true majesty that awaits in the manger. We can become impatient. We can worry about things and forget the transformative magic of being child like, filled with wonder and awe. We can be too stingy with our love, forgiveness, and time for others. We may focus more on holiday busyness than Advent light. Please hear our private prayers. *(Silent prayer)*

**(Unison):** Lord in these next weeks help us to bow toward the manger and to empty our hearts of all that is not loving, accepting and serving. Help us to prepare a suitable home for the Christ child. In his precious name we pray. Amen.

†=If able, please stand

Assurance of Pardon *New Creations in Christ*

† The Sharing of the Peace

Special Music *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Michael Green

### 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: Ephesians 3:12, 14-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Prayer and Faith*

Reverend Denise Diaab

**Hymn of Response: #39** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

### 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: # 133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

† 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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#### Mentoring Pastors

The Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble

The Rev. Dennis Falasco

#### 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

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!