

A Special Scottish Surprise - you still have time! We're extending the deadline! If you haven't sent or brought in your card to congratulate Craig Dobney on his ordination, you still have time. Please call the office before coming by. Thank you!

Surviving the Holidays: On December 10th, at 5:00PM we will have a workshop called "Surviving the Holidays." This 90-minute workshop features a video followed by discussion and is designed for those who are experiencing grief in this holiday season as a way of supporting one another and learning tools to cope with the challenges of this season. The workshop will be led by Pastor Julie and Pastor Drew from UMMC and will be done through Zoom. Please reserve your spot at rsvp@mumconline.com.

Service of the Longest Night: Join us **December 20th at 6 PM** on the church Facebook Page for the service of the longest night. This is the service to name your grief, remember those whom you have loved and lost, and have a safe space to simply be during the holiday season.

Prayer Stations for the Shortest Day: December 21st from 3-6 PM at First Presbyterian Church (behind the church in the Columbarium). Light a candle for one you love, name something heavy you want to offer to God, pray with pastors, and remember those whom you have lost. There will be 4 outside prayer stations to allow you to tangibly offer your prayers to God and remember those whom you miss. There will be 4 prayer stations for you to participate in, and pastors from both congregations will be available for prayer. Masks are required, social distancing will be observed. Reservations are not necessary. Rain location: Alday Cottage

► **Join us in praying for...**

Our Church Family

- Ben Isaac
- Anita Gardiner
- Ken & Gretchen Williams
- George Geiger
- Erika Zimmerman
- Jane & Dave Turney
- Ken Loper
- Ann Mayne
- Nelson Hamilton
- Lynn Hicks
- Matt Showalter
- Nick Clark
- Jackie Wilking
- Tom & Marlene Spayde
- Kathy & Bill Maurer
- Len & Pat Ermold
- Audrey Rodriguez
- Lee Colwell
- Valerie Perry

Friends of the Church

- Mary Catherine Buyck
- Jennifer Welsbbans
- Mike Polese
- Caroline Warner
- Kerry Inboden
- John Guss
- Tylan
- David Guss
- Jillian
- Greg Waldfogle
- Stewart Johnson
- Linda Cortelyou
- Bill Hosmer
- Kirby & Sherril
- Gene Burk
- Michael & Samantha
- Robin Kling
- Kelly Anderson Davis

A warm welcome to:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 6, 2020 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you in worship today as we strive to share all of God's gifts. The ushers and pastors are here to help you. Feel free to ask a question.

Please locate the friendship pad in the pew, sign it and pass it to your neighbor.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"The Way to Christmas"
 by Rev. Dr. Karl Kling

JOIN US THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, December 6	Monday, December 7	Tuesday, December 8
9:00am Virtual Worship 10:00am Sunday School (Zoom)	1:00pm PWCT (JTH)	4:00pm Property Meeting (Zoom) 5:00pm Worship Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, December 9	Thursday, December 10	Friday, December 11
10:00am Staff Meeting (Zoom) 6:15pm-Middle School Small Groups 7:15pm- High School Small Groups	4:00pm Youth at Hope House 10:30am Elizabeth Circle (Zoom) 10:30am Esther Circle (Oyster Bay Yacht Club) 11:30am Ruth Circle (Luncheon at Shuckers) Lydia Circle- Time & Location TBD Hannah Circle- No meeting scheduled 7:00pm- Mission Study Team (Zoom)	

Gathering Around the WORD

PRELUDE: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

GREETINGS :

Trish Booton-Ryan Ritter

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Karl Kling

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Trish and Paul Booton

LEADER: A Savior will come from the family of David.

PEOPLE: **The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him.**

LEADER: The time will come when the wolf will make friends with the lamb.

PEOPLE: **And a little child will lead them.**

LEADER: The knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth like the waters cover the sea.

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

The Chenoweth

Family

Δ HYMN OF PRAISE # 119 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:

Rev. Forrest Foxworth

PRAYER: God the Father bless us. God the Son help us. God the Spirit keep us, now and evermore.

Δ CALL TO CONFESSION:

Trish

Booton

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting In God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Δ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Trish Booton

Our loving God, at times this past week we failed to listen to your voice. We overlooked your guidance.

Worries distracted us from caring for neighbors. We missed opportunities to share your kindness. Forgive

our failures. Renew our lives through your Spirit. We pray this in Jesus name.

Δ ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Lee Crammer and Elaine Ritter

Hear the Good News! Isaiah promises that God will comfort us and forgive our sin. The Messiah will make our hearts straight and smooth the rough places in our lives. As we trust in God’s grace, our lives are changed.

LEADER: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Δ HYMN OF GRATITUDE #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Elaine Ritter

LESSON #1: Isaiah 40:1-5

Elaine Ritter

SPECIAL MUSIC: HORAL ANTHEM: “Sussex Carol” English traditional /arr. D. Burton ~ Organ and Violin:

Carol Whitman

LESSON #2: Luke 3:1-6

Susan Kling

LEADER: The Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to GOD!**

SERMON: “The Way to Christmas”

Rev.Dr. Karl Kling

Responding to the WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

Rev. Forrest

Foxworth

OFFERTORY: “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Δ HYMN OF GRATITUDE # 606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Δ PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Rev. Julie Jensen

Δ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Apostles’ Creed* page 35 of Hymnal

Rev. Julie

Jensen

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & LORD’S PRAYER

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Δ HYMN OF SENDING “Joy to the World” vs. 1,2,4

Δ CHARGE AND BLESSING:

Dr. Karl Kling

Δ PASTOR: As God’s people we all say, **PEOPLE:** Alleluia, Amen!

Δ POSTLUDE: “There is a Fountain Reprisal”

MOMENT FOR MISSION: “God’s Gift Shop”

Sue Rowan

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