

Coming up in the life of the church:

- December 3 Craft group, 10:30am
December 5 Bible Study, 7:00pm
December 9 Joint worship at FBC Needham, Pastor Kate preaching, 10:00 am **(NO worship at PCN)**
December 16 Advent Children's Worship with pageant, 10:30 am; lunch following worship
December 23 Worship for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, 10:30 am
December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 6:30 pm
December 20 Blue Christmas ecumenical service, 7:00 pm, First Baptist Needham
December 30 Lessons and Carols for the first Sunday of Christmas, 10:30 am

Welcome to our neighbors from First Baptist Church in Needham! It is a blessing, and a fitting start to the season of Advent, to worship together. Thanks to Pastor Daryn and Pastor Holly for their leadership in worship, and to members of the FBC Choir for joining with ours in song. Next Sunday, we will worship again together at First Baptist in Needham (858 Great Plain Ave) at 10:00 am. FBC has a parking lot off of Warren St., and street parking is plentiful on Warren and Great Plain. An elevator is available up to the sanctuary; let Pastor Kate know if you have questions.

The loose offering collected at both services will go towards emergency fuel assistance in Needham.

The deacons will be taking poinsettia orders and Christmas greetings after worship today, Dec. 2nd. You can find us in the back of the sanctuary.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEEDHAM
CHURCH OFFICERS & STAFF

- Session: Carol Patey, Mark Hellberg, Nancy McIlwrath,
Mott Linn, Sandy Robinson
Deacons: Peggy Hellberg, Sally Pomeroy, Sandie VanSickle
Treasurer: Diana Linn
Asst. Treasurer: Sara Patey
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 2, 2018
Presbyterian Church in Needham
First Baptist Church in Needham

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Awake from your sleep! Salvation is near!

The night is far gone and the day is at hand.

The day of the Lord is surely coming.

The promise of God will be fulfilled!

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN #5

PICARDY

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not yet expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving in this worship this morning:

Liturgist:

Rev. Dr. Holly Benzenhafer

Preacher:

Rev. Daryn Stylianopoulos

Organist & Choir Director:

Dr. JungSun Yoon

Fellowship/Greeters:

Sara Patey, Melinda Young

Counters:

Bob & Sandi VanSickle

* You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

Welcome to worship at the Presbyterian Church in Needham!

All are welcome here, including and especially children. We invite children to join us up front for a children's message and to join the Sunday school classes, as they are comfortable. They are also welcome at any point in the service to remain with their families or to color at the small table in the front of the sanctuary. We rejoice that we are able to worship God as a multigenerational family. We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. As always, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to take Communion, you are invited to approach the table with your hand over your heart for a blessing.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. We invite you to partake in Communion by intinction, that, receiving the bread, dipping it in the cup, and eating. Anyone who does not wish to partake is invited to approach the table with hand(s) over their heart, signaling desire for a word of blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mighty God, holy is your name. We thank you for gathering us at your table and feeding us with the bread of life. As we leave this table to go to the many places where you call us, send your Spirit to accompany us, so that we may share in your magnificent work: lifting up those who are laid low, showing mercy to all in need of human kindness, and feeding the bodies and hearts of all those who are hungry. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE WORD

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 738, Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING: Luke 21:25-36 (p. 85, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN #48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Immanuel, God with Us

J.P. Williams and M. Barrett

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, O God of Majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**