



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday in Advent

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come
Carol Wooldredge, *cello*

Paul Manz

***Call to Worship**

Leader: They shall beat their swords into plowshares

People: and their spears into pruning hooks;

Leader: nation shall not lift up sword against nation

People: neither shall they learn war anymore.

Leader: May it be so.

All: Let us worship the living God! Alleluia. Amen.

***Processional Hymn 88** (vv. 1-2, 6-7) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VENI EMMANUEL

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

The Koehler Family

The Candle of Hope

Reader 1: Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.

*All Sing: While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.*

Hymn 92 (v. 1)

*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

Reader 2: We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation.

Reader 3: We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD.

Reader 4: We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

Prayer: Christ our savior, on this day may we remember to look hopefully for your coming even as we offer the prayer you taught us:

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help.

Forgive us, God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, help us find your way. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

Message For All God's Children

Yvonne Anderson
Director of Family Ministries

(After the message, K-8th graders will go downstairs to the One Room Schoolhouse in the Theos Room.)

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 2:1-5

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Anthem

Lo' How a Rose/The Rose arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Chancel Choir and Matthew Zabiegala, *soloist*

Lesson from the Gospels: Matthew 24:36-44

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Sermon "On the Alert for Love"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

***Affirmation of Faith (in unison)**

Nathan Nettleton, adapted

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all; and in Jesus the Christ – God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn - who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be fulfilled in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire. For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Hymn 104.**

Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory

Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*

arr. Paul Fey

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Recessional Hymn 384**

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

***Benediction**

Postlude

Creator of the Stars at Night arr. Thomas Keesecker

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Today's preacher is Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.

The worship assistant this morning is Associate Pastor The Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

Our greeters this morning are Virginia and Peck Hofler.

Today's ushers are Debra Balvage, Doug Haislip, Bruce Hoppe, and Patti Montefusco.

Our tabulators and processor are Kathy and Warren Hoffman.

Special thanks to our technical team for their assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT PCCT: November 28 - December 3, 2022

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room
4:30 pm Personnel, Zoom
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Finance & Operations, Zoom
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach, Zoom
8:00 pm Stewardship, Zoom

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Mtg., Staff Conf. Rm.

Wednesday

10:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room
5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8
5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
6:00 pm Worship Team Advent Planning,
Staff Conference Room
7:00 pm Christian Education, Zoom
8:00 pm Men's Group, off-site

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Saturday

8:30 am Chatham Emergency Squad Blood
Drive, Halldorson Hall
9:00 am Audit Committee, Mulford Hall
5:00 pm Kick Off to Christmas Fellowship
Party, MacCallum's Home

NEXT SUNDAY, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in Advent

The Sacrament of Communion

9:15 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am **Worship**; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am **Rev. Tom Brown's 10th Anniversary Reception,**
Mulford Hall
Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
 and make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)	Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)	Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)
Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)	Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)	
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)	Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)	

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
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1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 27, 2022
First Sunday in Advent

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

TODAY AT PCCT

- 10:00 am** Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9
10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Paul G. Steck, and in honor of his birthday December 4, by the Steck Family.

GIVING TREES

The PCCT tradition of Christmas Giving Trees is ongoing. There are still many gifts available and more opportunities to sign up for online gifts.

KICK OFF TO CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP PARTY!

Save the Date! Saturday, December 3 from 5:00 -8:00 pm

Lissa & Ian MacCallum's Home, 20 Lindsley Road, New Vernon

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Go to our website to sign up!



ASSOCIATE PASTOR TOM BROWN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, December 4

Next Sunday we will be celebrating Associate Pastor Tom Brown's 10th Anniversary with PCCT during worship. Please join us after worship in Mulford Hall for a special reception to honor Tom and his years of service to PCCT.

COOKIE WALK AND SOUP TO SOOTHE SOULS

Saturday, December 10, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Your help is needed to make this ever-popular event a success! Soup to Soothe Souls: Would you be willing to fill 4 one-quart containers with your favorite soup for our sale? Containers and labels available in the office. Cookie Walk: When you are baking your Christmas cookies, please add an extra batch of 4-6 dozen for this event. You can sign up on our website, RSVP to Gloria at gnewson@pcct-nj.org, or call the church office if you plan to bake cookies or make soup. Thank you!

FAITH FORWARD: CAROLS AND COFFEE: Sunday, December 11, 11:00 am

Join us for a fun and festive holiday songfest with PCCT's own Sandy Batten! Stop in to sing a few of your favorite Christmas carols and enjoy seasonal refreshments after worship in Mulford Hall. All ages and voices are welcome as we sing well-known and much loved tunes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Party: December 11, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Zehner's Home

Join us for a White Elephant Gift Exchange and games of the season. Bring a dessert to share.

LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday, December 18

Join us for this special worship service blending music performed by PCCT music groups, along with youth and adult leaders sharing Scripture and featuring festive music and many "sing-a-longs." Don't miss this family-friendly celebration of Advent and Christmas.

CHILDREN'S CAROLS & LIVE NATIVITY WITH CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, December 18, 4:00 pm

All are welcome to come to our special outdoors live nativity pageant and carol sing. Co-hosted with Corpus Christi Church, the event features kid participants and live animals. Special community event!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Christmas Party: December 18, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Young's Home

We're celebrating the spirit of the season with appetizers, desserts and games. Please plan to bring an Angel Tree gift to help brighten the holidays for a child in need (details will be provided later).

MUSICAL MEDITATION



MUSICAL MEDITATION: Tuesday, December 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Come and enjoy instrumental and piano/vocal music in our beautiful, tranquil sanctuary by Director of Music Matthew Zabiegala. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or the whole time. There will be no reading, speaking, scripture reading, or the expectation to participate. Simply different styles of quiet music from classical to pop, medieval to Avant Garde, everything in between and arrangements of familiar, holiday tunes and hymns.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

3:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve worship service with children ensembles and brass
(in-person only; Nursery Care available)

5:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve candlelight worship service with adult ensembles and brass
(livestreamed and in-person)

11:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve candlelight worship service
(in-person only)

December 25, 10:00 am ~ Christmas Day worship service with hymn sing



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC FUND

Please see today's red insert to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the December 18 worship service, and also the green insert to donate to our music program to support special music during the Christmas season. You can also find both order forms online on our website. Our deadline for ordering is Friday, December 9.

CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS AND GREETERS

Please sign up on the Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters board in the Lobby if you are able to serve.



NEW JERSEY CHAMBER SINGERS

Saturday, December 10, 6:00 pm

"AND HOLY IS..." The New Jersey Chamber singers, under the artistic direction of Matthew Zabiegala, will present their program called "And holy is..." which explores the meaning of 'holiness' in our lives through the varied lenses of wholehearted giving, transcendent meditation, and joyful harmony. Featuring the compositions of Bernstein, Scheidt, Courtney, Schubert, Narverud, LaViolette, and beloved favorites in an intimate chamber setting illumined by candlelight and stunning acoustics. Ticket information is available at www.njchambersingers.org

ASPIRING TOGETHER: 2023 Stewardship Campaign

We are extremely grateful to all those who have pledged for 2023 thus far. Your financial gifts to PCCT help us invest in our shared future, so we can continue to strengthen our ministries and support our mission of love and compassion in Christ's name. Our goal for 2023 is \$750,000. Together, if we can aspire to pledge 15% more than last year, we can better ensure that PCCT remains a welcoming and hospitable place for both our congregation and our community for years to come.

If you haven't already pledged, we invite you to do so. To support PCCT in 2023, please return the Pledge card you received in the mail (extra cards can be found in a basket in the Narthex), or complete the confidential form on our website. Thank you.

We also deeply appreciate members who are staying current or have completed their pledges for 2022. Your ongoing support provides a firm foundation for a bright future, enabling us to worship, serve, connect and learn together.

BLOOD DRIVE: Saturday, December 3, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Hosted by the Chatham Emergency Squad

Location: Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary during the Christmas season, please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than Friday, December 9. The price is \$15.00 per plant.

Red or White Poinsettia (circle choice)

I wish to donate _____ poinsettia(s) at \$15.00 each, to be taken by the Deacons to a sick or homebound member of the congregation.

I wish to donate _____ poinsettia(s) at \$15.00 each, which I will pick up following worship on Sunday, December 18.

I wish to make a \$_____ donation towards the Christmas decorations for the Sanctuary.

**The bulletin will read: *The poinsettias in our chancel have been contributed...*

IN MEMORY OF . . . (or) **IN HONOR OF . . .** (circle one)

NAME _____
(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

RELATIONSHIP TO DONOR _____

DONOR'S NAME _____
(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

**Return this form to the church office no later than
Friday, December 9.**

Your check should be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township and marked "flower fund" on the memo line. You can also place your order online through Breeze if you go to our website. Thank you!

**HELP OUR MUSIC PROGRAM
PRESENT BEAUTIFUL MUSIC THIS CHRISTMAS**

The holiday season is upon us, and our music program is hard at work preparing wonderful music for the season.

This requires hours of rehearsal by our dedicated volunteer musicians, along with significant financial support, as there are professional musicians, instrument rentals, and sheet music to be paid for.

Any and all donations are welcome, with your name and optional dedication appearing alphabetically in a special insert included in the worship bulletin.

Simply fill out the form below and return, with your donation, to the church office by Friday, December 9. You can also make a donation online through Breeze if you go to our website. Thank you for your support!

DONOR'S NAME

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____ (*will NOT be listed in Bulletin*)

OPTIONAL DEDICATION:

NAME *IN MEMORY OF . . .* (or) *IN HONOR OF . . .* (circle one)

**Please return this form to the church office
by Friday, December 9.**

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CORPUS CHRISTI
PARISH COMMUNITY



PRESBYTERIAN
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OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Christmas Pageant

December 18, 2022

4:00pm

Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot, Senior Pastor PCCT
Rev. T. Kevin Corcoran, Pastor CC

combined children's program, live animals, music, and fellowship