

His name shall be called...



Everlasting Father

11am

Perinton Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

11am

We Gather

Prelude

Ivanka Driankova

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Call to Worship:

Pastors Laura Fry and Harry Heintz

In the beginning

Before time, before people,

Before the world began,

God was.

Here and now

Among us, beside us,

Enlisting the people of earth

For the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future,

When we have turned to dust

And all we know has found its fulfilment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,

Not condemning the world, but redeeming it,

Through Jesus Christ,

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

Gathering Prayer:

From the 8th Century “O Antiphons”

One: O Root of Jesse, rising as a sign for all the peoples, before you earthly rulers will keep silent, and nations give you honor: Come quickly to deliver us.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

* "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Glory to God #82

Welcome

Pastor Laura Fry

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Sandy Munson and Matthew Kulp

Response: "Candles of Advent"

Call to Confession

Pastor Laura Fry

Prayer of Confession:

We call you Everlasting Father, the source of good, loving authority in our lives. Yet we are tempted to make our own rules and do things our way. We resist your shaping and correcting. Forgive us Lord. Make our hearts soft and responsive. Open us to your direction in our lives. *Silent Confessions...*

Words of Assurance

*Advent Response: "Joy to the World"

Glory to God #134, verse 1

Anthem: "Advent Joy"

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Praise the Lord of all creation!

Proclaim in joyful celebration; His coming is our salvation

The Savior's birth is near; the King will soon appear

Alleluia! Rejoice and sing on Christmas morn!

Give thanks to God when Christ is born.

We Hear God's Word

Time for Children

Prayer for Illumination

Pat Harris

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:5-25 and 57-79

Sermon: "Everlasting Father"

Pastor Harry Heintz

We Respond to God

* "Love Has Come"

Glory to God #110

*Affirmation of Faith: Luke 1:67-73

**Then Zachariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied,
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he came and set his people free.
He set the power of salvation in the center of our lives,
and in the very house of David his servant,
Just as he promised long ago
through the preaching of his holy prophets:
Deliverance from our enemies
and every hateful hand;
Mercy to our fathers,
as he remembers to do what he said he'd do,
What he swore to our father Abraham—
a clean rescue from the enemy camp,
So we can worship him without a care in the world,
made holy before him as long as we live.**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

To make a gift today, the following options are available:

In Person: Offerings may be placed in the plates as ushers come to the end of your pew.

Online: <https://perintonpres.org/giving/>

By Text: The number to text is: (585) 326-9830. Acceptable commands are "Give", "\$50", "50", "\$50 Oper".

By mail: Perinton Presbyterian Church, PO Box 611, Fairport, NY 14450

Offertory: "Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella" *French Carol*
Ivanka Driankova, Bill, Jill, and Greg Hammond, and Roy Smith

* The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *Glory to God #121*

We Are Sent to Serve

* Charge and Benediction

* Sending Song: "Walk in the Light"

Postlude

** Please rise in body or in spirit for these portions of the service.*

Today's bulletin artwork is by Lydia Fry.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the life and faith of Bill Moore.

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Welcome to Worship!

- Perinton Presbyterian is a church that welcomes children in worship. Young worshippers are full of wiggles, whispers, cries, yawns, and questions. Young worshippers often want to move, sing, and pray with everyone else. Their parents want a place where they will really feel welcome. **At PPC we say, you and your children are fully, completely welcome here.**

- **Worship Bags** are available in the narthex (entry area)— You are invited to personalize one for each of your children, pick it up each Sunday as you arrive, then return it to the rack after worship, so that we have it ready for you next week. The sermon is a great time for children to worship by exploring some of the activities in their bags such as “Worship Art.”

- If you need to get up and move around, you are welcome to do so. If you would like to step out for a moment, we have a **Giggle Room** available at the back of the sanctuary.

- **Children’s bulletins** for ages 3 and older are available and will be passed out as you enter the sanctuary.

- **Prayer request cards** can be found in the pews and placed in an offering plate.

- **Communion** is celebrated the first Sunday of the month. We will be using small cups of pre-packaged bread and juice. A gluten-free option is available.

- Worship services are **livestreamed** on Facebook

- Our church has an **Assistive Listening System** in the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for a portable receiver and earbuds or you may bring your own earbuds.

Opportunities to Serve

Caroling: *Please note the change in time!* Join us in Christmas Caroling at the Valley Creek Condominiums (right across 31 from the church) on Sunday, December 12th at **3:00pm**! All are welcome! Meet in the Perinton Wegmans parking lot on the left side.

Deeping Faith this Advent

Advent Bible Study: What is Advent? Doesn't celebrating Christmas begin as soon as the Thanksgiving leftovers are gone? After all, some radio stations started playing Christmas music right after Halloween. We will have a three-Sunday study on December 5, 12, and 19, at 9:30am, during the faith formation hour between our worship gatherings. We will look carefully at the Gospel accounts about the birth of our Messiah. Many of those passages are quite familiar, but there are some surprises upon closer examination. This study will be led by Pastor Harry and all are welcome. Bring the Bible you most like reading.

Advent Devotionals:

This year we are offering two beautiful Advent devotionals—one from the *Presbyterian Outlook* entitled “Night Watch,” designed especially for adults, and one from *Illustrated Ministry* entitled “God with Us,” designed for families to share together. Print copies will be available in the narthex and digital copies emailed to the congregation. You are welcome to use one or both; please also feel free to share these resources with your friends and loved ones.

A Service of Comfort and Hope:

On the darkest night of the year—December 21, at 7pm—we are offering a 100% virtual Service of Comfort and Hope for those who carry sorrow with them during Advent, as we seek comfort in the presence of Emmanuel, God with us. We encourage you to have in your home worship space a candle and an empty chair. Join us for this time of comfort and hope through our Facebook page.

Important COVID Updates

As cold and flu season arrives, we want to remind everyone of our COVID safety practices at PPC:

1. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and rest. If you are signed up to help with something at church, call the office (223-1203) and we will find a replacement for that role until you are feeling better.
2. We urge everyone to get vaccinated against both COVID-19 and the flu.
3. Thank you all for your cooperation in wearing masks in the church building.
4. Please maintain a safe distance from all those not living in your household.
5. We thank you for helping PPC stay open as we strive to safely navigate the pandemic.

Christmas Eve Services: December 24, 2021

We invite you to join us for Christmas Eve worship services--offered in person and virtually through our Facebook page.

5pm: A family-friendly Christmas Pageant, featuring the Christmas story in Scripture, carols, and special music.

8pm: A Christmas Candlelight Service, honoring and celebrating the joy of Christ's birth.

Chancel Flowers

Would you like to sponsor a Sunday morning bouquet to grace the chancel for worship? Flowers may be designated in honor or memory of loved ones or to celebrate a special occasion. Cost is \$40. To reserve a date and order a bouquet, please contact PPC flower coordinator Nes Rideout at 425-1714 or agnes.rideout@gmail.com.

This week at PPC...

<p><u>SUNDAY December 12th</u> 8:30am: Worship 9:30am: Christian Education, Choir, and Ensemble Rehearsal 9:30am: Advent Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall classroom 11am: Worship 3pm: Christmas Caroling @ Valley Creek Condominiums!</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY December 16th</u> 7am: Men's Breakfast at Durf's</p>
<p><u>MONDAY December 13th</u> 6:30pm: 25x25 Dream Team in the Fellowship Hall 7:15pm: Zoom Bible Study Revelation</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY December 17th</u> 6:15-7:15pm: Eating Disorders Anonymous</p>
<p><u>TUESDAY December 14th</u> 7pm: Deacons Meeting</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY December 18th</u> 12:15pm: Alcoholics Anonymous</p>
<p><u>WEDNESDAY December 15th</u> 10am: Bible Study via Zoom 5:30-6:45pm: Sanctuary occupied by worship team. 7pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY, December 19th</u> 8:30am: Worship 9:30am: Christian Education and Choir 9:30am: Choir Breakfast 9:30am: Advent Bible Study 11am: Worship 12pm: Candlelight Setup 1pm: Christmas Ensemble Rehearsal 2-6pm: Pageant Rehearsal</p>

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