



Prince of Peace

11am

Perinton Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

11am

We Gather

Prelude Handbells "The First Noel" "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Welcome

Pastor Laura Fry

*Call to Worship: Barbara Jackson From the Korean hymn "Come Now, O Prince of Peace"
Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
Come, Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, Lord Jesus.

*Gathering Prayer From the 8th Century "O Antiphons" One: O Ruler of the nations, Monarch for whom the people long, you are the cornerstone uniting all humanity: Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay. All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

"Away in a Manger/Emmanuel, God Is With Us" Children's Choir Luther, Kirkpatrick, Wilson * "What Child Is This Glory to God #145

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

The Stevens Family

Response: "Candles of Advent"

Call to Confession Harry Heintz Pastor

Prayer of Confession :

Prince of Peace, forgive us for not catching on to the ways you bring God's peace to earth. Forgive us for wanting revenge rather than redemption, for wanting to get even rather than get right, for withholding forgiveness when we need so desperately to be forgiven. Bring to our weary planet a new season of peace and be pleased to use us as peacemakers in your name. Lord Jesus, we need your peace. Silent Confessions....

Words of Assurance

*Advent Response: "Joy to the World "

Glory to God #134,

verse 1

Anthem: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" PPC Choir

Charles Wesley; arr. Dan Forrest

We Hear God's Word

Time for Children

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 "The People Who Walked in Darkness"

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:78-79

Sermon: "Prince of Peace Pastor Laura Fry

We Respond to God

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* "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Glory to God #123, vs 1, 3, 5

*Affirmation of Faith: From Ephesians 2:14-17 and 4:2-3 Pastor Harry Heintz

Jesus is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups the insiders and the outsiders--into one and has broken down the dividing wall that stood between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the old two, making peace and reconciling both groups to God in one body through the cross..... He came proclaiming peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near with all humility and gentleness, with patience, calling us to bear with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Laura Fry

Offering

To make a gift today, the following options are available: <u>In Person</u>: Offerings may be placed in the plates as ushers

come

to the end of your pew. <u>Online:</u> https://perintonpres.org/giving/ <u>By Text:</u> The number to text is: (585) 326-9830. Acceptable commands are "Give", "\$50", "50", "\$50 Oper". <u>By mail:</u> Perinton Presbyterian Church, PO Box 611, Fairport, NY 14450

Offertory: "I Saw Three Ships"

Bill, Jill, and Greg Hammond, Roy, James, Owen, and Felix Smith

* The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* " Angels We Have Heard on High Glory to God #113, vs 1 & 3

We Are Sent to Serve

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* Charge and Benediction

Anthem: "Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" Soloist: Kim Fabrizi PPC Choir Traditional; arr. Mark Hayes

Postlude

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

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Services for Advent and Christmas

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.

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.

On Christmas Sunday, December 26, we will worship together at 9:30am (not 8:30 or 11:00 on December 26--or January 2). Children are urged to come in their pajamas. Adults are encouraged to wear Christmassy clothing, from head to toe. This is a special Sunday and we are going to celebrate joyfully.

Important COVID Updates

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

- 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.
- 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.
- Please maintain a safe distance from all those not living in your household. We are currently offering warm spoken greetings instead of handshakes or hugs.
- 5. We thank you for helping PPC stay open as we strive to safely navigate the pandemic.

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.

This week at PPC...

 <u>SUNDAY December 19</u>th 8:30am: Worship 9:30am: Christian Education 9:30am: Advent Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall classroom 9:30am: Choir Breakfast 11am: Worship 12pm: Candlelight Setup in the Sanctuary 1pm: Ensemble Rehearsal 2pm: Pageant Rehearsal 	THURSDAY December 23 rd 7am: Men's Breakfast at Durf's 6:30pm: Candlelight Rehearsal
MONDAY December 20 th 7pm: Facilities Meeting 7:15pm: Zoom Bible Study Revelation	FRIDAY December 24th2pm: Pageant Rehearsal5pm: Pageant Service8pm: Candlelight Service6:15-7:15pm: Eating DisordersAnonymous

TUESDAY December 21 st 7pm: Comfort and Hope Premiere	SATURDAY December 25 th Merry Christmas from Perinton Presbyterian Church!!!
WEDNESDAY December 22 nd	SUNDAY, December 26 th
10am: Bible Study via Zoom	9:30am: Worship
7pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal	10:30am: Take down candles

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