

Sermon

Advent 1: "Make Ready a People: #morejoy"

***Closing Hymn**

"Joy To The World"

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When this Christmas song comes across your path this week, as it most probably will, stop for a moment and remember the reason for the season... we can know joy right now, even in the midst of fear. For God desires so much to be with and for humanity that God sent Jesus, Emmanuel, and this Spirit continues with us, always and forevermore.

The Mission to the Messengers

Sending

God gives us the vision,

so let us go to see others as our sisters and brothers.

Jesus gives us the eyes,

so let us look in all the unexpected places

to welcome all into our lives.

The Spirit calls us to watch,

so let us bear witness to the justice and joy

coming into our shattered world.

Let us turn toward the Candle of Joy
in the center of our sanctuary
and sing to one another the message
we must take to the world:

Benediction

Do not be afraid

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Postlude

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

arr. G. Young

You may follow the light out into the world



Angels Among Us

... experience hope,
peace, joy and love as
you prepare for the
birth of Christ

Advent 2021

First
Presbyterian
Church

Do Not Be Afraid
More Joy

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Howell	Interim Organist
David Clark	Sound
Pastor Beth	Story for Young Messengers
Brenna Takata	Liturgist
C. B. Strange	Security, Side door & Offering
Joyce Perez	Greeter
Rebecca & Chris Moore	Sunday School
Benjamin & Blake Kassa	Advent Candle Lighter

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Fowlkes
and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kirk
by the family.*

Announcements

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume for the Advent season. Price will be \$6. Following the meal, we will walk to the sanctuary where Ashley Stanley-Robey, our interim choral director has planned an evening music meditation and reflection. Our dinners will be Dec 15th, and end with our Blue Christmas Dec. 22nd. Please fill out the reservation form in the bulletin if you plan on attending this week or call the office by Tuesday Dec.14th. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.; the program will follow at 6:40.

Join **Pastor Beth** at her home, 186 Hawthorne Drive for a **Christmas Open House. Saturday Dec. 18th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. – R.S.V.P. are required to pastor@fpcdanville.com** or the church phone, 434-792-7822 ext 1.

Our **Blue Christmas Service** will be **December 22nd at 6:40p.m. following dinner.**

Our **Christmas Eve** service will be **December 24th at 7:30 p.m.** featuring choral and instrumental music reading of the Christmas Story, and Candle Lighting.

Our Pathways to Generosity team met last Tuesday night. We are pleased with the level of giving and the steps taken to increase giving and particularly for those who took the first step on the pathway to being generous givers.

It is still not too late to join in this year's annual giving campaign. Please prayerfully consider your level of commitment, and then communicate with an Estimate of Giving Card.

We are excited about the future ministry of First Presbyterian Church.