

∞ Order of Worship ∞

December 6, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE "Hymn" by Gorlich

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 85):

Leader: Let us hear what God the LORD will speak,

**People: for he will speak peace to us, his people**

Leader: to his faithful,

**People: to all as we turn to him in their hearts.**

PRAISE SONG Hymn No. 125 "Joy to the World!" v.1

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Loving God, Both we and our ancestors have sinned and kept at it so long and have done wickedly. We have chosen to follow false gods like our ego and our desires. We're all sin-infected, sin-contaminated. Help us, Lord, to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned,

**People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.**

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

**People: And lead us as we confess and repent.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11

CHILDREN'S TIME "Miracle in the Manger"  
Brenda Carpenter

SPECIAL MUSIC "In the Bleak Midwinter"  
Words: Christina Rossetti, Music: Cranham by Gustav Holst  
sung by Scott Miller

SERMON "Good News"

COMMUNION

PRAYER TIME-THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL

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.**

HYMN No. 43 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" v. 1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sortie" by Bach

## Joy to the World!

### Verse 1:

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And Heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Text: Isaac Watts

Music: Antioch by George Frederick Handel, arr by Lowell Mason

## Great is Thy Faithfulness

### Verse 1:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail  
not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

### Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy  
faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisolm

Music: *Faithfulness*, William M. Runyan

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### **Advent Devotional Study**

Please join us (virtually) for an Advent Devotional Bible Study! Pastor Dale and Brenda are facilitating a discussion and conversation on the week's readings – December 9, 16, and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The devotional is called “A Child, A Son, A Savior: The Wonders of His Love”. The devotional was mailed to members who regularly attend the zoom and in-person service. If you miss a week, no worry you can join the next week. The December 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Study was attended by 15 people and they had a lovely time.

### **Request for Volunteers**

If you would like to volunteer to work with the Nominations Committee please contact Dale or Jack. If you would like to volunteer to be an elder please contact Dale or Jack.

### **“Candy Cane Story”**

Christian Education member Steve Kotula will be reading “The Candy Cane Story” on December 13th during the Children’s Time. If you are joining by zoom make sure you have a candy cane on hand! Members in the sanctuary will be given the sweet treat as they enter the service.

### **Sympathy**

Prayers for Rob White, his sister passed away unexpectedly.

### **Luminaries**

Dave Gross will be placing the luminaries along the sidewalk for Christmas this year. Help would be appreciated, please contact Dave directly.

### **Dryden Christmas Family Program**

If you are interested in adopting and shopping for a Dryden family or making a financial contribution to go towards a Dryden family please contact Stacy McNeil at 273-2400 for more information. If you would like to send a check please write the check out to the Salvation Army Dryden Service Unit with **Dryden Christmas Family** in the memo line. The checks can be mailed to the Salvation Army, % Stacy McNeil, 150 N. Albany St., Ithaca, NY 14850. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Mary Hicks, school social worker, at 844-8694 ext. 1444. - - -Charlie Hart

### **Mitten Tree**

Our church will continue to sponsor the annual collection of children’s winter wear with donations for Dryden Central School children who are in need. Please drop by the church and add your gift to the decorated basket located in the back entrance by the Kitchen Cupboard.

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Poinsettias may be purchased by individuals as we will not be ordering from Agway this year. They may be brought to the church by November 27, 2020 and left on the kitchen table to be placed in the sanctuary by the Flower Committee for the Advent Season. Contact the Flower Committee if you would like your poinsettias delivered to shut-ins .

### **Christmas Joy**

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. If you would like to give to Christmas Joy, please mark in the memo line “Christmas Joy” on your check. There are Christmas Joy envelopes located in the church office if you would like to use them for your donation.