



**WELCOME to
First Presbyterian Church of Ambler**

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.
He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
God's mercy extends from generation to generation.
Holy is the name of the Lord!

SONG

Savior of the Nations Come

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Brubaker family

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the world, and in this season,
there are many claims on our lives.
We take this time to remember that in our baptism,
Christ claimed us as his own.
We confess before God and one another
that we have not followed Jesus Christ
with all our heart and mind and strength.
Trusting in God's grace, let us pray, confessing our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we allow darkness to overcome the light,
forgive us, Lord.

When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel,
have mercy on us, Father.

When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing
and hearing and touching the needs of others,
let your grace consume us, O God.

When the wars around us are of no concern,
**forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion
for those who suffer.**

When our caring is not extended to action,
move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters.

We come to confess our sinfulness
before you and before each other.
**Remove all barriers that divide us,
and let there be no obstacle to our love for you
and for one another. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God is for us and not against us.
For that very reason, God sent the Son in to the world –
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SONG

What Child Is This

SCRIPTURE - Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE **“We Wish You a Mary Christmas”**
The Reverend Donald Kazen

SONG *To a Maid Whose Name was Mary*

PROFESSION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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**A place where lives are changed by Christ
and we live out our faith together.**

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Albright
Richard Crowell
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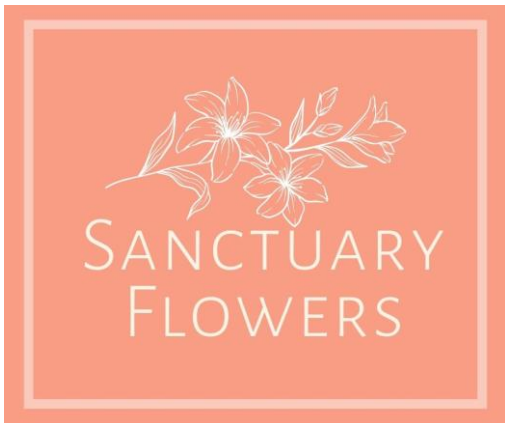
Trey Halkett
Peggy Kay
Peg Kershaw
Cynthia Larson
Dot Lynch
Dick McNeal

Betty Miller
Robert Ochotny
Muriel Resh
John Riley
Doug Weiss
Carolyn Wittrock

Prayer requests from extended family and friends (listed in the order received):

Mother of Katie Rosenberg
Leslie and Mitch Thomas and family
Steven Jones, son of Charlie Jones
Susan Segar, daughter of Kent Selko
Schools and decisions about opening
Beth Hedges and the situation in Armenia
The Hatfield family, friends of Pam Elliott
Maddy Baker, friend of Alice Rogerson

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE GIVEN



In loving memory of Suzanne F. Hunter,
mother and grandmother,
from the Brockman
and Brumbaugh families

and

In loving memory of Dick Seestedt
from Sue Seestedt