

The United First Presbyterian Church
of Amwell at Larison's Corner



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP DECEMBER 5, 2021 11:00 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this Advent season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

People: **We come to be inspired by stories of a Messiah who will change the world—and change us.**

Leader: We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

People: **We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts to behold God's kingdom breaking forth.**

All: **Let us Worship God!**

ADVENT CANDLE READING Yoama Pons

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See within in a manger laid Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth Mary, Joseph lend your aid With us sing our Savior's birth Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Lord, we confess that it is easy to get involved in all the opportunities and stresses that come our way. Forgive us when we put our faith on a back burner and focus instead on pressures in our lives. Help us to take time to see your beam of direction which shines in our path, leading us to peace and hope. Clear our spirits of the frustrations and anxieties of this season, so that the Light which you are sending into the world will truly shine in and through us to others. In the name of Jesus, our Hope and our Peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / WAVING THE PEACE

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

HYMN What Child is This?

What Child is this who, laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing; Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king to own Him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise a song on high, The Virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE "The People"

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 2:10-16

10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

MEDITATION – “We Long for Peace”

HYMN – The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY - Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries: Last Week – Janet Totten, Dec 1; Cheri Fleming, Dec 1.; Alice Everitt, Dec 2; TODAY, Dave Everitt, Dec 5

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP INSIDE every Sunday at 11 AM! - Worship is live-streamed on Facebook at 11 AM; Recordings of worship available at a later date.

NEXT Sunday, December 12th After Church "Ugly" Christmas Sweater Gathering.

There will be lunch, decorating of sweater cookies, crafts, etc. Bakers are needed to make "Sweater Sugar Cookies" to decorate and cake decorating trims are also needed. Please bring your own small bottle of FABRIC GLUE and scissors See Lois if you can help. *Everyone is Invited – You do NOT have to have an Ugly Christmas Sweater 😊

Wednesday, December 15th 6:30 PM – Ladies of the Church Potluck Appetizer "Dinner" at Barri-Lynn's. ALL ladies of the church are invited. We hope to see you there. See Barri-Lynn for more info, etc.

ONGOING Christmas Cookie Sale by The Dozen at The Everitt Farm Three Weekends in December (12/5, 12/11-12, & 12/18-19) The Annual Corner Club Christmas Cookie Sale is at The Everitt Farm Shop next to the Christmas Tree Sale. A dozen of the same cookie can be bought for \$7 on Saturdays & Sundays - December 5, December 12 & 13, and December 19 & 20. Folks can buy one bag of cookies or as many as they like from the store cashier. Volunteers are needed to bake Christmas Cookies to contribute to the sale. If you are willing to bake cookies, you can bake them for one weekend or all three. Cookies should be dropped off at the farm in bags by Friday. For more information, contact Barri-Lynn or Betty Jane.

Per Capita – In support of our Presbytery, NE Synod Staff & Mission, and The General Assembly Staff & Mission, our church is asked submit “dues/or per capita” equal to \$34.50 per member. Please mark it for Per Capita *There is a category in Tithely for Per Capita*

Donations for the Thomas Lambert Fund It’s not too late to submit a donation for the Thomas Lambert Fund..... Donations submitted will be used to support individuals in need and worthwhile causes during the Christmas Season. Thomas Lambert was a dedicated and faithful member of Larison’s Corner for many years and his life had a great impact on our church and in our community. This collection honors his life and legacy. **Checks should be made out to Larison’s Corner with a note in the memo saying, “Thomas Lambert Fund.”** *There is also an option to give to the Thomas Lambert Fund via Tithely.*

Wednesday, December 22nd 5 PM Help Needed at the Everitt Farm. Folks will gather to help set-up for the Worship on The Farm/Live Nativity. For more info, see Kathy Kovacs or Barri-Lynn Everitt.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: 6:15 – 7:00 PM An indoor Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th inside our church. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Larison’s Corner Christmas Eve Service on The Farm, 8 – 8:30 PM – (The Everitt Farm, 258 County Road 579, Ringoes, NJ 08551) There will be Live Animals, a Live Nativity, a Telling of the Christmas Story, a Mini Sermon, Singing of Carols, Apple Cider, Cookies, etc.

Share Your Resources to Support the Ministry of Larison's Corner – During this holiday season, each of us is called to think of others and to share the blessings we have received with causes that our dear to our hearts. Larison's Corner Church is a beacon of light to Ringoes and beyond. We pray that all who pass by and enter our doors would feel the power and presence of our Lord and know of the love and forgiveness found in Christ Jesus. As we buy others gifts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember the wise men who brought gifts fit for a king to lay at Jesus' feet. May we also lay our finest gifts before our Lord for the work and ministry of Larison's Corner.

Ways to Give:

1. Leave a gift in **the worship offering** via cash or check; 2. **Mail in a gift** via check to Larison's Corner Church, PO Box 348, Ringoes, NJ 08551;

3. *We have a **NEW** way to **give online** now, thanks to Deborah Kacerek-Cooley (Assistant Treasurer) and Luke Kirby (Treasurer). This is through "Tithely" You can make an online gift, by visiting our website link at:

<https://larisonscorner.org/contributions/>. You may also give on Facebook in our "about" section or by clicking here: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=4558529> - Once you

are in Tithely, you can set up a one-time gift, ongoing gifts, or a special gift. You also have the option to set up an account or to give a

gift as a guest! * *You can also download the Tithely app to your smart phone via Apple or Google.* Give right

now by putting your phone camera over the image above and following the link. See Luke Kirby or Deborah Kacerek-Cooley with an questions or for more info.



Session

(Session meetings are the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm)

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Ruth Chiesa

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Dianne Fleming

Class of 2023

Lysa Reiter
Lois Riggs
Charlie Rogers

Other Ordained Elders

Donna DeVico
Arlene Knaub
Jodi Reed

Judy Grignon
Marlene Lambert

Bill Heilman
Paula Melbourn

Board of Trustees

(Board of Trustees meets the first Tuesday at 7:30 pm)

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Treacy Weeks

Corner Club

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