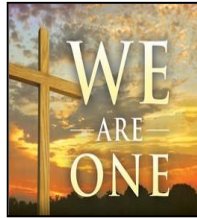




THE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
ON THE HILL



DECEMBER 10TH, 2017~10:15AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Preparation (*Please meditate silently.*)

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.

~Henri Nouwen

Peace Prayer

Prelude **"Lift Up Your Heads"** *arr. David Johnson*

Lighting of the Advent Candle – PEACE
The Compoly Family

Call to Worship *(Psalm 85:8-10, 13)*

Let us hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to his people,

To God's faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him,

That God's glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Righteousness will go before us, and will make a path for our steps.

☩ -- LATECOMERS MAY BE SEATED DURING THE SINGING -- ☩

▲ Hymn No. 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *Truro*

▲ The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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

Life on the Hill

◆ Today (Dec.10): ☩ Worship, 10:15am
2nd Sunday of Advent

This afternoon: 3:30pm Lessons & Carols
5:pm: Hillkids & Youth

◆ Thursday (Dec. 14): 7:30pm, Chancel Choir

◆ Sunday (Dec. 17): ☩ Worship, 10:15am

Christmas Festival, Confirmation, New Members

Anthem **"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"** *Genevan Psalter*

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.

"Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.

To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!

Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over."

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.

O, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.

Let all valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Johannes Olearius (1671)

Chancel Choir

Yuri Albertao, Michael Compoly, Marilyn Dicken, Otto Eickmeyer, Hilary Epstein, Ed Fix, Bernice Gangaware, JP Hanly, Nancy Kinasczuk, George Liddy, Barbara Lofthouse, Isaiah Mason, Bob Morris, Sandy Papp, Cheryl Schmidt, Randy Stolze, Judy Turner, Marcia Turpin

☺ **Children thru 12th grade will exit to Sunday school** ☺

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Hear the burden of our hearts as we offer to you our silent prayers:

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance:

God has made a highway in the wilderness and brought forth streams in the desert! Jesus Christ came to break down the walls that divide us from God and from each other.

**Praise God! We are forgiven and freed to reach out
in love. Amen.**

Song of Assurance No. 2130 **“The Summons”** *Kelvingrove*

(stanzas 1,2,5)

Scripture Lesson



Mark 1:1-8NIV
Elder Michael Compoly

(see bulletin,
or pew Bible, p. 34)

¹ The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”—

³ “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.””

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Presenting our Gifts

Offertory **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** *arr. Raymond Weidner*

▲ Doxology *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r uplifts!

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

Hymn of Preparation No. 113

“Angels We have Heard on High” *“Gloria”*

Message **“Strange Way to Begin A Story”** *Pastor Turner*

▲ Hymn No. 133 **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** *Adeste Fideles*
(stanzas 1, 3)

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude **“Adeste Fideles”** *arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar*

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

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Leadership and Administrative Staff

Bill Turner, Pastor

Lisa Keller, Director of Christian Ed. & Nurture

Jeff Unger, Director of Music/Organist

Bonnie Carle, Nursery Supervisor

Isaiah Mason, Director of Children’s & Youth Music

Sharon Fix, Clerk of Session

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Michael Compoly, TREASURER

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Judy Quitne, DEACON CO-MODERATOR

Jackie Colin, ADMIN. ASSISTANT/OFFICE SUPERVISOR

Letitia Jensen, WORSHIP PREPARATION COORDINATOR

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We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all.

As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to Pastor Turner, or one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

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***The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Loving
Memory of her husband, Jack Tilton, by Gypsey Tilton.***

Serving Today

† Greeters:

† Ushers: Team 2 – Diana Griffith, Capt., Rick Buckley,
Denise Buckley, Sharon Fix, Judy Quitne

† Fellowship Time: Linda Klose

† Flower Duty: tbd

† Sunday Preparation: 12/9, Carol Cox;
12/16, Laura Evernham

† Trustee Duty: tbd

Our Kids are Singing!

Pre-k - 5th Grade

Sunday, Dec. 17th - during the 10:15am Service

Sunday, Dec. 24th - during our 5pm Candle Light
Service

HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- ✓ Practice with your child, song sheets for both Sunday's are included
- ✓ Attend Sunday school - Isaiah will be rehearsing with the kids during Sunday School
- ✓ Sunday, December 17th - be here ready to rehearse at 9:30am in the sanctuary
- ✓ Sunday, December 24th - be here ready to rehearse at 4:30pm in the sanctuary



December 3rd

NURSERY CARE

TODAY

Jamie Montero

Dec. 17 _____ Dec. 24 _____

Dec. 31 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Jessica Compoly

Cheryl Schleuss

1st – 5th Grade

(fellowship hall)

Meghan Pringle

Laura Ransom

6th – 12th Grade

(youth room)

Sandy Pristas

Jill Vacchiano

Dec. 17th

No Sunday School

Festive Worship Service

Sunday School

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve Day

10:15am

Special Time for all kids 4 Years – 6th Grade

Games, Crafts, Activities

(fellowship hall)



Christmas Tree

Our Christmas tree in the chancel needs to be decorated with ornaments from your household. If you have not brought an ornament (or wish to bring another) please simply hang a personal ornament from your home on our tree.



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