

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent**

Announcements: Kathy Mulholland

Prelude: "Come, O Redeemer, Come" Ferando Ortega

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, let's turn to the Holy.

People: We come to worship God our Creator.

Leader: Come, bring your hopes, fears, and longing for a better world.

People: We come to praise the Prince of Peace.

Leader: Come, as your whole self – body, mind, and soul.

People: We come to receive the Spirit who gives us life.

All: God, as we attend to you, fill us with peace. Amen.

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

Holy One, we gather today at the start of this Advent season with expectant hearts. Slow us down, God. Calm our hearts. Still our minds. Help us to be present to your Holy Spirit nudges, so we can witness the unexpected ways you are at work. O Come, O Come, Prince of Peace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "In the Waiting" Kathy Mulholland

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath
The Candle of PEACE
Verl and Joanne McKinney**

*Praise Hymn: "The Lord Is My Light" Lillian Bouknight

Prayer Hymn: "Lord, Listen to Your Children" Ken Medema

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

[For those joining us online, please submit your prayer requests in the comments on the virtual attendance sheet, or email the church office. Your prayer requests will be lifted up in next Sunday's service.]

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:11-14 Cindy Curtis-Budka

Sermon: "What Time Is It?" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering: Today's **Special Offering** will continue benefit United Methodist Student Day.

Offertory: "Come, O Redeemer, Come" Ferando Ortega

*Doxology:

"Thank You, God"

Mitch Samu

*Offertory Prayer: (In Unison)

As we present our tithes and offerings on this first Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for the gifts you bestow upon us especially the gift of Jesus. May you bless these offerings and multiply them as we strive to do the work of your kingdom here on earth. May our work bring about peace and love to all. This we pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Anonymous

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"
(Reprise)

Anonymous

Scripture Passage for Sunday, November 27, 2022

Liturgist: Cindy Curtis-Budka

An Urgent Appeal

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
In the Waiting
Kathy Mulholland**

(Verse 1)

In the waiting is the growing
Stronger in the hope of peace.
In believing is the knowing
That our bondage is release.
As the road is our arriving,
And the sacrifice to own,
All our broken dreams and longings
Nourish fields where hope is sown.

(Verse 2)

In the hunger, in the yearning
Lies the appetite for joy.
As the barren world is turning
Love designs a little boy.
For the love unchanged and ever
Shining from a mother's eyes
Is the love that spins the planets
And sustains a paradise.

(Verse 3)

Days of darkness, nights of fever,
Hours of terror lost in time
Swirl an ever winding madness
That consumes each human mind.
But a thread of hope is weaving
Through the cold, chaotic wild,
That in time becomes a blanket
Tucked around a tiny child.

(Verse 4)

Thus our waiting is our worship
And our watching is our prayer.
Feed the hungry from the manger;
Soon our God will greet us there.
This creation, full of promise,
Realized imperfectly
Huddles at a humble stable
Waiting for the Word to be.

**Praise Hymn:
The Lord Is My Light
Lillian Bouknight**

(Verse 1)

The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
Whom shall I fear in the time of trouble?
He shall hide me O in the time of trouble,
He shall hide me in the time of trouble;
He shall hide me, whom shall I fear?

(Verse 2)

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
O, wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage;
He shall strengthen thine heart.

(Ending)

Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life.
Whom shall I fear?

**Prayer Hymn:
Lord, Listen to Your Children
Ken Medema**

Chorus

Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

Offertory:
Come, O Redeemer, Come
Fernando Ortega

(Verse 1)
Father enthroned on high,
Holy, holy;
Ancient eternal Light,
Hear our prayer.

(Verse 2)
Lord, save us from the dark
Of our striving,
Faithless and troubled hearts,
Weighed down.

(Chorus)
Come oh Redeemer come
Grant us mercy
Come oh Redeemer come
Grant us peace

(Verse 3)
Look now upon our need
Lord be with us
Heal us and make us free
From our sin

(Chorus)
Come oh Redeemer come
Grant us mercy
Come oh Redeemer come
Grant us peace

Doxology:
Thank You, God
Mitch Samu

Thank you, God.
Thank you, God.
Thank you, God.
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you, God.
Love you, God.
Praise you, God.
Forever I will give all I can give.

Amen!

Closing Hymn:
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
Anonymous

(Verse 1)
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
For the time is drawing nigh

(Chorus)
Children don't grow weary
Children don't grow weary
Children don't grow weary
For the time is drawing nigh

(Verse 2)
Darker midnight lies before us
Darker midnight lies before us
Darker midnight lies before us
For the time is drawing nigh

(Verse 3)
Lo the morning soon is breaking
Lo the morning soon is breaking
Lo the morning soon is breaking
For the time is drawing nigh

(Verse 4)
Christian journey soon be over
Christian journey soon be over
Christian journey soon be over
For the time is drawing nigh

(Verse 5)
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
For the time is drawing nigh

November 27, 2022

Announcements:

Welcome to worship service at First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you are joining us in person, or online, we are glad you are with us.

Annual Hanging of the Greens: We will be decorating the church for the Christmas Season following service today. Lunch is included!

Stop by our lovely Christmas Tree in Fellowship Hall and take a tag to warm hands and hearts this holiday season with your donations of new mittens/gloves, hats and scarves to children in need. Each tag is marked with a child's age and gender. Donations are due by December 9th. Please remember to pin the tag to your donation.

A Note from S/PRC Chair, Melanie Bowen:

Join me as we show our love and appreciation to our church staff. Please give your donations to Melanie Bowen or place them in an envelope in the offering plate marked "staff gifts". We will be collecting your gifts through December 18th. Thank you!

Don't forget to order your **Christmas Poinsettias**. Orders with payment are due by **Wednesday, December 14th**.

Join us at the church as we begin an Advent Study, Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning November 30th.

Invite your family and friends to service on **December 11th** for a special choir presentation, **"Season of Joy"** a Celtic Christmas Celebration.

Ken Budka, and Becky and Marshall Gorman will be performing in a special holiday concert, **"Joy to the World"** with the Monmouth Civic Chorus on Sunday, **December 18th** at the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank. The concert starts at 3:00 p.m. For more information and ticket information, click on the link in the Newsletter, or visit **Monmouthcivicchorus.org**.

We will NOT be selling Grocery Cards after service today. Sales will resume next week.

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Susan Wilson in celebration of Amy's birthday.