

November 13th, 2022

*Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Order of Worship (*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship: Debi Cocco

Prelude Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

People: a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

People: a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

*Hymn #15 All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1,2, 4, and 6)
bell setting by Marcello Velame

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
Sing praises! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain,
You nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
All who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
So, even in the midst of tears,
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
And worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Leader: Sometimes our sin is the side effect of being small people in a big world. Let us confess our sin, remembering that God has the wisdom and complexity to manage what we cannot.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God,

Our world is much larger than the world of people in scripture. We are more widely traveled and connected. Our news consists of much more than our neighbors can tell us. Wasn't it easier, O Lord, for ancient peoples to be in community, small as the average person's reach was? Isn't it obvious that we are asked to remember the needs of more neighbors than we can keep track of? But perhaps you are right, Lord. There is room for more compassion and thoughtfulness. Forgive us, and remind us Lord that your love is the source for ours, and it is infinite. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Distressed by his weaknesses and faults, Apostle Paul appealed to the Lord, and the Lord answered him, saying, "My grace is sufficient for you." Never doubt that the Lord will always rise to the challenge of supplying your need for saving grace.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Exodus 34:1-8; and 28-30

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #1 Holy, Holy, Holy bell setting by Hal H. Hopson

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Second Scripture Lesson Revelation 7:9-12

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Sermon **"Immersive Faith"**

Offering
Offertory
Doxology

Alleluia

G. Caccini

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #41 O Worship the King bell setting by Hal H. Hopson

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*Benediction

Postlude And Can It Be?

Setting by Fred Brock

The flowers today are given in loving memory of our dear friend Ellen Huhn and Linda's parents Bob and Marge Schenck from Linda and Joe Talerico.

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Michele Mackay
Minute for Stewardship	Debi Cocco
Organ and piano:	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
	Marcello Velame
Soloist:	Pat Dunphy
Ushers:	Bill Schanck
	Rich Vodhanel
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Coffee Hour:	Christian Education

Church Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Sexton:	Douglas Silk
Office Administrator:	Diane Suarez

Advent Bible Study

You are invited to join us on Zoom starting Tuesday, Nov. 29th for a 4 week Advent Study. We will be discussing a chapter each week of *“The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God’s Voice in Advent”* by Susan Robb.

“The Angels of Christmas” explores the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds in a four-week Advent experience. In this study, the reader will explore the visits and dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel and other angels in the Bible. The messages of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now.”

This study coordinates with our Advent worship theme and invites you into conversation about the divine messages and messengers that prompt each part of the Christmas story.

The book is available on Amazon and major book distributors for around \$15. It is also available as an ebook. The church office can order a book for you; **order by November 15th for pickup before Thanksgiving.**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87686705631>

REMEMBER the Fallen. . .
HONOR those who Serve. . .
TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

On December 17, 2022 at 11:00 am, Wreaths Across America will be at The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Follow the below link to the PCAS wreath sponsorship page.

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/166296/Overview/?relatedId=0>

Thank you so much for supporting the effort at The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury and Wreaths Across America! We look forward to seeing you there.



THANKSGIVING EVE INTERFAITH SERVICE

NOVEMBER 23RD AT 6:00 PM

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT SHREWSBURY
352 SYCAMORE AVENUE, SHREWSBURY NJ

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service. This service is a celebration of the close ties of friendship between the Monmouth Reform Temple and the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury. Rabbi Sally Priesand will be preaching. We look forward to special music from our joint choirs, bell choir, vocal soloist, and others.

We invite you, as able, to come in person so that we might strengthen the bonds of fellowship with our congregations. If you can not attend in person the service will be available via Zoom. We will have a reception after.

Thanksgiving Eve Service Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81797342232>

By phone: Call 646-558-8656; Enter meeting ID 817 9734 2232



Christmas Bazaar 2022

Together for Christmas!

Donations accepted November 1st - 28th



The Annual **Christmas Bazaar** will be held Saturday, **December 3 from 9:30-2:00**. In addition to requesting that you attend the event (and invite friends), we could use your support by working one or more 2 hour shift(s) at a booth, and by donating the following types of items:

Jewelry - Old & new jewelry, small gift boxes. *Please bring jewelry to the church office.*

Fashion Accessories –Hats, caps, gloves, mittens, scarves, handbags, lap blankets, throws, decorative pillows, dresser top items (small mirrors, perfume bottles, etc.). *Please place items in the collection box in the Church House lobby.*

Christmas Treasures, Gifts, etc.–new or nearly new Christmas decorations, items of good quality and in working order that can be sold as gifts, small home goods, candlesticks, wood, ceramic, crystal and china, wall art, clocks, etc. Nothing damaged. *Please put items in the PW closet in the Terrace Room in the Church House.*

Toys and Sports Equipment– clean toys in good condition with all pieces. *Please put in the Omega Room.*

Crafts – New homemade crafts items. *Please bring crafts to the church office.*

Greens — decorative containers for the holiday greens arrangements. *Please place items in the collection box in the Church House lobby.*

The week of the bazaar: Bake and Soup Tables - Homemade treats: individual servings of sweets, small breads, pies, cupcakes, cookies, candies, etc. For the soups: please attach a *list of ingredients*. Quart size containers available from Nancy Vodhanel or the Church Office.

Please contact Nancy Vodhanel (nvodhanel@gmail.com or 732-530-7641) or **Linda Talerico** (lindat1140@gmail.com or 732-542-1140) if you have questions about donations or if you can help.



*This year you can **pre-order your poinsettias** to pick up at the Christmas Bazaar on Dec 3, or the week after from the Church office.*

You can also buy your poinsettias at the Christmas Bazaar.

DEADLINE TO ORDER: MON., NOVEMBER 28, 2022

I would like to order # _____ **large red,** _____ large white for **\$22 each**

I would like to order # _____ **small red,** _____ small white for **\$12 each**

Total enclosed \$ _____

Your plant(s) can be *picked up* on **Sat. December 3 from 9:30 am – 2 pm during the Christmas Bazaar.** Or you can pick it up **after church Dec. 4 or during office hours Dec 6-9.**

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____