



NEWTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2011

9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome (Please sign and pass the friendship pad)

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
arr. by Lloyd Larson

Lighting of the Advent Candle of 'Peace'

Congregational Response (Leader, **People**)

Sometimes it feels as if we are in a world that will never know
PEACE.

But God sends PEACE to this angry world.

Just like the war filled times in which God sent His only Son.

The everlasting Father. The prince of PEACE.

May this season of Advent bring us PEACE once again.

Even as we find our PEACE in the Lord.

Call to Worship: (Leader. **People**)

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the strength of God and the
Shepherd of our souls.

**Your greatness is among us and your power reaches out
to the ends of the earth.**

Lord Jesus, let us live securely in your peace and be blessed
forever by your holy name. Amen.

***Hymn No. 56** "The First Nowell" (Verses 1 – 4) **

* **Prayers of Confession** (Unison)

Today, O Lord, we confess that too often in life we have failed
to remember that you created, called, and sent us into Your
world. We have failed to acknowledge this gift and strive to
work toward peace on earth. We prefer the status quo to the
work of risk-taking. Remind us again of our callings. Renew
in us your Spirit and your urgent thirst for the peace and justice
you desire for all of creation. Disturb our peace and draw us
closer to you in Jesus Christ we pray. (*silent confession*)

* **Assurance of Pardon**

* **Gloria Patri**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 53: 1-9

Hymn No. 48 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response (unison)

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory "Creator of the Stars of Night" Latin Hymn, 9th C.

* **Doxology**

Anthem "There Shall a Star from Jacob" Mendelssohn

Sermon "The First Nowell"

Text: Luke 2: 8-14

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Leader, **People**)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread (Please hold until all have been served)

Sharing of the Cup (Please partake as the cup is received)

Prayer after Communion

Hymn No. 23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

* **Benediction** (Leader, **People**)

With peace in our hearts, let us go out into this Advent season
and bring the good news to others. Go, in the name of our
Lord, the Prince of Peace. In the name of the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude "The First Noel" arr. by Brian Glyncannon

*All who are able may stand

**Late comers seated

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In the Pulpit: Rev. G. W. "Blake" Blakesley, III, Pastor  
Assisting: Rev. Wonjae Choi, Associate Pastor  
Mr. Jon Reinink, Seminary Intern

**Assisting in today's services:**

**Candle Lighters: (8:00)** Don and Jill Leidy  
**(9:00)** Rich and Caroline Edwards **(10:45)** Bill and Faith  
McManimon

**Communion Preparers:** Walt and Polly Jamison  
**Communion Servers: (9:00)** Colleen and Tom Rimel, Pete  
Lafferty, Caron and Elizabeth Williams, Brian Lucotch  
**(10:45)** Wayne and Donna Atkins, June  
Fulton, Faith McManimon

**Ushers: (8:00 & 9:00) Team G** Doug Rendall, Captain; Heather  
Bray, Dave and Barbara Clark, Carol Sheehan, Dave and Phoebe  
Strome  
**(10:45) Team H** Alan Thress, Captain; Allen Frakes, Tom  
Nyquist, Dave Pannepacker, Marilyn Ream, Ron Thorburn and  
Elaine Thress

**Deacon Flower Delivery:** Megan Lorence and Linda Struzik

**The window decorations during Advent reflect the  
carols that are the topics of Rev. Blakesley's sermons  
each week.**

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **Our Staff:**

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Rev. Richard Kauffman, Visitation Parish Associate  
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Jordan Saul, Youth Music Associate  
Meghan Meloy Interim Organist,  
Jonathan Reinink, Seminary Intern, Youth Director  
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**Ask an usher for a headphone if you need hearing assistance or a large print hymnal.**

### **Sunday – December 4, 2011**

8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanc)  
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9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Discussion (Pastor's Office)  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour (EH)  
10:45 a.m. Worship (Sanc)  
2:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (EH)  
5:00 p.m. Advent Fest

### **Weekly Calendar: December 5 – 10, 2011**

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| Tuesday   | 7:00 a.m.  | Breakfast with the Bible (EH) |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting (PO)            |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Women's AA (B1))              |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Career Networking (RR)        |
|           | 7:30 p.m.  | Session (EH)                  |
| Wednesday | 8:00 a.m.  | Aid For Friends (K)           |
|           | 10:00 a.m. | Book Club (211)               |
|           | 7:30 p.m.  | Flying Solo (211)             |
|           | 7:30 p.m.  | AA (B1)                       |
| Thursday  | 6:00 p.m.  | Women's AA (B1)               |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Canon Ringers                 |
|           | 8:00 p.m.  | Chancel                       |

### **Sunday – December 11, 2011**

8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanc)  
9:00 a.m. Worship (Sanc)  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Discussion (Pastor's Office)  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour (EH)  
10:45 a.m. Worship (Sanc)  
2:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanc)  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Concert – Chloe & Jason Moore  
5:00 p.m. All Church Caroling

## **Welcome to the Newtown Presbyterian Church!**

We are happy to have you share our service of worship. Whether you are a visitor or a newcomer to the area, we ask that you sign the Friendship Pad with your name, full address, (please print) and phone number so we may contact you personally. Infant and Toddler Nursery are provided during the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. services. Please see an usher for details.

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In preparation for worship, take the opportunity to speak to God, respecting each other's desire to meditate. At the close of the service, greet one another with joy.

The **chancel flowers** are given by Jeanne and Bill Nagel in loving memory and in honor of America's sons and daughters who did not return. The **rose** in the chancel area is given by Scott and Rachel Hughes in loving memory of their daughter, Sophia Rose. The **9:00 Advent bulletin cover** is given by Dorle Ramanujam in loving memory of her grandparents, Amalie and Nicolaus Döptner and the **10:45 Advent bulletin cover** is given by Beth and Alan Hathaway in loving memory of their grandson, Bruce Michael Ortman, and their parents, Evelyn and Claude White and Sue and Willis V. Hathaway.

If anyone would like a speaking part for the 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, please contact Janet Eshleman or revwonjae@newtownpres.org.

Advent Fest! - Sunday, Dec. 4, Ettenger Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner will be prepared by the Senior High Youth Group, followed by Christmas crafts, cookies, and caroling led by Blake with a possible surprise musician! Contact Marj Shikrallah 215-860-6926 with any questions.

Angel Tree Project - As in the past, our Church will be part of the Angel Tree Project. Each year we set up a tree in the side vestibule of the Church with Angels on the tree. Each Angel has a request from one of the children from a family in need. These children are identified by the school nurses through the free lunch program in the Council Rock School District. There are also children from families in other areas. If you would like to

participate, then please feel free to take 1 or more angels from the tree and fill the request for these boys and girls. We ask that the gifts be dropped off at the Church by **Sunday the 18th of December**. ***After the request is filled and wrapped, please attach the paper angel to the package so we know who that package goes to.*** This is truly a worthy cause since these boys and girls have very little, and this would make their holiday a bit brighter. Thank you from The Angel Tree Project.

NPC Women's Retreat April 3 – 15, 2012 - The retreat will be held at the Harvey Cedars Conference Center, Harvey Cedars, NJ. Join us for a time of relaxation and reflection surrounded by the seashore. Please register early so we can adjust the numbers for our contract before the end of the year. Registration forms are in the PW box outside Ettenger Hall or the insert in this bulletin.

Concert Series - On Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m., our Music Director, Jason Moore and his wife Chloe will present a concert of Christmas music. They will be performing a number of well known Christmas works as well as some lesser known pieces.

Join us after the concert for Christmas Caroling!

PW will be collecting sweatshirts, hats, gloves and books for the Ninth Church Head Start Learning Tree Project.

These are pre-school children. The deadline for collecting the items is December 13, and they can be placed on the Christmas tree at the entrance to Ettenger Hall. As always, thanks to all for your generous contributions.

PW Bible Study is Tuesday, **December 13 (please note the correction of dates)** at 10:00 a.m. in Ettenger Hall – Lesson 3 will be our focus in the study of the Beatitudes under the direction of Ruth Barcafer. Then, we'll have a covered dish luncheon, "A Salad Extravaganza". So hunt up your favorite recipe for all of us to share (just envision how slim we'll look for Santa). After that, we'll wrap the sweatshirts, hats, gloves and books for preschool children at the Ninth Street Church in Philadelphia. They'll be warmer for your contribution. It will be a wonderful day! Please join us!

Advent Calendar 2011

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship — Lighting the candle of “Peace”
5:00 p.m. — **Advent Fest** - Light supper and family craft projects

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship — Lighting the candle of “Joy”
4:00 p.m.—Christmas Concert by Chloe and Jason Moore
5:00 p.m.— All-Church Christmas Caroling at Pickering Manor

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship — Lighting the candle of “Love”
9:00 & 10:45 a.m. **Choir Cantata:** “From Heaven Above”
Felix Mendelssohn
with Brass Ensemble
Christmas Joy Offering

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 p.m. — Children’s Christmas Musical

Children should arrive at 4:00 p.m.
Refreshments in Ettenger Hall afterward

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

*(communion will not be served at any service)

3:30 p.m.— Traditional candlelight service of Lessons & Carols with children leading.

5:00 p.m. — Traditional candlelight service with children leading

7:00 p.m. — Traditional candlelight service with Bell Ensemble

9:00 p.m. — Traditional candlelight service with NPC Choirs

11:00 p.m. — Traditional candlelight service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Worship — One service

Christmas Joy Offering

9:00 a.m. — Adult Bible Study, No Church School

NPC Women’s Retreat
Harvey Cedars Conference Center
April 13– April 15, 2012
Registration Form

NPC Women’s Retreat. Return this form with your check made payable to “NPC Women’s Retreat.” Mail check and form to Suzanne Herger, 142 Commonwealth Drive, Newtown, PA 18940.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

Roommates: 1, 2, or 3 per room, circle your preference

Names: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I need a roommate.

Cost: Rates include two nights lodging and five meals (Saturday breakfast thru Sunday lunch), plus all program materials. Rooms are hotel-style (full bath facilities in each room). Rates are \$200/person for 2 per room, or \$175/person for 3-4 per room.

Payment: You may pay the full amount now, or reserve your place with a \$50 deposit and the balance due by April 3, 2011. If the number per room changes, refunds or additional charges will be made. **Your deposit will be refundable if you cancel before March 1, 2011.**

Payment Enclosed:

Full Amount (\$200 or \$175) enclosed \$ _____

OR, \$50 deposit

with balance due by 4/3/11 \$ _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund (opt.) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED