

First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

*What kind of joy is this,
That counts it a blessing to suffer.
What kind of joy is this,
That gives the prisoner a song.
What kind of joy could stare death in the face
And see it as sweet victory.
This is the joy of a soul that's forgiven and free.*

Steven Curtis Chapman - *What Kind of Joy is This*

GATHERING MUSIC

Lori Yost, Musician

-EXPANSION OF OUR HEARTS-

INTROIT "On a Cold December Night" by Cynthia Gray Youth Choir, Brooke Burgin, Director

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONG #249 (blue hymnal) "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Peace

*CANDLE SONG #93 (green song book) "All Earth Is Waiting" vs. 1

INTRO TO ANTHEM

CHORAL ANTHEM "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" arr. John D. Miller
Chancel Choir, Karen Mazur, Interim Director

*PASSING THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

(Youth are invited to leave for their classes. 5th grade and under will not meet.)

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

-RECEPTION OF GOD'S WORD-

PREPARATION FOR READING Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:6-7 (NRSV)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NRSV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE "Joy to the World: Peaceful Joy" Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

-TRANSFORMATION OF OUR LIVES-

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

-COMPASSION FOR THE WORLD-

*SENDING SONG #265 (blue hymnal) "The First Noel" vs. 1-3

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Message Notes

Prayer List

CONCERNS:

Jamal Basna, friend of Jane Young, preparing for surgery for bladder cancer on 12/17.

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Dave Cox, **Yvonne Hughes**, Amy Finigan's sister, **Ewa Toczyska** (Eve Lotito's aunt), **Jan Savage** (Jane Young's friend), **Ada Sauer** (Carolyn Connerton's nephew's daughter), **Valerie Floyd** (Joan Muller's cousin), **Rusty Ayers** (receiving Hospice), **Brian Spring**, **Connie**, **Jamie**, **Andres Echevarria**, **Jennie Byram**, **Eugene Fletcher**, **Carol Ratz**, **Kathy** (Sue Leonard's friend), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Michael Barch**, **Gavin Brady**, **Blair Ludemann**, **Cheryl**, **Lawrence Trumpore**, **Jim** (the Bundz's neighbor)

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