



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corning, New York

"I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'"
Isaiah 41:13

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent
Tidings of Comfort and Joy

10:30 a.m.

THE ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

If you would like to share a joy or concern for prayer during the service,
please submit it by commenting on the video live-stream.

PRELUDE

"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" (video)

Jeremy Koob

WELCOME

Pastor Jeff

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Susan Vermillion



CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Jeff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word Himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

Pastor Jeff

GLORIA PATRI (No. 579, The Hymnal)

David Smith

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Jeff

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

“Orion and the Dark”
by Emma Yarlett

Pastor Jeff

MUSICAL OFFERING

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (video)

Amy Ginalski

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Vermillion

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-9
Luke 2:8-20

Susan Vermillion
Pastor Jeff

THEME

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlefolk” (v. 1-3 & Chorus)

SERMON

“Unexpected Invitations”

Pastor Jeff

REPRISE

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlefolk” (Chorus)

DOXOLOGY

David Smith

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Statement on Ordination and Installation
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
*Apostles’ Creed

Constitutional Questions
Prayer of Ordination & “Laying On of Hands”
Charge to Those Ordained and Installed
Welcome

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Jeff

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in 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.

BENEDICTORY SONG

“I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In”

Ernie Danforth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

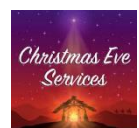
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

- Chancel Flower: The beautiful flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Harold and Mae Smith by their family.
- TODAY we will ordain and install church officers during the worship service. We will be ordaining and installing Kim Holmes to active service on the Board of Deacons and installing deacons Ken Baer, Rose Houper, and Laura Palmesano to active service on the board. We will be installing ruling elders Frank Hamm, Al Johnson, Mark Landin, and Susan Vermillion, to active service on the Session. Please join us in the sanctuary or via live broadcast on our Facebook page and on YouTube.
- Wednesdays at 11:00 am please join our church family for Bible Study as Pastor Jeff hosts an open forum on "Finding Our Place at the Manger" on the Zoom. Here is the link for video chat: <https://zoom.us/j/498582756>. For those participating by voice-only over their phones, please dial 646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID 498 582 756 when prompted, followed by #, and enter Passcode: 1812. Weekly handouts available via email or in the church office.
- Thursdays at 11:00 am, is Online Fellowship Time on Zoom. Here is the link for video chat: <https://zoom.us/j/6792364111>. For those participating by voice-only over their phones, please dial 646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID 679 236 4111 when prompted, followed by #, and enter Passcode: 1812.
- Drive Thru Wassail: Held **TODAY**, Sunday, December 13 from 2-3pm in the church parking lot. Stop by for a safe drive thru visit with Jen as she will be handing out a cup of hot spice apple cider and a treat bag. Enter the alley (Cintra Lane E.) from Cedar St. driving toward Pine St. Stop at the tent for a cup of warm cider and a treat bag. Please do not park or exit your vehicle.
- Chicken Stuffing Collection: TODAY is the last day to donate to the Salvation Army boxes of **chicken stuffing** for food bags going to Dayspring residents.
- Annual Mitten Tree Collection: Give the Gift of Warmth this year. Help us decorate the mitten tree benefitting the Salvation Army in the Nartex. Donations of new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves will be collected through December 18. Drop off your donations to the church office or church mail slot.
- Our Christmas Eve Service will be held on Thursday, December 24 at 5:30 pm. Please join us in the sanctuary or via live broadcast on our Facebook page and on YouTube.





OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2020

Wednesday	Dec 9	11:00 a.m.	Online Bible Study Time on Zoom Finding Our Place at the Manger (see recurring links under announcements)
Thursday	Dec 10	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Online Fellowship Time on Zoom (see recurring links under announcements) Session
Friday	Dec 11	- - -	Church Office Closed
Next Sunday:	Dec 13	10:30 a.m.	ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES Communion Sunday Our Facebook Page www.fb.me/CorningFirstPresby On The YouTube Channel: www.bit.ly/CorningWorship

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