



**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

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December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m.

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**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**

**WELCOME**

Ernie Danforth



**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(based on Isaiah 9:6, Revelation 12:10)

Wyatt Smith

Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and his name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Ernie Danforth

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

On this the third day of Christmas, as another year draws to a close, we come together before God and with one another, confessing the ways in which we have been caught up in trying to keep the spirit of the holidays alive and in the process have turned away from Your Spirit of Peace; the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires, that we have neglected the voices of your children who cry out for Help, for Hope and for Justice; in our focus on making the season as good as we can for ourselves, we have turned away from the hurting people and broken places in our world in need of Healing; in the times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children, and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to your amazing gift of Love. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, hear us as we humbly pray, cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

Ernie Danforth

**GLORIA PATRI** (No. 579, The Hymnal)

David Smith

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Ernie Danforth

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Wyatt Smith

**THE MESSAGE**

The Polar Express

Ernie Danforth

**SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**"The Polar Express"  
by Chris Van Allsburg

Ernie Danforth

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**Matthew 2: 1-8  
Matthew 2:9-13Ernie Danforth  
Ernie Danforth**MUSICAL OFFERING**

"Believe" (video)

Blake Hurlburt

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***The Apostles' Creed*

Ernie Danforth

**DOXOLOGY**

David Smith

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Ernie Danforth

**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**

“Joy to the World”

Garrett Smith  
Jackson Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



**COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
RESCHEDULED TO JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Join Us For Our Weekly Zoom Meetups**

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK  
WITH PASTOR JEFF  
(Please join us the week of Jan 13)  
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP TIME  
WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY  
Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2020

Wednesday	Dec 30	NO Online Bible Study Time on Zoom Join Us Next Week
Thursday	Dec 31	Fellowship Time on Zoom AT 11:00AM Visit With Us Virtually!
Friday	Jan 1	Church Office Closed
Next Sunday:	Jan 3	ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30AM (Communion Worship Rescheduled for January 10)



The Christmas Joy Special Offering reflects that God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, Jesus Christ. This Advent season, please make your donation via the church website or mail your contribution to the church office specifying "Christmas Joy". Thank you.

### Alternative Gift Giving



Presbyterian Giving  
[presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org](http://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org)



Medical Benevolence Foundation  
[alternative-giving.com](http://alternative-giving.com)



### Alternative Gift Giving



Church World Service  
[cwsbestgift.org](http://cwsbestgift.org)



Heifer International  
[heifer.org/gift-catalog](http://heifer.org/gift-catalog)





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