



Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2020

As the Prelude begins, we enter into a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for worship.

PRELUDE “Come, Savior of the Nations” BMV 659 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY & LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN No. 163 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” *ABERYSTWYTH*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1:1-8

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON “Those Who Dream Prepare the Way” *Rev. Matt Nickel*

ANTHEM “Prepare the Way, O Zion” *Kenneth Dake*
Molly Hughes, violin

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You can give online at www.japc.org/give

HYMN No. 87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” *Genevan 42*

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Come, Savior of the Nations” Op17 *Paul Manz*

***As the postlude concludes worship in the sanctuary,
you are invited to listen and reflect as you carry your worship into the world.***

Announcements

You are welcome here. You belong here: A special welcome goes to guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, in this faith community.

The Board of Deacons encourages prayers for Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, Kathy Horlocker, Priscilla Kelsey, Perry Kent, Phillip Kent, Chris Klinger, Elaine Kuester, Anne, Sara, & Ben Maters, Eleanor Mobley, Tony Rogan, Johnnie Walker II, Tom Wininger, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people impacted by Covid-19, and those supporting people affected by coronavirus.

Prayer Requests – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using prayer@japc.org or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt at 313-822-3456.

Today's Worship Participants – Vocalists: Stephen Bobalik, Katy Kujala, Brien Meehan, Deborah Nero, Sophia Raptis and Rose Randall Warner. Violinist: Molly Hughes.

Angel Tree Update – JAPC is committed to our partnership with Prison Fellowship program in providing gifts to children who have a parent incarcerated. We will have a drive-thru parking lot event to distribute gifts on Saturday, December 19. The event will include a visit from Santa, hot chocolate to-go, and a festive spirit. Please contact Kathy Chateau with any questions, 313-822-3456.

Advent Book Study – On three Mondays in Advent (11:00 am and 5:00 pm), Pastor Matt Nickel and Director Kathy Chateau will lead discussions about the book *Imagining a New World* by Terri Hord Owens on Zoom. For details go to www.japc.org/news

Longest Night Service – On Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 pm the church will host a prayer service that is a safe and sacred place to bring to God our grief and loss. Join us for healing prayers, scripture, and music. In the safe place of worship, we bring all we experience and open ourselves to the God whose love never ends. The service will be livestreamed at: <https://bit.ly/japclivestream>

Christmas Concert - Join us for a one-hour concert of Holiday Music both sacred and secular on Wednesday evening! Our soloists will bring their favorite Christmas party pieces and we will feature members of our chancel choir on handbells! We will also enjoy the symphonic capabilities of our mighty Skinner Pipe Organ with music including both Delius's and Leroy Anderson's "Sleighride" and a scene from "Hansel and Gretel". The concert will be live streamed on Facebook. If it is safe and legal to do so, we will also open to a live audience of limited capacity. Please stay tuned for further developments.