

CALENDAR FOR TODAY, December 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Nursery, Rm. 12
9:00	Christ Café, Parlor
9:00	Youth Sunday School, 3rd flr. Youth Room
9-9:15	Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Sanc.
9:15-9:45	Children’s Sun. Sch. 2nd and 3rd flr.
9:35-10:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, G2

Young Children

The nursery is open at 9:00 a.m. until the end of worship and is available anytime. Toddlers and Preschoolers begin worship with their families then may leave for the Rambler Room after Sacred Space.

Nursery: Jenny Harris

Toddler/Preschool (Rm. 22): Hannah Braun and Robyn Dickerscheid

10:00	Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15	Fellowship Hour, FH
11:30	Deacons Deliver Poinsettias
11:30-12:15	Flute Choir Practice, Sanc.
1:00 p.m.	El Trono Bible Study & Worship, FH
6-7:30	Young Adults Pizza Church, Parlor

~This week in Prayer we will remember the following people ~

*Jeannie Burgin, Charles Ellison, John and Mary Graham,
Nancy Hammes, David Knoble, Kay Kunter, Christi Maidlow,
Dee Miller, Avery Paauwe, Edward Vance, Mandi Ward,
Gerald Wilzbacher*

Christian Sympathy

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Ned Brown in the death of Ned’s daughter, Kathy Lewis.

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Rev. Liz Kaznak-Hall in the death of her uncle.

13th MONTH GIVING - In order to help balance our budget for 2019, by the end of December please consider adding an extra month of giving to your offering. End of year gifts have always been a great blessing to the church. Thank you for your generosity!

**Goodbye 2019!
Hello 2020!**



Join the IPC Snow Minutemen and help us keep our sidewalks safe this winter. We need a few men and women who are willing to be “on call” when the snow comes. If you are willing to occasionally help out with shoveling, please see Ron Watson or one of the pastors. Thank you! P.S. We have a snow blower too!

Register Now:

Adult Retreat—January 24-26
Mexico Mission Trip—March 8-14
(Contact the church office or Rev. Heimach)

THE WEEK OF, December 16, 2018 AT IPC

Monday, December 16

10-3 p.m.	Homeschoolers, 3rd flr.
7:00	Evening Circle, Wel. Ctr.
8:00	AA (Adults and Teens), FH

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Rm. 24
10-1 p.m.	Irv. Mom’s Grp., Presch. Rm.
1:00	Alzheimer’s Support Group, Parlor
5:45	Pastoral Nominating Committee, Parlor
7:00	Trustees Meeting, Rm. 24 <small>(note space change)</small>
7:00	Irvington Community Council, FH
7:00	El Trono Bible Study, Rm. 25

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study, Rm. 24
1:30 p.m.	Circle Leaders Bible Study, Parlor <small>(All are Welcome)</small>
7:00	El Trono Worship, FH

Thursday, December 19

10:30 a.m.	Thursday Circle, Parlor
12:00 p.m.	PWC Gathering, FH
1:00	PWC Program, FH
6:30	Handbell Choir Practice, Choir Rm.
7:00	El Trono School of Workers, Rm. 24
7:30	Choir Practice, Sanc.

Friday, December 20

10:00 a.m.	Bridge Club, Yth. Rm.
12:00 p.m.	Voyagers, Luncheon
1:00	Voyagers, Program

Saturday, December 21

All Day	El Trono, FH
9-12 p.m.	El Trono Band Practice, FH
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Yoga with Tara Cobb, Rambler Rm.



IPC Scholarship applications for the spring semester are available to IPC students of higher education on the church website or in the office. Applications are due by January 19, 2020. See Rev. Heimach for more information.

WANTED EMPTY paper towel and Empty toilet paper cardboard tubes. We will be using them for Messy church activities. Please let Jackie Cox and/or Carolyn Lesmeister know if you would like to donate them.



IPC Solar Panel Producing

YTD— 25.06 MWh
YTD— CO2 Emissions Saved— 38,808.95 lbs.
YTD— Equivalent Trees Planted— 977.46



**Irvington Presbyterian Church
December 15, 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Prayer in preparation of worship

O Lord, as we await the time of the full completion of your kingdom, let us know joy. Let us be joyful in our bones, in our senses, in our actions and in our voices. May our joy be complete in your love. Amen.

STAFF

Rev. Robert Heimach, Pastor
(Vacant), Associate Pastor
Rev. Elizabeth Kaznak-Hall, Parish Associate
Lori Chapman, Administrator
Rev. Carolyn Lesmeister, C.E. Coordinator
Aeriel Lewis, Youth Coordinator
Craig Shaw, Communications Coordinator
Denise Harrington, Senior Ministry Consultant
Amy Studabaker, Director of Music
Tiantian Liang, Organist
Joe Dial, Sexton (Custodian)
Jenny Harris, Nursery Attendant
Hannah Braun, Pre-school Attendant
Pat Lewis, Director of Irvington Roots & Wings Child Care
Larry Sipe, Treasurer
Grace Long, Director of Music Emerita

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Rachel Lemke—Louisville Presbyterian Seminary

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The Service of the Lord’s Day
**Please stand if you are able.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GREETING

INTROIT “Prepare the Way of the Lord” *Prepare the Way*

CALL TO WORSHIP
M: The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.
P: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and watches over the sojourners.
M: Behold, our Lord and Ruler is coming to reign forever.
All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN #106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion” *Bereden Vag For Herran*

*ADVENT CONFESSION OF SINS
M: Christ is the one who reigns over heaven and earth. Before Christ, let us confess our sins.
All: O God, you have taught us to be patient, and have promised to supply our needs. Yet even in this season of waiting, we grow restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on others, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us.

Hear our prayer, O God. Forgive our indulgence of sin, and help us to stand firm in your will. Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance. Hear our prayer:

Silent confessions

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
M: In the arrival of Jesus Christ, the world finds hope and peace and everlasting love.
P: Therefore, we proclaim with confidence our release from sin and death.
M: We believe the Gospel: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are saved.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
L: Last Sunday we added the candle of peace to our Advent wreath. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ offers peace and hope to the world.

The third candle is the candle of joy. It reminds us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her, a child who would save and deliver his people.

P: God wants us all to have joy. The angel who announced to the shepherds that Jesus had been born told them: “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people – for to you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

L: We light this candle to remember that Christ brings the promise of a new life – a life in which the blind receive sight, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free. We light it to remember that Christ is the messenger of true and everlasting joy. Let us pray:

All: Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us, and for the joy we can bring to others. Help us to hear and to do your Word as joyful people. We pray in the name of the One born to save us. Amen.

Response *Antioch*
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRED SPACE Rev. Lesmeister

ANTHEM “Companions All Sing Loudly” *Mochnick*

GOSPEL Luke 1.46-55 p. 57

SERMON “Mary Gets Political” Rev. Heimach

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
Hymn #105 “People, Look East” *Besancon*
Hymn #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” *In Dulci Jubilo*

(Please come forward to “tie one on” during the singing of the hymn.)

THE OFFERING
Offertory “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”
*Doxology (Hymn #606)
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Kaznak-Hall
Preparation for Prayer - Hymn #92, v. 1
While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

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*HYMN #123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” *Carol*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *Georg Friedrich Kaufmann*

The flowers this morning, offered to the glory of God, are given by Richard and Diane Pflanze in memory of their parents, Raymond and Alice Pflanze and John and Johanna Kelly.

Richard and Diane Pflanze will be delivering the Sanctuary flowers to the hospitals and homebound today. Our deacons will be delivery the Poinsettias.

HEAD USHER: Donna Dent **BEADLE:** Ron Watson
BUS DRIVER: Steve Holzhausen **AV TECH:** Craig Shaw
PARKING LOT SECURITY: Red Anderson
HOSPITALITY TIME TODAY: Holly Pittman, Kristin Wolf, Frank Hurdis, and John Koss

PORTABLE HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS,
AND BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WEST AND SOUTH DOORS.
PLEASE ASK AN USHER

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Irvington Presbyterian Church. Our hope is that you find spiritual meaning in our worship and joy in our fellowship.

If you are new to IPC, **please stop by our “New Here” table to find out more about the church.** Also, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour. Your presence with us is important and we invite you to return again soon to our community of faith.

WE THANK new IPC members, Abby Somers and Stephanie Wickmann for leading our Advent candlelight service this morning.

THE ANNUAL “TIE ONE ON” JOY OFFERING will be received today. To participate, please come forward during the middle hymn to tie a Joy Offering envelope to the tree. This offering of the whole Presbyterian Church (USA) provides emergency funds for retired church workers and missionaries. Thank you for your gifts.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP our Board of Deacons will deliver poinsettias to home bound and ill members and friends of the church.

VOYAGERS will meet Friday, December 20 for our program at 1 p.m. and it will be held in the sanctuary. Charles Joray and his assistant will present a Christmas Music program for our enjoyment. All are welcome to this program, no reservations necessary.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING IS THE LUMINARIA in all of Irvington. We welcome all to our sanctuary from 6-8 p.m. for a time of peace and mediation, with guitar music from Jeff Laslie. Candles will be available to light in memory or honor of loved ones, and to the glory of God.



YOUNG ADULT PIZZA CHURCH will be having a holiday party this evening in the Parlor from 6-7:30 p.m. If you are between the ages of 19-35, please join us! As always, food will be provided. Wear your Christmas sweater and bring a white elephant gift to exchange. Childcare provided with advance notice. Contact Aerial Lewis with any questions, alewis@irvpresby.org

THE YOUTH GROUP will be leading a Christmas Skit during our 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service. If your child is interested in participating in non-speaking roles, please arrive at 5 p.m. for costume and instructions. We could also use a couple of parent volunteers to help direct our young angels and shepherds. If you have questions, please contact Aerial Lewis, alewis@irvpresby.org

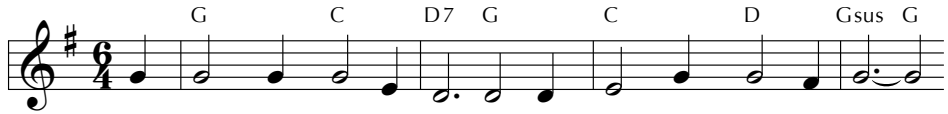


FAIR TRADE food items make wonderful Christmas gifts. A new shipment arrived last week and those with pre-orders can pick them up after church. For everyone else, please look at our Fair Trade food cart for ideas!

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE reminds you that we need to average \$7,115 each week to stay current with our budget. Last week’s receipts were \$11,037.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE for Sunday, December 8 was 154.

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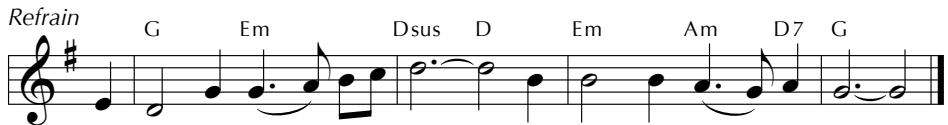
- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
- 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3–5 and Psalm 24:7–10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

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People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo-ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

east and sing to - day:



Peo - ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Love, the Bird, is on the way.

Love, the Star, is on the way.

Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)



132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 6/8. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, some beamed together, and rests. The bottom staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It provides harmonic support with chords and single notes, including a chromatic movement from B-flat to A-natural in the fifth measure.

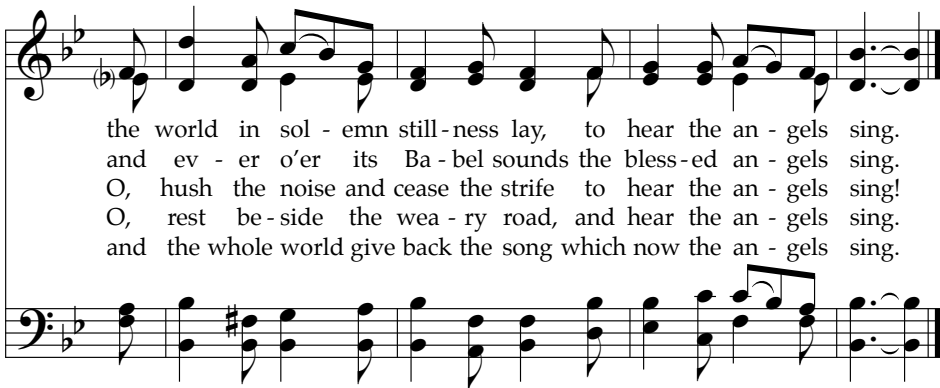
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing:
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

TEXT: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849, alt.
MUSIC: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.