

Welcome to Our Church

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas!

- We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience was blessed.

Please come back again.

- Our worship schedule is printed on the inside back cover.
- Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- Activity materials for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- Please accompany children (under 10 years of age) to the restrooms, accessible through door in the front left area of the sanctuary.

Special Needs?

- Feel free to ask for assistance if you have any questions or special needs.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2016 – 7:00 AND 11:00 PM

VOLUNTARIES

Christmas Jubilation arr. Dan Edwards
On This Day Earth Shall Ring arr. Cathy Moglebust
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Brian Childers
Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Derek K. Hakes
Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Kevin McChesney
The Ringers on the Green (6:30pm)

Gloria Fanfare arr. Cathy Moglebust
On Christmas Night arr. Kevin McChesney
Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Kevin McChesney
Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Derek K. Hakes
Carol of the Bells arr. Kevin McChesney
The Chancel Ringers (10:30pm)

Selections from *Nutcracker Suite* P. Tchaikovsky, arr. Ferrari
The String Ensemble

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, Op.122 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Christmas Pastoral on *Herald Angels* Giuseppe Dinelli (1865-1923)
Kevin Graf, organ

INTROIT

The First Nowell arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
The Chancel Choir
*The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.
They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel!*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

Leader: The grace of God is with us now.

People: The Savior of the world has come.

Leader: Give thanks for the gift of grace from God:

People: Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

*** HYMN 133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

A VOICE CALLS OUT - GLORY FORETOLD

READING

Genesis 1:26-31

(Old Testament, page 1)

Leader: God of All Beginnings, as you created
humankind in your own image, women and men,
male and female,

**People: Renew in us that image. Make us fertile signs of
your promise of life, born anew in every age.**

Leader: Ever-Present-Holy-Spirit, as you draw your
wings about your sons and daughters like a
mother hen protects her young,

**People: Renew in us that image. Make us steadfast
signs of your care and courage.**

READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

(Old Testament, page 600)

*** HYMN 145**

What Child Is This?

Greensleeves

GLORY IN OUR MIDST

READING

Luke 1:26-35, 38

(New Testament, page 52)

Leader: Blessed Jesus, born of woman Mary, as
you lived and died among us like a brother,
welcoming all and inviting the least of us to
walk and talk with you.

**People: Renew us in that image. Make us loving signs
of your hospitality and justice.**

READING

Luke 2:1, 3-7

(New Testament, page 54)

MESSAGE

Dr. Smazik

OFFERTORY

There is Faint Music

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

The Chancel Choir

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight; a frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow. A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger, safe and warm, and Mary singing lullabies, to hush her Baby's sleepy sighs. Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unbedded here is time and space; her heart is filled with blinding joy, for God's own Son – her baby Boy.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF GOD'S GLORY

READING

John 1:1-14

(*New Testament, page 86*)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Holy and Mysterious God, as you hold the Vision
of your beloved community before us-
One that is whole, fair, open, passionate and at peace,

People: Renew in us that image. Make us stubborn signs of your new creation. Remind us again that birth pangs prepare us for life in all its fullness that even death cannot separate us from you. Blessed and Holy are you, Amazing Maker of Us All, and Holy is Your Name. Amen.

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

[While all are seated, the candles are lighted during the singing of the anthem.]

ANTHEM

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Jayson Greenberg, tenor The Chancel Choir

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth; long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn; fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger. In all our trials born to be our friend: He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,

behold your King! Before Him lowly bend! Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend.

Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace; chains shall be break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name; Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever!

His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

HYMN 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

THE RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS DAY (11:00pm only)

* **HYMN 134**

Joy to the World

Antioch

[Following the hymn, the candles are extinguished.]

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Symphonie No. 1: Final

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Kevin Graf, organ

PARTICIPATING in this evening's services are
the Reverends Dr. David Smazik and Sarah Green;
Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar;
the Ringers on the Green; the Chancel Ringers; and the Chancel Choir.

The String Ensemble is James Keene and Samantha Tomblin, violin;
Jordan Tarentino, viola; Amy Visscher, cello; and Ross Wightman, bass.

The acolytes are Ben and Danielle Redgate (7:00)
Caleigh Lawlor and Mekhi Lawrence (11:00).

Worship Schedule:

We invite you to join us in worship at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown.

- **Christmas Day** Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **New Year's Day** Service at 10:00 a.m., with communion in the Sanctuary
- **Regular Sunday Services** resume on January 8, 2017 at
 - 7:45 a.m. for Worship with Communion in the Chapel and
 - 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the Church on the Green

More information on our Church, our programs and special musical events is available on our website www.pcmorristown.org

The Staff:

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Sarah Green, Associate Pastor

Director of Music: **Matthew Webb**

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