

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ December 26, 2021
First Sunday after Christmas

PRELUDE *Angel Variations* Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 1:1-3

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses-1,3,6)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Fresh Worship*)

O God, you are slow to anger and swift to have mercy. As we watch the completion of another year, forgive us when we treat time as a commodity or an enemy – or when we abuse your gift of time. In our fastness and our slowness, help us to keep pace with you. Free us to live in your time, a new time, in which there is a time for everything under heaven, and slow is not too slow, and fast is not too fast. Transform us into people who see time as a gift and a friend, who live as if we have time, because we know that your time will never cease. We ask for this forgiveness in the name of Jesus, the one who gives us time to know him...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: We are ready to be renewed...

Ministers: ...by God's love, by God's hope and by God's Spirit

Pastor: God tells us the old is past...

Ministers: ...and the new has come!

Pastor: As God's people, we look intentionally...

Ministers: ...for every chance to serve God in this weary world which needs revival!

*PRAISE RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

*APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel (2x)**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Greensleeves

James Biery

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

MESSAGE

**The Savior has Come
..3 things that need saving..**

Matthew 1:21

*HYMN No. 246

Joy to the World

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare on In Dulci Jubilo

Don Michael Dicie

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand

