

*DOXOLOGY (#606)

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Welsh melody

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberystwyth/
L.Leatherman

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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Today we welcome to the pulpit Francisco Peláez-Díaz, who is Assistant Teaching Professor in Latinx Studies and Ministries at Drew Theological School, located in Madison, NJ. He earned his Ph.D. in Religion and Society from Princeton Theological Seminary, and is an ordained Presbyterian minister. Originally a native of Mexico, he is multilingual and has worked as a pastor among immigrants in a multiethnic/multiracial PC(USA) congregation in Dayton, Ohio. Francisco and his wife Brandy have two young children, Oliver and Max.

The **Liturgist** for today is Sara Meissner. The **Chancel Flowers** are given by Pam Galgani, in memory of Mark Galgani.

Prayer Concerns: Carolkay Barré; Hope Saladino; Ellie Catalano; Ruth Sukala; Mary Ellen Beck; those in need of comfort or healing; those mourning the loss of loved ones; those who are the caretakers of others; those who are lonely; for peace and justice in our homes, communities and the world; our neighbors; those in need of resources; those seeking safe refuge; and for us, may we be moved to act with compassion and service.

Today, after worship:

- Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Wednesday - Happy New Year!

Thursday - Nursery School re-opens

6:30pm - Bell Choir; 7:00pm - Alcoholics' Anonymous; 7:30pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday Jan 12: worship will include the ordination and installation of officers.



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December 29, 2024 Service for the Lord's Day 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *See Amid the Winter's Snow* T.J.Gross' Humility/
L.Leatherman

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Praise the Lord from the heavens!

Praise the Lord from the skies above!

Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

Praise God, sun and moon, and shining stars!

Praise God, all creatures great and small,

Praise God, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

Praise God all people, young and old!

Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

We gather to praise and worship our God!

*OPENING HYMN #52 *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* AfricanAmer/
M.W.Costen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Holy God, we confess that in the midst of all our anxieties we have not made room in our hearts for others. We confess that, paralyzed by fear, prejudice or apathy we have not made room in our homes for the stranger. We confess that, forgetting the welcome we have been shown, we have not made room in your church for those who are different from us. We confess that in the busyness of Christmas time we have not made room in our lives for you. Gracious God,

forgive us and renew us. Use this time to break open our hearts, throw open the doors, open our eyes to your presence and open our arms wide to welcome you. This we ask in Jesus's name. Amen.

RESPONSE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI (#581) H.W.Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

God of Wisdom, as the Scriptures teach us, truly it is the spirit in a mortal, the breath of the Almighty, that makes for understanding. Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we may be encouraged and strengthened to live lives worthy of our calling as your people. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 1:15-22

ANTHEM *Away in a Manger* Anon/G.M.Martin
Daniel Delate & Steven Fudenna, Duet

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON "When We Become the Last Resort" Rev. Dr. Francisco J. Pelaez-Diaz

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #314 *Christ, Be Our Light* B.Farrell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Still, Still, Still* Austrian carol/W.Ehret
Daniel Delate & Steven Fudenna, Duet