



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

10:00 a.m.

December 27, 2020

First Sunday in Christmas

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate
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Welcome to Worship Online!

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PRELUDE—*It Feels Like Christmas*

Paul Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT—*In dulci jubilo*

Marcel Dupré

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

One: Praise God from the heavens!

All: Praise Him from the skies above!

One: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

All: Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

One: Praise God, all creatures great and small,

All: Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

One: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

All: Praise Him, men and women, young and old!

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

All: We gather to praise and worship our God!

OPENING SONG—*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, You heap your love upon us,
like a parent providing for a family's needs,
embracing a child with tenderness.**

**Forgive us when, like spoiled children,
we treat Your generosity as our right,
or hug it possessively to ourselves.**

**Give us enough trust to live secure in Your love
and to share it freely with others
in open-handed confidence
that Your grace will never run out.**

(time for silent confession)

RESPONSE—*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn 121, vs 4

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE—*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn 121, vs 3

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson—Psalm 148

Second Lesson—Luke 2:22-40

SERMON

They Grow Up So Fast

Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce

RESPONSIVE HYMN—*A Stable Lamp is Lighted*

Hymn #160

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY—*He is Born*

Robert Lau

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKS

CLOSING SONG—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

BENEDICTION and CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn #119, vs 3

Hail the heaven-born prince of peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

POSTLUDE—*Joy to the World*

Virgil Fox

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!



Our Church Family & Friends

Our prayers of sympathy and support: To the family of Mary Fullerton on her December 18th death.

Prayer requests: Brian Anderson, Barb Race, Anne Guimond, Lisa Stoner, Sandy Teunis, Mary Jo Nass, Mark Kelley and Pam Bullerdick.

Your ongoing generosity with the church is appreciated! A drop box has been installed between the set of doors at the Clinton Street entrance where you can securely drop off your offering while maintaining "social distancing." You can also mail your offering: 508 Franklin Ave, GH 49417, give online using onrealm.org or text **FPGH** to **73256**. We are working hard to keep the church strong, serving, and ready to relaunch as soon as we are able.



Worship Leaders:

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor; Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Rob Hlebinsky, Organist; Marc Felt, Gathering Band Director