

Rockway and North Pelham Presbyterian Church
The Twelve Days of Christmas, December 29, 2024, 10:00 am

Welcome and Announcement

Hymn 136

The First Nowell

Call to Worship

One: Blessed be God, the creator of all, for God has opened the gates of paradise to all.

All : God has kept the promise to Israel to raise up from the house of David the stunning salvation promised by prophets long ago.

One: Blessed be God, the liberator of all, for God has opened a way to abundance and peace to all.

All : God has kept the promise to the peoples of the earth, to free from bondage to oppression, inside and out, for those who open themselves to the courage and perseverance God provides.

One: Blessed be God, the inspirer of all that lives, for God has opened a way to growth and transformation to all.

All : God has kept the promise to those who believe, to renew and re-invigorate us for life even as we live in the midst of uncertainty and death.

All : God, Creator of all life, Saving Word made flesh, Spirit of holiness and transfiguration, we worship you now and forever, Amen.

Introduction

All : “On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Hymn 147

Angels we have heard on high

All : “On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:2

All : “On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Scripture **1 Corinthians 13:12-13**

All : “On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Scripture **Luke 2:15-20, John 20:31**

All : “On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, five golden rings! four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Hymn 153 **Joy to the world**

All : “On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me six geese a-laying, five golden rings! four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Scripture **Genesis 1:1-5, 31, 2:1**

All : “On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me seven swans-a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings! four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Hymn 133 **Go, tell it on the mountain**

All : “On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me eight maids-a-milking, seven swans-a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings! four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Scripture **Matthew 5:2-10**

All : “On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me nine ladies dancing, eight maids-a-milking, seven swans-a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings! four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Scripture **Galatians 5:16-26**

All : “On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ten lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids-a-milking, seven swans-a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings! four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Scripture **Exodus 20:1-17, Mark 12:28-31**

All : “On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me eleven pipers piping, ten lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids-a-milking, seven swans-a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings! four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Interpretation

Invitation to the Offering

Give Thanks and Dedicating Prayer

The thanksgiving and pastoral prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Interpretation

All : “On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids-a-milking, seven swans-a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings! four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.”

The Apostle’s Creed

“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

Hymn 139

Hark! The herald angels sing

Benediction

Sung response: “Go Now In Peace”

The Life and Ministry of our Congregations, led by Rev. Jacob Lee:
Pastoral Charge of Rockway and First, North Pelham

**We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional
Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe**

***Next Sunday Worship on January 5, 2024, at Rockway**

***Outreach - Thursday Walking:** Join our Wellness Walk & Coffee Chat! Meet at Canada Games Park at 9:30 a.m. for the walk, followed by a joyful coffee chat at Rockway at 10:45 a.m.

***Wednesday Bible study** takes a Christmas break and resumes on January 8.

***Session meeting:** Our joint session meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm in North Pelham.

***Rev. Jacob's Study Leave and Guest Leadership:** Jacob will be on study leave from January 6 to 13. During his absence, Rev. Anita Van Nest will graciously lead the Sunday service on January 12, bringing God's Word to guide and bless you all. May this time bless our congregations as we grow together in faith and love.

***Connect with your Minister Jacob** at jacoblee0501@gmail.com or 289-213-2797 for spiritual support, discussions, or getting acquainted.