



NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH
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Pastor: Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn

~ *Christmas Eve Family Service* ~
5pm December 24, 2024

~~ *Welcome!* ~~

We are thankful you have joined us to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We trust that The Light of the World will fill your Christmas with hope, love, peace and joy. You are always welcome to attend our Sunday morning services. Worship is available at 10am in the sanctuary and online. Sunday school, Children and Worship and Nursery care are available during worship most Sundays. Check our website for details. <https://nhrc-church.org/>

Candles

Candles are distributed upon your arrival for participation in the "Service of Candlelight"



Christmas Eve Offering

This evening, the recipient of the special offering will go to Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls. Offering envelopes are available in the pews for this contribution. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn
Interim Christian Education Director: Tina Brent
Administrative Assistant: Laura Safran

Organist/Pianist: Gabriella Fryer
Chancel Choir Director: Kristina Rizzo
Handbell Director: Pat McCullough



4:40pm CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Gabriella Fryer – Piano

Christmas Greetings

Rev. Keith Tamlyn, Sr. Pastor

Prelude

“Mary Did You Know?”

*Words and Music by Mark Lowry
Kristen Hershman, Soloist
Gabiella Fryer, Accompanist*

The Call to Worship

Tina Brent, Interim Christian Ed Director / Congregation

On a night long ago, when the stars shone brightly in the sky,
Jesus Christ was born.

Underneath the light of one especially bright star,
Jesus Christ was born.

In a plain and simple manger,
Jesus Christ was born.

With animals gathered all around,
Jesus Christ was born.

Wrapped in a mother’s embrace and a father’s care,
Jesus Christ was born.

So that we might know God better,

All: Jesus Christ was born.

*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#173

*Opening Prayer

Holy Jesus, enter into our world and our lives with light enough to chase away sadness and fear. Let your birth spark hope in the midst of despair, burn away all resentment and shine light into the dark corners of oppression. God of shepherds and kings, brush near with angel wings and open our eyes to your healing light. May the familiar story shed new light on our paths and fill us with peace and childlike wonder. Let this truly be a holy night. Amen.



The Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Tamlyn Family

~ The Christ Candle ~



~~ Christmas Eve ~~ Christ Candle ~~

“While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.”
Luke 2:6-7

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.

It is a symbol of God’s unending love and faithfulness.

Jesus Christ is the brightest revelation of God’s love.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory,

the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

-based on John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15

We have watched; we have waited

in hope. ~~ Light the first candle.

for peace. ~~ Light the second candle.

with love. ~~ Light the third (pink) candle.

in joy! ~~ Light the fourth candle.

Now our redemption draws near!

On this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant-Redeemer, the lowly-Lord. And now we know — He is born and nothing will

ever be the same! ~~ Light the Christ candle (center white) ~~

Advent Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs 5) #133

READING Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Tina Brent

***CAROL “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #171**

***SCRIPTURE THE BIRTH** Rev. Keith Tamlyn
Luke 2: 1-7

CAROL “The First Noel, the Angel Did Say” (vs 1,2,3,4)#162

SCRIPTURE THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS Rev. Tamlyn
VISIT THE BABY JESUS
Luke 2: 8-20

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tina Brent

***The Offertory Prayer**

Alleluia! Christ is with us! Emmanuel, we bring gifts to the stable as the shepherds brought their sheep. As we are dazzled by a star in the sky, we know whose we are – and for belonging to you, we are deeply grateful. Take what we offer and make this offering worthy, we pray. In your name. Amen.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60: 1 Rev. Keith Tamlyn
John 8: 12

SOLO “O Holy Night”
arr. Adolphe Adam
Pat McCullough, Soprano
Gabriella Fryer, Piano





The Service of Candlelight

Please remain seated. Please tip your **unlighted** candle to the flame.

THE CAROL “Silent Night! Holy Night!” #164

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and Child,
holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly host sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

~~~~ Keep candles lit ~~~~

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

*Please carefully extinguish your candle with the first note of “Joy to the World”  
Hold until wax has hardened. Place in receptacles as you depart*

## \*CAROL OF REJOICING      “Joy to the World!”      #146

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

\*THE BENEDICTION  
THE POSTLUDE

Rev. Keith Tamlyn  
Gabriella Fryer

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\*Indicates Congregation Standing if Able.

**Ushers:** Sue Meaney, Pat Meaney, John Licari,  
Jeff Wright, Franca Petrillo, Mary Hemingway

**A special thank you to:**

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Our chancel and handbell choir directors

Our organist

The families who have lit the advent candles this season

Tina Brent, Interim Christian Ed Director for sharing the Children's message

