

**SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**December 6, 2020 11:00 am.**

**Pastor Kenneth Osborne**

**PRELUDE**

“And the Angels Sang”

Peterson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Peace**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: You come to us, alive and present, in that Word clothed in human flesh,

People: **so we might hear those songs about forgiveness echoing with joy.**

Leader: You come to us, Shepherd of God’s people, feeding us with Your peace,

People: **so we might go out and offer the bread of hope to all the lost.**

Leader: You come to us, Spirit of comfort, welcoming us into the kingdom,

People: **where righteousness is our best friend, where justice lives right next door.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (ALL)**

**While others are making lists of things we have enough of, You come to offer salvation, that one gift we cannot purchase. As the world prepares to entice us with more and more, You come to fill our hearts with all the hopes You have dreamed about us**

**forever. When others push past us to get to the front of worry’s line, You come so can clasp them so close to our hopes they can feel Your heartbeat. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We can no longer play dumb.

**We not only know the lives we are called to lead, we are well aware of how we fail – through our words as well as our silence; by our deeds and our unwillingness to act.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

**You call us home to live with You, Loving God, but we are too busy right now to listen. We rush to judge everyone around us, but ask You to be more patient with our repeated errors. We feast at the table piled high with broken promises and drink from the cup of faded dreams. Yet You continue to cry out to us, O God, speaking to us of Your love. Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant companion as we journey with Jesus, who is Your Messenger of mercy.**

*Silent prayers of Confession*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God’s tender mercy and love for us.

**God comes! Not to punish, but to gift us with peace; not to judge, but to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

SERMON "God's Salvation"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S  
PRAYER

\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Blake

\*--- Those who are able will please stand

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Slate Ridge Greens Sale, Sat & Sun, Dec 5 and 6

**2020 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR  
VETERANS AT PERRY POINT**

For 2020 the American Legion Post #182 annual gifts for Perry Point Veterans will be handled differently than in the past. They will make gift bags for each Veteran they can support and give them individually. The most efficient way for Slate Ridge to support them will be through cash donations so they can prepare the gift bags.

I suggest that cash gifts be sent to Slate Ridge in envelopes marked for "Bill Scarborough, American Legion Gift". Linda will put these envelopes in my mail slot and I will see that the funds get to the Legion and report back the totals. Checks would complicate the issue going through Slate Ridge, however if you are uncomfortable with providing cash you could always mail your individual contribution to Slate Ridge American Legion Post #182, 2217 Whiteford Road, Whiteford, MD 21160 and mark your check for Perry Point Christmas Gift.

Thank You for your continued support as I am sure this year is as confusing to the Veterans as it is to us all.

Bill Scarborough