

**First Church in Pembroke**  
**Sunday Worship Service**  
**December 08, 2024, 10:00 AM**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Order of Worship**

**“Our God is Never Late”**

**By: Pastor Joy Matos**

**PRELUDE:** Silent Meditation (Contemplative Music)

**MEDITATION:** John 14:27)

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Greet your Church Family:** *Let's take a moment to turn to our left and right to meet our fellow members and friends of FCIP, strengthening our sense of community.*

Lighting of the Candle of Peace Judy & JoEllen Graham

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Congregation in BOLD

P: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

P: The God of glory thunders over the mighty waters.

C: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

P: The Lord blesses his people with peace.

ALL: And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**OPENING HYMN:** (Please Stand)

#130 (Red Hymnal) Joy to the World the Lord Is Come

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** (All, please speak slowly)

Lord God Almighty, we come before you in worship and praise for you are over all things and you have not abandoned the work of your hands. Open our hearts and minds so that we might see you more clearly and follow you more closely. We trust you to work out your purpose and your plan, according to your good pleasure, in this world, in this your church, and in each of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (Congregation in BOLD)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI (*Sung in Unison*)  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 11:1-6

**SERMON:** “Our God is Never Late” (Pastor Joy Matos)

**HYMN:** (Please Stand)

# 126 (Black Hymnal) Angels from the Realms of Glory

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:** (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

**OUR CHOIR WILL SING FOR US.**

**DOXOLOGY:** #515 (Red Hymnal) “Praise God Whom Blessing Flow”

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (Pastor)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** (Pastor)

**SILENT PRAYER:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:** (All, please speak slowly)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for the Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**MUSICAL RESPONSE:** (Musical Interlude)

**CLOSING HYMN:** (Please Stand) Please See Insert

As with Gladness Men of Old

**BENEDICTION:** (In Unison & Hold Hands)

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other  
Amen.

**POSTLUDE:** (Contemplative Music)