

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Advent Lighting Service – Week 2

December 3, 2020 – 5:00pm – Live Streaming



*Candles of Hope where Despair Keeps Watch*

*Readers: Kip & Lyn Burton*

*Musician: Isabella & Lydia Boitnott*

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**Prelude:** “Savior of the Heathen, Come”

J.S. Bach  
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

**Opening Reading & Candle Lighting:**

Lyn Burton

**Scripture:** Luke 7:28-35

Kip Burton

“I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John’s baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose for themselves.) “To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.’ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’

Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

**Special Music:** “First Noel”

Lydia Boitnott, violin & Isabella Boitnott, piano

**Reading Part 1:**

Lyn Burton

**Congregational Hymn:** #136

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces that the Lord is nigh: awake and listen for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

5 To you, O Christ, all praises be, whose advent sets your people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

**Reading Part 2:**

Lyn Burton

**Special Music:**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Lydia Boitnott & Isabella Boitnott, violins

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**Prayer:**

Kip Burton

**Question to ponder for the Week:**

Lyn Burton

Think about this question during this time of Advent. Do a mental scan of your community: the streets you walk, the roads you drive and the houses you pass.

Where does the candle of hope need to be lit?

**Benediction:**

*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

**Postlude:** “We Three Kings”

Lydia Boitnott, violin & Isabella Boitnott, piano

**I will Light Candles This Christmas**

by: Howard Thurman

I will Light candles this Christmas,  
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of Courage for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long.