

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DECEMBER 10, 2023 – 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – “PEACE”

*HYMN OF PRAISE..... “PEOPLE LOOK EAST” #12

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God waits to hear our story and to restore us to life as it was meant to be. Let us come to God in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison)

O God of forgiveness, with our tongues we speak evil against our sisters and brothers. “By our actions, we disobey your commandments. Hostility is bred through our suspicion and envy, anger continues in spite of Christ’s peace. You open our eyes to his righteousness, yet we remain blind to the truth of his reconciling presence. Forgive our deliberate misuse of your mercy, and in Christ hear our prayer. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: All the earth shall know that God’s judgment is tempered by Christ’s presence and peace on our behalf. In him we have assurance of pardon

*GLORIA PATRI..... “GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”

*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.*

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 3:1-6

SERMON..... “PREPARE THE WAY” REV. DR. PAT ROLLER

*HYMN “ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY” #10

CONFESSION OF FAITH – “The Apostle’s Creed”

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy*

Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY “PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in Unison)

Searcher of hearts, you know our thoughts before they are spoken. You refine our impure acts so they conform to your will. May what we say reflect your purpose for creation, and what we do be consistent with your intent. Shape what we give you to suit your pleasure, and fashion us to fit your design. AMEN.

*SENDING HYMN..... “ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY” #22

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE – “A-men, A-men, A--men”

*POSTLUDE

*** - PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE**

ALL HYMNS ARE FROM THE BLUE HYMNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

David Beiler	Tony & Virginia Hockenberry
Mark Coons	Pat LeMay
Gail Corwell	Iva Mae Love
Marsha Bailie	Paul & Edie McClure
Seth Dowling	Gerald McMath
Bobby Dunn	Ray Rossi
Flo Fegan	Janie Shearer
Barb Foster	Maxine Stewart
Isaac Glenly	John Swarner
Deb Goshorn	Anderson White
Lucy Goshorn	Mary Jane Williamson
Bryan Haines	Jim Yarnall
Hannah Hart	Louise Yohn

AND OUR LOCAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

Grant Speer

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will continue TOMORROW, December 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the UT Social Hall. The topic for the bible study is "Women of the Bible." **EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents **PEACE**. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. This Advent, we light the second candle today, Sunday, December 10, 2023.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PASTOR -- REV. DR. PAT ROLLER