

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DECEMBER 17, 2023 – 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – “Joy”

*HYMN OF PRAISE..... “O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”#41

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 the Covenant, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The afflicted await good tidings. The brokenhearted would have their wounds bound. The captives still yearn for freedom and those who mourn remain to be comforted. Forgive us who fail to follow Christ’s call to faithful ministry; restore us and make us worthy to serve in his name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful.

*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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 1: 5-20

SERMON..... “CONSEQUENCES OF UNBELIEF” REV. DR. ROLLER

*HYMN “WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS” #59

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)

God of Peace, in Christ you bring light to illumine the nations. We come in response to his call to us, seeking to follow and fulfill his commands. Accept the gifts we offer as symbols of our commitment; sanctify them wholly, that they may be used as you desire. AMEN.

*SENDING HYMN..... “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”#44

*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 resume on **Monday, January 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM** in the UT Social Hall. The topic for the bible study is "Women of the Bible." **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY 2024!!**

THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: JOY – "GAUDETE SUNDAY"

The third candle of Advent symbolizes **JOY**. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy. This Advent, we light the third candle today, Sunday, December 17, 2023.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PASTOR -- REV. DR. PAT ROLLER