

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DECEMBER 18, 2022 – 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, hear our call.

ALL: Stir up your strength and come to save us!

One: Restore us, O God.

ALL: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: For we know that new life is coming.

ALL: A child will change us all.

One: Let your hand be upon him in blessing.

ALL: For he will bring you near.

One: He will be God-with-us.

ALL: Give us life, O God, and we will forever call on your name. AMEN.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

One: While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground.

Two: The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

Three: "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind:

ALL: "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind."

*HYMN OF PRAISE..... "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL" #9

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: How easy we lost our way on the road to Bethlehem! How quick we are to dismiss the dreams and hopes our God has for us in this holy season! Let us come to the One who approaches, ready to swaddle us in forgiveness and grace, as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison)

O God, you bring us life in ways we do not even realize, in forms we do not always understand. We are so busy, the moments moving faster each day. We do not always pay attention to your presence when it comes. Often, we cannot see what is right in front of us. We are asleep, even when awake. And grace slips by us. We miss the opportunity to find you in one another. We waste our chances for love. We put you to the test, not with our unbelief, but with our distraction. We think we are too busy for you. But you, God, still choose us. You take our struggles and turn them into strengths.

Remind our busy brains that there is nothing we have to do to be loved by you. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: We may not notice them there, at the back of the pile of presents, but it is God's hope, God's life, God's mercy, which are the true gifts we receive each and every moment.

ALL: We give thanks to our gracious God, who has forgiven us and blessed us. Amen!

*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 PSALMS 29:11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

SERMON..... "PEACE, LIGHT AND PURITY" ED KERLIN

*HYMN "INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY" #37

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

*SENDING HYMN "IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR"#38

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE - "Amen, Amen"

*POSTLUDE

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

ALL HYMNS ARE FROM THE BLUE HYMNAL

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

JANUARY 15 - Ed Kerlin

DEC. 25 (10 AM), JAN. 8, 22, & 29 - Rev. Pat Roller

JANUARY 1 - Joel Love

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

PEACE AROUND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN UKRAINE & RUSSIA

VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IAN

Courtney Borge

Mark Coons

Derek Corwell

Dick & Gail Corwell

Richard Darrow

Bobby Dunn

Milissa Marie Fogle

Harold & Lucy Goshorn

Harry "Hoppy" Goshorn

Rick Goshorn

Tina Harpster

Shaleen Herus

Barb Hile

Tony & Virginia Hockenberry

Trudy Hockenberry

Iva Mae Love

Paul & Edie McClure

Mike Meloy

Nick Robertson

Harold & Janet Shearer

Anita Shoop

Mason Walters

Jessie Westman

Jim Yarnell

Louise Yohn

Mary Margaret Yohn

The Family of Glenn Love

AND OUR LOCAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

Grant Speer

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, DEC 24 - 4:00 PM -- Christmas eve service with Rev. Pat Roller

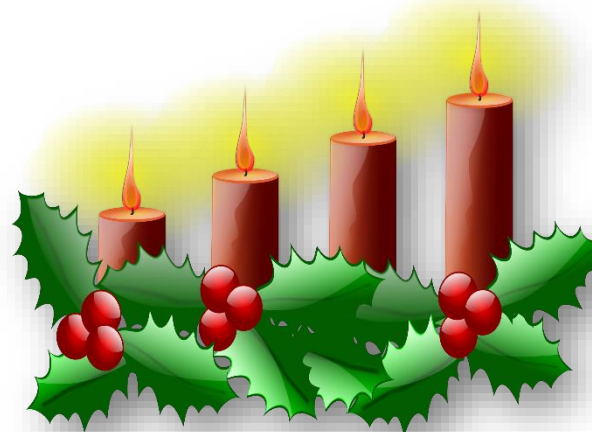
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - 10:00 AM -- Worship with Rev. Pat Roller

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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