

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021
DECEMBER 22, 2019 – 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
P: **who was before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love**
L: God destined us for adoption as his children through Christ Jesus, according to the good pleasure of his will."
P: **Come, let us worship God and renew our lives in our Father, Son and Holy Spirit God.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

OPENING HYMN....."O COME, O COME EMMANUEL"*#9

SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: Destined as we are in Christ Jesus for adoption as God's children, we recognized our journey of faith goes astray and is occasioned by failures of faith, hope and love. Come, let us confess ourselves before our God and King.
P: **Heavenly Father, your grace, mercy and love is ever around us; always available. Christ Jesus has given his Spirit to guide, teach and equip us to serve you. Forgive us for failing to keep our focus on you and what you are doing. All too easily we become overwhelmed by the evil, hatred, violence and inhumanity happening daily. Strengthen us Lord, lift our hearts and spirits in praise and service in this, your world. Keep our focus on what you are doing and how your redeeming Word is active in ourselves and world. AMEN.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: "According to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved" know that your sins are forgiven, you are loved and included in the fellowship of the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Trust God and walk humbly with him. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "THE APOSTLE'S CREED"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy God your living Word is testified to in Holy Scripture and it is ever active in the work of the Holy Spirit. With loving hearts and open minds may we now see, hear and receive to ourselves the redeeming work you are doing with each of us and throughout the world we are part of. In Christ Jesus name we pray. AMEN.

TODAY'S PSALM.....PSALM 80:1-7

TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON.....LUKE 1:39-45

SERMON.....*"A VERY NATURAL EVENT"*REV. WILSON

HYMN OF THE DAY"AWAY IN A MANGER"*#25

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING HYMN"STILL, STILL, STILL"*#47

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*** - PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE**
ALL HYMNS ARE FROM THE *BLUE WORSHIP HYMNAL*

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

DECEMBER 29 - Mr. Joel Love
JANUARY 5, 2020 - Elder Thalia Fleetwood
JANUARY 12, 2020 - Rev. Alfred Wilson
JANUARY 19, 2020 - Elder Ken Raney
JANUARY 25 & FEBRUARY 2, 2020 - Rev. Joy Kaufmann

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Donna Adams	Stan & Tina Howes	Norman Thatcher
Hays Burdge	Rev. Alice Meloy	Erma Williamson
Pete Byers	David Parsons	Floyd Wing
Shelly Dawson	Paul "Brud" Price, Sr.	Dick Yohn
Lenora Flood	Rev. Bruce Shannon	Louise Yohn
Lucy Goshorn	Doug Stuart	Mary Margaret Yohn

...AND OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Weston Darrow	Eric Patterson	Grant Speer
Danny Johnson	Nathan Patterson	Kalib Yohn
Donnie McAllen	Anthony Sheldon	Todd Youtzy

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

DECEMBER 22----- MATTHEW 1:18-25
DECEMBER 23 ----- ISAIAH 33:17-22
DECEMBER 24----- LUKE 2:1-14 (15-20)
DECEMBER 25----- JOHN 1:1-14
DECEMBER 26----- ACTS 6:8-7:2A, 51-60
DECEMBER 27----- JOHN 21:20-25
DECEMBER 28----- MATTHEW 2:13-23

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WELCOME!

**DECEMBER 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

REV. ALFRED WILSON

WORSHIP LEADER