

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DECEMBER 24, 2023 – 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – “Love”

*OPENING CAROL..... “WHAT CHILD IS THIS?” #53

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 compassion, have mercy upon us. You send forth your Spirit, yet we ignore your counsel. Christ dwells among us, yet we fail to obey him. We sing of peace on earth, yet hostility continues. Angels herald good tidings, yet we commit evil deeds. Forgive our deliberate and indirect misuse of your graciousness and make us worthy to receive Christ in our lives. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God, who is just and gracious, has sent Jesus Christ into the world to redeem us from sin. So, with assurance I can say to you, in Christ we are forgiven.

*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 9:2-7

CHRISTMAS CAROL “ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY” #22

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 2:1-14

CHRISTMAS CAROL “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH” #23

SERMON..... “ANGELS”..... REV. DR. PAT ROLLER

*CAROL..... “GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE” #28

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROL..... “HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING” #31

*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

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*SENDING CAROL..... “SILENT NIGHT” #60

*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 Glenn	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 **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!!**

FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

The fourth candle of Advent represents **LOVE**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit today, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth. This Advent, we light the fourth candle today, Christmas Eve Day, December 24, 2023.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHRISTMAS EVE DAY**

PASTOR -- REV. DR. PAT ROLLER