UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DECEMBER 25, 2022 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: We will not see the completion of all things. Each year we hear the promises, each year we tell the story and each year we are disappointed as reality sets in.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148)

- One: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!
- ALL: All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you commanded and they were created
- One: Praise the Lord form the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together!
- ALL: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above earth and heaven.

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)

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts not in accord with your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of your graciousness. The new life you offer is not yet proclaimed in the land. Forgive us our sin and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ's way. 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: 10-62:3 |
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| GOSPEL LESSON | LUKE 2: 22-4 0 |
| SERMON "THE PROMISE TO THE WORLD" | Rev. Roller |
| *CAROL "Away in a Manger" | #25 |

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.**

*SENDING CAROL "WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS" #59

*PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE - "Amen, Amen"

*POSTLUDE

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

JANUARY 1 – Joel Love JANUARY 15 – Ed Kerlin JANUARY 8, 22, & 29 – Rev. Pat Roller

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE PEACE AROUND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN UKRAINE & RUSSIA

Pastor Joe Barrett (Salem UM Church Pastor) Courtney Borge Mark Coons Derek Corwell Dick & Gail Corwell 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

AND OUR LOCAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

Grant Speer







WELCOME!

DECEMBER 25, 2022 MERRY CHRISTMAS! THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Rev. PAT ROLLER

WORSHIP LEADER