

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DECEMBER 31, 2023 – 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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 from 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.

*OPENING CAROL.....“AWAY IN THE MANGER”..... #25

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.*

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 2:41-52

SERMON.....“WISDOM OF CHILDREN” REV. DR. PAT ROLLER

*CAROL.....“JOY TO THE WORLD”..... #40

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.

*CAROL.....“IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR”..... #38

*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.....“GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”..... #29

*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....

Marsha Bailie	Pat LeMay
Mark Coons	Iva Mae Love
Gail Corwell	Paul & Edie McClure
Seth Dowling	Gerald McMath
Bobby Dunn	Ray Rossi
Flo Fegan	Janie Shearer
Barb Foster	Maxine Stewart
Isaac Glenn	John Swarner
Harry "Hoppy" Goshorn	Anderson White
Lucy Goshorn	Mary Jane Williamson
Bryan Haines	Jim Yarnall
Hannah Hart	Louise Yohn
Tony & Virginia Hockenberry	

AND OUR LOCAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

Grant Speer

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will continue **Monday, January 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM** in the UT Social Hall. The topic for the bible study is "Women of the Bible." **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

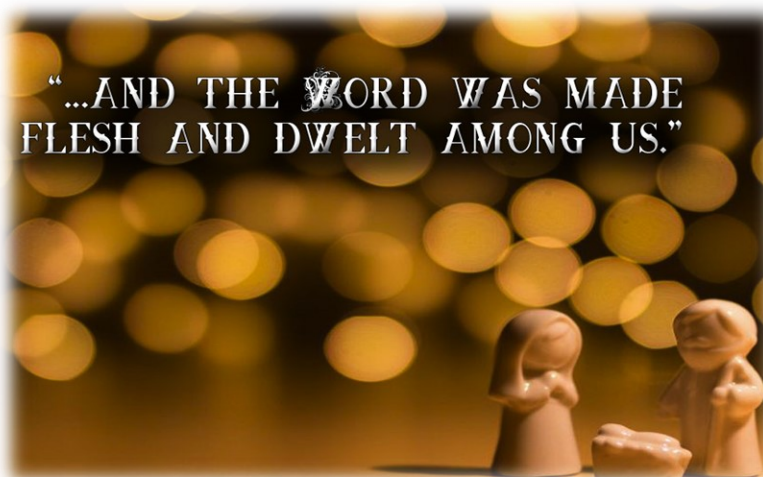


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**"...AND THE WORD WAS MADE
FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US."**

WELCOME!

DECEMBER 31, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

PASTOR -- REV. DR. PAT ROLLER