

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DECEMBER 3, 2023 – 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

*HYMN OF PRAISE..... “COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS” #2

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 I prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison)

We confess, Surprising God, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We do not see the marvels around us in the people and happenings we view as commonplace. Wake us up, God, lest sleep be our death. Pardon and redeem us. Send your light that it may shine through us to the world. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God is light! In God there is no darkness! We are forgiven. Our future awaits us with hope. We will walk in the light of God’s grace.

*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 1: 46-55

SERMON..... “PROMISE AND FULFILLMENT” REV. DR. ROLLER

*HYMN “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” #9

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 (in Unison)

O Lord, among the sounds of society, you choose to reveal your will. Amid its clamor, we yearn to hear voices seeking your mercy. Send us forth with clear minds so that your way is proclaimed with foresight. And grant us your benediction so that our acts are sanctified by your grace. AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF SENDING

*SENDING HYMN..... “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH” #23

*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	Ray Rossi
Bobby Dunn	Janie Shearer
Flo Fegan	Maxine Stewart
Barb Foster	John Swarner
Isaac Glenly	Anderson White
Deb Goshorn	Mary Jane Williamson
Lucy Goshorn	Jim Yarnall
Bryan Haines	Louise Yohn
Hannah Hart	

AND OUR LOCAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

Grant Speer

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will continue TOMORROW, December 4, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the UT Social Hall. The topic for the bible study is "Women of the Bible." **EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents **Hope** – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. This Advent, we light the first candle today, Sunday, December 3, 2023.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PASTOR -- REV. DR. PAT ROLLER