

**UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2016**

ELDER STAN HOWES

GUEST PASTOR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL. COME AND ADORE HIM FOR HE IS CHRIST THE LORD.

P: WE THE FAITHFUL WILL COME; WE WILL COME TO WORSHIP THE BABE, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.

ALL: WE WILL COME TO THE STABLE AND WE WILL PRAISE HIS NAME AND CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

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

SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

HOLY ARE YOU O LORD GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY AND YET FULL OF LOVE AND COMPASSION FOR YOUR CHILDREN. OPEN TO US YOUR HOLINESS THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE YOUR LOVE. OPEN TO US YOUR COMPASSION THAT WE MIGHT UNDERSTAND YOUR MIGHT. HUMBLE OUR HEARTS FROM FALSE PRIDE AND VAIN AMBITION AND LIFT US UP FROM APATHY AND DISAPPOINTMENT. CREATE IN US A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN US. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*APOSTLE’S CREED

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O GOD, OUR SAVIOR AND REDEEMER, IN THIS ADVENT SEASON WE WAIT THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR SON. WE LOOK TO THE HEAVENS FOR THE ANGEL TO PROCLAIM HIS BIRTH. WE LOOK FOR THE STAR TO GUIDE US TO THE MANGER. OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH GREAT

HOPE AND JOY BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT HIS BIRTH WILL MEAN TO THIS WORLD. WE WILL RAISE UP OUR VOICES WITH SONG. GRANT TO US THE GRACE TO BE WORTHY OF HIS BIRTH AND OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGLUKE 2:8-20

(THE SHEPHERDS LEARN THE BIRTH OF JESUS)

SERMON.....“STRAW FOR THE MANGER” ELDER HOWES

*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

*CLOSING HYMN..... *“SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT”*.....#60

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*** - PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE**

ALL HYMNS ARE FROM THE BLUE HYMNAL

THE GLORIA PATRI, DOXOLOGY, APOSTLE’S CREED AND LORD’S PRAYER ARE PRINTED, LAMINATED AND PLACED IN THE PEWS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

UPCOMING GUEST PASTORS

DECEMBER 11 & 18 – PASTOR DARWIN GOSHORN

JANUARY 8, 15, & 29 – PASTOR DARWIN GOSHORN

JANUARY 22 – REV. JOY KAUFFMANN

ANNOUNCEMENT

IF ANYONE HAS A PARTICULAR PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE OR SOME ISSUE THEY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A SERMON ABOUT, PLEASE LET PASTOR DARWIN KNOW.

COMING UP....

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 5:00 PM – FREE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT JUNIATA HIGH SCHOOL – “SEASON OF WONDERS” BY JOSEPH M. MARTIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 7:00 PM – UT SESSION MEETING AT THE HOME OF REV. ALICE MELOY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 – 7:00 PM – “SINGING THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS”, A NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTMAS EVENT HERE AT UPPER TUSCARORA. **EVERYONE INVITED!!!**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 7:00 PM – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT SHADE GAP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. **EVERYONE INVITED!!!**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

STEPHEN CHARNOCK, PRESBYTERIAN CLERGYMAN (1628 – 1680): WE OFTEN LEARN MORE OF GOD UNDER THE ROD THAT STRIKES US, THAN UNDER THE STAFF THAT COMFORTS US.

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

LIZ ARMSTRONG	MARK KUHN
CAROL DANIEL	REVS. DICK & ALICE MELOY
DESTINY DEVLIN	EVELYN MURRAY
GARY & SANDY DINSMORE	DORIS SHELTON
DANNY GIPE	DOUG STUART
LUCY GOSHORN	VALERIE THOMAS
HEATHER HAMMOND	DICK WAGNER
JANET JAYMES HORNBAKER	JEN (MISSIONARY)
BRAD JOHNSON	TITUS ZOOK (MISSIONARY)

...AND OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL

MADDIE ATHERTON	DONNIE McALLEN	ANTHONY SHELDON
WESTON DARROW	NATHAN PARSONS	ZACH SNYDER
MATTHEW FONTENOT	ERIC PATTERSON	KALIB YOHN
SHAE GREENLAND	NATHAN PATTERSON	TODD YOUTZY
PHILIP & BETH LOCKE	JOHNATHAN ST. CLAIR	

CONGREGATIONS TO PRAY FOR

MINISTRIES PROVIDED THROUGH THE HUNGER FUND.

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