UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DECEMBER 8, 2019 – 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

P: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O that God would tear open the heavens and come down! Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God. Be alert! Keep awake! The time is drawing near: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ the Son of God**.**

*ADVENT HYMN ..... *"O COME, O COME EMMANUEL"* ..... #9

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

God of power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all nations tremble at your presence! But you, you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant. Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness. So we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are you people and there is no other God besides you. We praise your love for us in this Advent Season. AMEN.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like a faded, dry leaf that the wind blows away, our sins dry us up; faded and brittle, we are carried off by the wrongs we have done. Yet God loves us still and is able to restore and renew us with the water of life. Let us pray…..

SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out – against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again. Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – "THE APOSTLE'S CREED"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: Gracious God, heaven and earth will pass away, but your words will not pass away: Your Word stands forever. May our generation be attentive so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we remember your ways and gladly do right, meeting you wherever and whenever you appear. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

TODAY'S ADVENT LESSON ..... LUKE 2:1-7

SERMON ..... "WHAT DID YOU SEE AT BETHLEHEM?" ..... LAY MINISTER HOWES

*COMMUNION HYMN ... *"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"* ...#44 *(vss. 1 & 2)*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(please see insert)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN…. *"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"*…. #44 *(vss. 3 & 4)*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

- PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

ALL HYMNS ARE FROM THE BLUE HYMNAL

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

DECEMBER 15 – Rev. Joy Kaufmann
DECEMBER 22 – Rev. Alfred Wilson
DECEMBER 29 – Mr. Joel Love

PLEASE PRAY FOR….

Donna Adams	Stan & Tina Howes	Norman Thatcher
Hays Burdge	Rev. Alice Meloy	Erma Williamson
Pete Byers	David Parsons	Floyd Wing
Shelly Dawson	Paul "Brud" Price, Sr.	Dick Yohn
Lenora Flood	Rev. Bruce Shannon	Louise Yohn
Lucy Goshorn	Doug Stuart	Mary Margaret Yohn

…AND OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Weston Darrow	Eric Patterson	Grant Speer
Danny Johnson	Nathan Patterson	Kalib Yohn
Donnie McAllen	Anthony Sheldon	Todd Youtzy

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

DECEMBER 8---------- MATTHEW 3:1-12
DECEMBER 9---------- RUTH 1:6-18
DECEMBER 10---------- RUTH 4:13-17
DECEMBER 11 ---------- 1 SAMUEL 2:1-8
DECEMBER 12 ---------- ISAIAH 35:1-10
DECEMBER 13 ---------- PSALM 146:5-10
DECEMBER 14 ----------JAMES 5:7-10

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LAY MINISTER STAN HOWES WORSHIP LEADER