

**ADVENT- 4th SUNDAY
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

12/23 /2018 **10:00 am**

A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. We are happy you joined us in worship. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us each Sunday and to participate in other activities and services here.

Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

**GATHERING
CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

PRELUDE “Trumpet Tune on March of the Kings” Nancy Cook, Organist
“O Come Little Children”

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor and Congregation

(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

(Thank you for completing the yellow half sheet in the bulletin and dropping it in the offering plate. We greet those around us with words of welcome and peace).

***Note:** Please be informed that our worship service is being recorded and carried live on face book and our website

* **LIGHTING THE 4TH ADVENT CANDLE:** Ed & Melanie Guckenberger

***CALL TO WORSHIP: THE LIGHT SHINES** - Leader and Congregation
L: Good news! The Light of the world comes;

C: The Light shines in the darkness, that darkness has not overcome it!

L: Those who live in deep darkness, on them has the Light shined;

UNISON: Good News! Heaven and nature proclaim your arrival! The plains, The hills, The rocks, The fields and The floods extol and worship Thee, O LORD and SAVIOR! Exceedingly Great Joy to the world; the LORD is come! Amen!

*UM Hymn # 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

OPENING PRAYER: UNISON

God of Grace and Mercy, we admit that Advent can be a challenging time. We are not accustomed to waiting. We live in a world of instant gratification. Yet, you call us to wait, to anticipate, and to prepare for the birth of your son, the Savior, on Christmas Day. We've been counting the days, now we count only a day and hours when we begin our joyful celebration of this Divine and Mystical Birth. This countdown generates a variety of emotional responses – excitement, joy, relief, at times uncertainties, and even panic. Provide us with a sense of calm, we pray. May the rhythm of our worship moment calm us so that we are prepared to receive anew the birth of Jesus, the “Christ Child.” Amen. (Luke 1:26-38).

**WELCOME TO THE 2018 CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
LED BY: Carol Feest and Linda Tremelling (Volunteers)**

***PRAISE SONGS** **Led by Praise Team**

GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE
Gospel: **Luke 2:39-55**

WITNESSING TO THE WORD
THE APOSTLES CREED **Unison**

Theme: The sings of “Emmanuel” – PEACE on the horizon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **Pastor**
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING
Words of Invitation & Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory “The Cradle Hymn” **Nancy Cook, Organist**

***The Doxology # 95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication: UNISON**

Most gracious God, for the blessings of the Advent Season, this and all our days, we thank you. Accept, we pray, not just for this money, but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done, continue to do in us, for us and through us. Use them both, in this community and wherever you might take us. This prayer we offer in the name of your greatest Gift to us and the world, even the ‘Christ-child.’ Amen!

***UM Hymn # 246**

Joy To The World

***SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S LOVE AND CARE/ CHRISITMAS BENEDICTION:**

As we go from this place, let me leave you with this Christmas blessing:

May you be filled with the wonders of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ-child. May the Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and always. Merry Christmas! And let the Children of God say: A....men!

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR**

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you for being a part of today’s worship experience.

Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!

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Nancy Cook: Choir Director



JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD

“For unto us a child is born..” May His goodness be spread throughout the world.

Joe Sens has begun chemo for Non-Hodgins lymphoma. Prayers appreciated.

Judy Madsen is now at Sienna Center for therapy after being hit by a car.

Rose Pettus is now at Ridgewood Care Center.

Thoughts and prayers for Ron who’s recovering from shoulder surgery.

Former member Randy Brandt is having serious health issues – prayers for him and Bonnie are needed.

Thoughts and Prayers for Sandi McQuade.

Continued Prayers for Dan Atkinson.

Prayers are needed for Randy Hempel, son-in-law of Peggy & Paul Nejedly dealing with serious health issues.

Thoughts and prayers for health and healing for Nancy Drott who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Prayers for Favor and Blessing with Financial Resources for Jonathan and Retha Blocher.

Thoughts and prayers for Laurie Lewis and family.

Prayers are with Rose Pettus who is having some health problems.

Prayers for Tammy Madden and her family.

Prayers for healing and good health for Pat Held’s daughter.

OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance	10:00 am - 74
Plate/Pledges	\$1101.00
Missions	\$14.00
Kiwanis Club thank you donation	\$1000.00
Critical Misson Fund	\$1000.00

COMING THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, December 23

9:00 am – Adult Bible Study

10:00 am – Morning Worship & Children’s Program

5:00 pm – Casa de Dios Worship Service

Monday, December 24

6:00 pm – Candle Light Service

Wednesday, December 26

6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 29

9:00 am – Casa de Dios

Noon – Sack Lunch Program, Church of the Redeemed, hosts

Announcements



Altar Flowers today are in honor of all those that have gone ahead.

Love Paul & Peggy Nejedly

2018 CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SHEPHERDS' AMAZING STORY

(Congregation, please join in singing the songs)

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Narrator – *Charlotte Schnaare*

Angel – *Jakes Quaye*

Mary – *Mira Payton*

Joseph – *Dylan Olson*

Donkey – *Amie Feest*

Shepherd 1 – LARRY – *Daphne Schnaare*

Shepherd 2 – JARREL – *Amber Pettus*

Shepherd 3 – HARRY – *Nehcal Voker*

Wise men – *Loretta Voker, Beth Michael*

Star – *Evelyn Schnaare*

Sheep – *JJ Hirth, Charlotte Hirth, Lorena Voker*

Directors – *Linda Tremelling & Carol Feest*



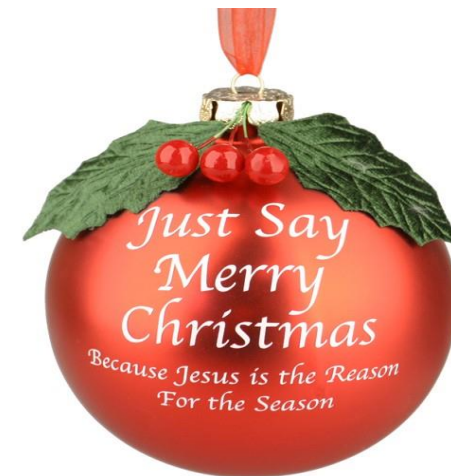
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Christmas Eve Service /Candlelight Communion

(A Festival of lessons and Carols)

6:00 p.m. Monday 24th December 2018



The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

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 buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

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