

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**PRELUDE** *Pastorale & Trio on "Angels We Have Heard on High"*, Helman

**BELL CHOIR**        *"O Come, O Come Emanuel"*

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Led by Dave Patterson

One: We come from a world of darkness

**All: into Christ's world of light.**

One: We come from a world of weariness

**All: into God's strength and hope.**

One: We come from a slumbering world.

**All: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and  
watch for the coming of Christ.**

**PRAYER**

Creator God, you have molded us into your people. As we gather for worship, let us settle into your bosom of love. We wish to be made into your image. We worship to experience your brightness. We gather to become your Body of Believers. Restore us, O God of the heavens; let your face shine upon us, so that we may worship and know you. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**LITURGY FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**\*HYMN**                *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*    **UMH #211 vs. 1,2,3**

**A PRAYER TOGETHER**        *"Psalm 25"*                                **UMH pg. 756**  
Led by Dave Patterson



***Please join us after worship downstairs in the  
Dining Room for Fellowship Hour.  
There is always great conversation and  
good food to share!!***

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Mike Kelly  
Dave Patterson  
Jamie Smith

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Organist

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

Pat Osborn, Rick Bostwick, Betty Lou Taynton  
Rusty Dye  
Pat Osborn, Jeff Smith, Rusty Dye

Greeters  
Head Usher  
Ushers

**TODAY'S BULLETINS**

Today's bulletins are given by Ed and Phyllis Crook in loving memory of Phyllis' mother, Eva Green.

**IN MEMORY**

In lighting the candle on the altar, we keep in our thoughts and prayers those who have gone before us: Sally Gossie (12/18/2010).

***Christmas Eve Service  
Tuesday, December 24  
8:00 PM***

**TRUSTEES DINNER**

The Trustees will have their annual Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 18, 5:30 pm, at Fran's Landing.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The First Presbyterian Church of Corning (One E. First Street) invites everyone to celebrate Christmas Day with a joyous Christmas Dinner on December 25. There will be a short worship service and Christmas sing-along at 11:30 am. The free dinner will be served at 12:00 noon. Call 937-5419 by Dec. 18 for reservations. Transportation available.

### **LIVE NATIVITY**

Grace UMC will be performing a Live Nativity on Friday, December 20, from 5-7 PM. Volunteers are needed for the nativity and also to bring in cookies, etc. for a reception. Please call the church office or contact Pastor Mike if you are interested.

### **BIRTHDAY BRUNCH**

Amidst the busyness of the Christmas season, don't forget about December's Birthday Brunch. It will be held Sunday, December 29, during the fellowship hour. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table setting.

### **UMW FOOD COLLECTION**

The UMW has committed to aiding those in need by collecting items for the local food pantry. We encourage you to give canned goods and other non-perishable items each month. Your gifts may be placed in the cabinet located in the narthex. **Canned Vegetables** are highlighted for December.

### **STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT**

As we prepare for another celebration of Christ's birth this Advent season, let me take this opportunity to wish you a joyous and fulfilling holiday season. Traditionally, those individuals who wish to do so have contributed to a staff Christmas gift so that we might remember our staff in a special way at this time of year. Please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas" and give to Dave Patterson. **If writing a check, please make it out to Dave Patterson.**

### **EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

Grace Church provides an emergency food pantry for those who find themselves in situations where they have no food and are not able to get to our local food pantries. The items for this pantry will be on a shelving unit in the nursery. Donations can be brought into church during office hours.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

The office will be closed for the Christmas & New Year's holidays on December 25 & 26 and January 1. Kathy will be out of the office starting Tuesday, December 24 and returning on Monday, January 6.

Articles for the January newsletter need to be in the office no later than Monday, December 16. Information for the December 22, Christmas Eve and December 29 bulletins will need to be in the office by Wednesday, December 18.

## POINSETTIA / ENDOWMENT

Please note that December 18 is the deadline for providing information for the Poinsettia/Endowment insert. You can find the form in today's bulletin. If providing a poinsettia for the altar, please order yourself through a florist of your choice.

### DECEMBER 15 - 22

- Sunday** 9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Fellowship Hour, DR  
Hosts: Pat Edger  
**10:30 AM Adult Sunday School, L**  
**10:45 AM Sunday School Classes**
- Monday** 12:00 PM AA, 201  
6:00 PM NA, DR  
6:15 PM Girl Scouts, 204  
6:30 PM Boy Scout Leaders, 201
- Tuesday** 12:00 PM AA, 201  
6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics, Nursery
- Wednesday** 9:00 AM WIC, DR  
10:00 AM NA Study Group, 205  
12:00 PM AA, 201  
**5:30 PM Trustees Dinner, Fran's Landing**  
**6:00 PM Bell Rehearsal, S**  
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, DR/RH  
**7:00 PM Choir, BC**
- Thursday** 12:00 PM AA, 201
- Friday** 12:00 PM AA, 201  
**5:00 PM Live Nativity**  
6:00 PM NA, DR
- Saturday** 12:00 PM AA, 201
- Sunday** 9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Fellowship Hour, DR  
Hosts: Gerry Bruielly, Ed & Phyllis Crook  
**10:30 AM Adult Sunday School, L**  
**10:45 AM Sunday School Classes**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

To share Joys and Concerns, please write on the Connection Card your prayer requests and/or joys at the beginning of the service. An usher will then collect the Connection Cards during the first hymn and put them on the altar to be lifted up in prayer. If you don't have a joy/concern this week, we ask that you still fill out the Connection Card with your name and hand it in during the offertory.

## PRAYER LIST

Please take a look at the prayer list and military list below. If you know of anyone that can be taken off the list, please let the church office know. Thank you.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** The names in parenthesis are those requesting the prayers.

Sangho Chu (Hyung Lee), Irene Church, The Clark Family (Rusty Dye), Amy Dernier (Hyung Lee), **Gary Fisher**, Pete Fratarcangelo, Sandy Gardner (Sandy Bartos), Eric Gustafson (Rick Bostwick), Bill Habelt (Betty Breuilly), Marie Harding (Doris Bempkins), Peter Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Rev. Glenn Kennedy, Anne Martin (Pat Edger) MaryJo Mattison, Bob McPherson, Sally McPherson, Tom & Shirley Nellis, Dan O'Connell, Jeff O'Connell, Dr. Park (Hyung Lee), Lorraine Smith, Brian Strong (Sandy Bartos), Bryn Terwilliger, Victoria Walrath, Stefani Weiskopff (Hope Johnson), Nakita (Sandy Tubbs)

**IN OUR HEARTS:** Cards and calls are always appreciated.

**Absolut Care** (Three Rivers): Dagmar Cedar, Edith Holmes, Sally Hovey

**Appleridge:** Fran Toby

**Bethany:** Diane Hilliard

**Brookdale** (Green Meadows): Nora Jungquist

**Corning Center For Rehabilitation & Healthcare** (Founders): Mason Bennett

**THOSE IN THE SERVICE:** Lt. Commander Chase Johnson (Navy, Helen Mattison), Nick Stead (Marines), Christopher Wensel

