

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 12:2-3

Leader: Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

All: The Messiah is coming.

Leader: Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, who pondered and planed wood:

All: The Messiah is coming.

Leader: Not announced by prophets, priests, and kings, but by two women, who were the first to know:

All: The Messiah is coming.

Leader: Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

All: The Messiah is coming.**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Conklin Family

HYMN # 22** "Angels From the Realms of Glory"REGENT SQUARECALL TO CONFESSION*****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON*****GLORIA PATRI** (No. 579, The Hymnal)***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN - The congregation is invited to join in singing verse one of "Jesus Loves Me" as the children through 2nd grade come forward.

(After the story, children may return to the pew with their families)

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Advent Rose"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stuart Sammis

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 5: 2-4 (Page 658 in your Pew Bible)

Luke 1: 39 - 56 (Page 724 in your Pew Bible)

(After the reading, there is a period of silence, at the end of which the reader says...)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!**SERMON**

"Is Jesus Good News for Everyone?"

Pastor Jeff

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* (The Hymnal, pg. 14 - Traditional)HYMN # 27** "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory Music

DOXOLOGY (No. 592 The Hymnal) and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION****CALL TO PRAYER** "Advent Call To Prayer"**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison)

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. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE***BENEDICTORY HYMN # 30** "Born in the Night, Mary's Child" (MARY'S CHILD)***BENEDICTION*****BENEDICTORY RESPONSE** "Christmas Rose"***POSTLUDE****All who are able may stand***GREETERS:** Sue Conklin**LITURGIST:** Stuart Sammis

FRIENDSHIP TABLETS are in the aisle ends of the pews. Each person is asked to complete the requested information, tear off the completed slip, and place it in the offering plate.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS AND LARGE PRINT BIBLES, HYMNALS, AND BULLETINS are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS - in pews - use for items you'd like lifted in this Morning's Prayer. After worship they will be placed in the Chapel for the week.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to glorify God by Kay Rogus and in loving memory of Mike Rogus and Min and Ed Nash.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

- ▶ Please join us for a special birthday for Jesus Fellowship Time today immediately following the Worship Service.
- ▶ Monday, December 24th are our Christmas Eve Services. The Family Celebration Service begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols begins at 11:00 p.m. Please join us!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2018

- Monday: Set up for Community Christmas Dinner
Church offices will close at noon
5:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
- Tuesday: Community Christmas Dinner (11:00 snacks, 11:30 Carols, Noon meal)
- Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast at Denny's in Painted Post
no reservations necessary (Just show up!)
- Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour in the Pentecost Room (P.L.F.)

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God has not left himself without a witness in doing good -
giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and
filling you with food and your hearts with joy.
Acts 14:17

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

THE ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

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"Call To Advent"

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