

**PASTOR**

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December 20, 2015

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**ELDERS**

Kathy Betz	(2015)
Dave McDaid	(2015)
Charlie White	(2015)
Jody Leffler	(2016)
Cliff Lessig	(2016)
Deb Fisher-Horvath	(2016)
John Austin	(2017)
Jeannie Cass	(2017)
Lizette Tynan	(2017)

**DEACONS**

Jeremy Donaldson	(2015)
Penny Erkert	(2015)
Trish Kroth	(2015)
Linda Kuhl	(2016)
Ed Cass	(2016)
John Patrick Tynan	(2016)
Nick White	(2017)
Shannon Rost	(2017)
Trish Patrey	(2017)

**STAFF**

Office Admin - Jody Leffler  
 Bookkeeper - Gary Refsnider  
 Interim Director of Music - Keith Kull  
 Sunday School - Heather Stanley  
 Parish Associate - Greg Albert

**Clerk of Session** - Jody Leffler

**Greeters**

December 20 - Betz Family  
 December 24 - Penny Erkert  
 December 27 - Bill & Edna Young

**Counters**

December - Nick White & Dave McDade  
 January - Trish Kroth & Lizette Tynan

**Fellowship**

December - B & G Committee  
 January - please sign up

**Important Information**

A special thank you to all the church members and friends of our church that took part in the Star Tree/ Helping Hands and made it a complete success. The gifts were delivered to Flemington office of United Way to be distributed to the families. Merry Christmas and God Bless you all.

When using the pew cards, please don't forget to put your name on the back of the envelope.

If you would like to pledge to the church for the 2016 calendar year, and didn't receive a pledge card or misplaced it, they are available in the vestibule in the back of the church. Session will be finalizing the budget so your prompt response would be appreciated.

**Upcoming Events in the Church**

**December 24th** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:30 PM

**January 16th** - Night on the Town - Oak Hill Golf Club - 6 PM cocktails, 7 PM dinner



# Fourth Week of Advent

**Our Mission**

Our response to God's call for us to show and share the presence of Christ in the world is our mission to:

**Nurture** - helping people to see God working in their lives, enabling them to respond to God's call for wholeness.

**Encourage** - supporting one another in our faith walk, together experiencing Christ on a deeper personal level.

**Celebrate** - Inspired by the Holy Spirit to learn, work, and play

December 20, 2015

10:00 AM

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Announcements & Events in the Life of the Church**

**Prelude:** "Pastoral Air" - Murschhauser

## **THE PREPARATION**

### **Call to Worship**

Advent is a time to bind up the broken hearted.

**Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

**Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

**Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

For relationships left in decay and neglect:

**Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

**Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of**

**Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle - Week 4 - LOVE**

**\*Song of Praise** #11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

### **Moment with the Children**

### **Prayer of Confession**

O God of compassion, have mercy upon us. You send forth your Spirit, yet we ignore your counsel. Christ dwells among us, yet we fail to obey him. We sing of peace on earth, yet hostility continues. Angels herald good tidings, yet we commit evil deeds. Forgive our deliberate and indirect misuse of your graciousness, and make us worthy to receive Christ in our lives.

### **Moment for Silent Confession**

### **Prayers for the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

pg 16 in Hymnal

### **Song of Thanksgiving**

#579

"Glory Be to the Father"

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 1: 39-45

pg 57 NT

### **Anthem**

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 1: 46-55

pg 57 NT

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon:**

Children's Christmas Pageant

### **\*Song of Hope**

#27

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

pg 14 in Hymnal

### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Offertory**

### **\*Doxology**

#592

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

### **Prayer of Dedication**

## **SENDING**

### **\*Song to Send**

#9

"O Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

All stanzas are sung by everyone. There is an interlude sung by the choir between the stanzas, and after the final stanza, the choir again will sing from Martin How's Advent Message.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Veni Emmanuel" – R. Lau

\*those who are able may stand