

Kirkpatrick Church  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 13, 2020

9:30am

Preservice Music  
Greeting & Announcements  
Opening Prayer

Preparation for Worship: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Preparation Music

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Candle of Joy  
Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gathering Songs:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
What Child Is This

by Ludwig van Beethoven  
Traditional

A Time for Joy-Filled Prayer  
Sharing our Joys and Thanksgivings  
Confession, Intercession & A Time for Silence  
The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46b-55  
Meditation: "Plan B - Joy"

Hymn of Response: #277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Invitation  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Sharing  
Prayer After Communion

Sending Hymn: #282 O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

Charge & Benediction

Postlude For Unto Us a Child Is Born

G. F. Handel Arr. by John Schaum

## Announcements

Weekly Prayer Meeting – The prayer meeting will be held this Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom. Look for the link in the midweek email.

Adopt-A-Family – Thank you for your support of our Adopt-A-Family ministry. It appears we are fully committed for 2020/2021.

Church Finances – Thank you to everyone who has sent in their offering!! During this time of uncertainty in our world, the church continues to operate. Please mail or drop off your offerings to the church and stay current. Please return your 2021 Estimate of Giving cards as soon as possible so we can plan our 2021 budget. You may also email the information to [admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org](mailto:admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org).

Reopening Plan – Please refer to the church website for updates from our reopening team - [www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources](http://www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources). Any questions, please contact Janis Little or Pastor Mike.

Lambertville Food Pantry. We are still collecting food items and will make additional bags for the pantry as we are able. You may leave donations in the plastic bin outside the Connector door. Thanks for your commitment to this important ministry!

Christmas Food Baskets – The Deacons will be putting together 20+ food baskets for Christmas again this year. If you are able to provide any of these items, they would appreciate it. Please leave any donations in the plastic bin outside the connector door.

Giving Tree Gifts – Thank you to everyone who has purchased gifts for the clients of the Friendship Center for New Beginnings. The deadline for gifts is next Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The list of needs is in the midweek announcements, or if you need a copy, please email Chris in the office.

In Lieu of Poinsettias – Since we will be worshiping virtually during Advent, there will be no poinsettia dedications this year. However, if you would like to give a monetary gift to the church in memory or in honor of someone, we will be publishing the list of dedications for Christmas Eve and in the January Olive Branch. Feel free to give \$10 (the normal cost of poinsettias) or some other amount.

Blue Christmas Service – On Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, we will hold a Blue Christmas service via Zoom for those who are not finding joy this Christmas. Maybe it is due to the loss of a loved one or the loss of the year that is 2020. Join us as we lift up our cries before the Lord.

In Loving Memory If you would like to contribute to a memory book to honor Sharon Mitzen, please send your memories and photos to Norma Zimmerman at [enzimmerman@comcast.net](mailto:enzimmerman@comcast.net) or mail them to the church address: PO Box 560, Ringoes NJ 08551

2021 Calendars Deacons are collecting 2021 calendars for the residents of the Hunterdon Care Center and greeting cards for the women at the Edna Mahan Correctional Center. Donations may be left in the bin outside the connector.