

The Second Sunday of Advent

Kirkpatrick Church

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:30am

Preservice Music

Greeting & Announcements

Preparation for Worship: Please read Luke 1:68-79

Preparation Music

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--

indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

Let us worship the Lord!

Let us worship the One who is coming!

Gathering Songs:

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

by Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn

I Wonder As I Wander

by John Jacob Niles

Prayer of Confession

Holy and righteous God, far too often we are a far cry from the holiness you invite us into. And often we fail to live up to your righteous standards for how we are called to live. Refine us with your righteous refiner's fire to remove all our distancing impulses and impurities. Cleanse us with the fullers' soap to make us pure and holy once again. Help us to live in a way that draws us ever closer to you, our loving God. Amen

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Ministry of Music

1st Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-6

Sermon: Refiner's Fire

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Response: #288 We Three Kings (v1 & 2)

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

Sending Hymn: #262 Away In A Manger

Benediction
Post Service Music

Announcements

Welcome Pastor Jean Holmes. The Reverend Jean A. Holmes is an honorably retired minister member of the Highlands of New Jersey Presbytery and a trained Spiritual Director. A graduate of Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ, Rev. Holmes has been ordained as teaching elder in the PC(USA) since 1987. Also a graduate of 3 years of training with Oasis Ministries in Pennsylvania, she is a practicing Spiritual Director. She is currently living with her husband of 49 years, Stewart, in Wanaque, New Jersey. Jean loves knitting and reading, but most of all she loves her grandsons, Russell George Holmes (9) and Christopher Stewart Holmes (6).

Upper Room: Jan/Feb Upper Room is on the library table.

Poinsettias If you would like to purchase a poinsettia which will decorate our worship area, the price is \$10 and the memorial/honorary dedication forms are on the tables. This year the poinsettias have been donated to the church and all the money collected will be used to purchase food for the Kirkpatrick food ministry run by Sue King. Purchased poinsettias can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

Advent Wreath Lighters -

Dec. 5 - Nancy and Darryl Crounce, Dec. 12 - Mike Kurti, Dec. 19 - Steve and Lori Wonsor

The Giving Tree this year we are requesting donations be sent directly to The Friendship Center. Their wish list is on the library table. Look for the pink flyer. Please donate by December 10. Address: 162 Main St, Flemington, NJ 08822 Open · Closes 5PM
Phone: (908) 806-4444

Our next Grocery Giveaway is Saturday, December 18th from 11am-12noon in our parking lot and at Lambertville School parking lot, 200 N Main St, Lambertville, NJ 08530.

Christmas Food Basket The Deacons are asking our church family to help meet the needs of our community this year by picking up a few extra food items that will be made into Christmas baskets. Please take this shopping list with you as a friendly reminder. Anything on the following list would be greatly appreciated, **bold** items are needed most:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter | <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Syrup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake Mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Sauce |

If there are any pastoral emergencies, please contact Karen Shipman or Linda Hults.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Boxed Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Cans of Chicken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta | <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Gravy | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Soup | <input type="checkbox"/> Beans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing Mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna Fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels |

If you are able to donate, please leave the items in the bin in the Connector marked "Deacons Food Drive." Thank you for your support!

Updated Protocols for In-Person Worship (effective July 2021 as approved by Session)

- Masks must be worn properly while on church property (covering face and mouth, preferably double layer)
- Maintain social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) – the roping off of pews has been removed
- All attendees will sign in each week to maintain a record of attendance
- Gathering Covenant to be filled out just once per attendee (parents will complete a Gathering Covenant for underage children)
- The handicapped bathroom will be the only one available for use on Sundays. If you use the bathroom, please wipe it down with the Clorox wipes provided after use.
- Please arrive no earlier than 9:15am
- Bring your own communion elements
- The nursery will be available for children. Please wipe down toys after use

If you are showing symptoms of illness or have a temperature of over 100.4, please stay home out of concern and love for all.

Admin Schedule: Chris is in the office Monday and Wednesday mornings (9-1) and working remotely on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She is off on Fridays until January.

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