

And the wolf will dwell  
with the lamb,  
And the leopard will lie  
down with the young goat,  
And the calf and the  
young lion and the fatling  
together;  
And a little boy will lead  
them.



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**PROCESSIONAL**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Please take this time to fill out the attendance register located at the end of your pew.

**PRELUDE** - Behold, a Rose Breaks Into Bloom - By J. Brahms

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Candle of Hope**

**The Singer Family**

**Choir**

\***GATHERING HYMN** GTG#128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly  
#145 What Child Is This?

**Sharing of the Peace of Christ**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let Us Share the Peace of Christ Among Us

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: John the Baptist's cry echoes through the ages:  
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near! Here and now, we go to God in humility and faith, confessing our sins.

People: **God of all creation,  
your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have  
been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn  
around and hurt others, destroying what you have called  
good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we  
may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom.**

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ comes into our world—

**Christ comes into our lives—**

**to purify us and give us another chance.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**We rejoice in the hope Christ offers us!**

**Thanks be to God!**



**The Annual Christmas Handbell Concert will be held today, December 4, 2022 at 2:30 PM. Many familiar Christmas songs will be included in the repertoire and some unfamiliar songs as well. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music.**

**WE REMEMBER** our military family members! Each year we send a Christmas care box of snacks to each of them. there are receiving boxes at each front entrance. Any and all small wrapped snacks are fine! Next week there will also be an insert with a list of snack ideas. We will collect snacks for only 3 WEEKS! If you prefer to provide money, we can use it for postage, or I can shop for you! Someone to add?-- call or text Dorina at 717-372-4300. Thank you for blessing those who bless us with their service.



We are now in the process of signing up for the **weekly flower chart** for 2023. If you wish to keep the same date(s) you had this past year, **please Contact Jill Corwin at (717) 532-8747.**  
Thank you



**REMINDER:** ALL requests for any activities and any facility use must fill out a Building Use Form and be approved by the Building and Grounds Chair prior to the event.



**Churches of the Week.** This week you are invited to pray for **Christ Presbyterian** in Camp Hill, PA in our Presbytery cycle of prayer, **Local Fire Departments, EMS, and Police** in local and **La Roca** in Las Botijos, Honduras.

Friends in Fellowship will not meet in December. We will resume our luncheons on Wednesday, January 18 at a restaurant to be announced in the January Newsletter.



## Advent Family Fun Nights

**Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, and Dec 22 @ 6:15 – 8pm**

We will start with a **Potluck Meal** followed by a time to discuss the Biblical event of our Savior's birth. Then we will have a different craft each night. The evening will of course include some caroling. It will be a great time to fellowship and have fun with friends and family. Invite your friends and neighbors and make sure to bring the children!



\*HYMN GTG #581 “Gloria Patria”

**LET US PROCLAIM OUR FAITH – ADAPTED FROM THE  
CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.19**

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.**

**ANTHEM**

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION, OFFERTORY, AND PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY - In Dulci Jubilo By Franz Liszt**

**HYMN GTG#606 “Doxology”**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOD'S WORD WRITTEN - ISAIAH 11:1-9**

**God's Word Proclaimed – Gifts of the Messiah Series:  
“Peace, for Both the Wolf and the Lamb”**

**Celebrating Communion Sunday**

**Communion Hymn – GTG#518 Your Only Son**

**Communion Liturgy**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God:**

The heavens tremble and the mountains quake at your presence. Although we have forsaken you, you have never forgotten us:

**You are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir singing: Holy, Holy, Holy, Blessed is the Lamb!**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

**Christ Jesus is our grace and peace, the Word that we proclaim, the source of all our strength, and the giver of every good gift.**

In Christ's body, we have received fellowship with you, our God. Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Keep us awake until the hour of Christ's coming, when the sun and moon and stars will fall from heaven and you will gather up the faithful from the ends of the earth. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. Amen**

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**Invitation to this Meal and a Life of Faith  
Words of Institution and the Celebration of God's Gift  
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



**REMINDER**

**December 7**

**Chancel Choir at 6:30 pm**

**Handbell Rehearsal at 7:30 pm**

**December 14**

**6:00 Handbell Choir @ Remembrance Service**

**Community Cares Family Shelter.** The first Sunday of each month the deacons will be collecting items for the Community Cares Family Shelter. You may leave items in the boxes at the entrances at any time. Toiletries, cleaning supplies, dry/canned goods, children’s snacks or paper products are needed by the families.



**\*\*\*\*\*COOKIE TIME\*\*\*\*\***



The deacons are asking if each of you that are able, to bake 2 dozen cookies for our **CHRISTMAS** cookie delivery trays. Cookies are needed for Tuesday, December 13. Please let Janet Sailhamer know at (717) 477-8893 or at church.

There will be no Presbyterian Women’s Bible study in December. **We will continue on January 17, 2023 @ 1:00 pm** with lesson #4. If you have any questions, please **contact Kathy Palmer.**



**Advent Bible Study Group - by ZOOM** on Tuesdays, December 6, 13 and 20 at **10:00 am.**



We will be using Amy-Jill Levine’s book **Light of the World** as a guide. If anyone would like to join us in this 4-week study, please contact Jan Mooney and she will send you the ZOOM link. In **Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent**, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the **birth of Jesus.** Join us as she traces the **Christmas narrative** through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the Journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi.

**\*SENDING HYMN GTG#136 “Go Tell it on the Mountain”**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*(Congregation please be seated.)*

**POSTLUDE** While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks  
By Mary Beth Williams

*\*All who are able, please rise.*



Pastor is **Rev. Edward H. Blank.**  
Organist is **Ingrid Winkler.**  
Liturgist is **Kemper Dyson.**  
Elder of the Week is **Don Cover (CE).**  
Greeter is **Don Cover.**  
Ushers are **Souled Out.**  
Acolyte is **Troy Porter.**  
Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner.**  
Deacon of the Month is **Jerry Judy.**



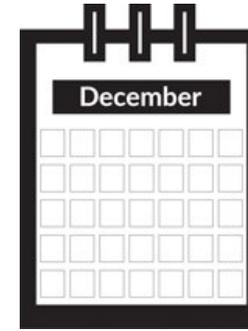
The beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary are given by Donna and David Hartman in memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Dana Yocum and Mr. and Mrs. David Hartman, Sr.**

~~~~~ Friends and Family Concerns ~~~~~

**This week's prayer concerns:**

*Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:*

Deb Arnold, Violet Barr, Rev. Bill Beck, John Benkovic, Sally Boden, Michael Chamberlin, Chaplain Thomas Bruce, Mark Clever, Rev. Bob Cook and Family, Peg Corwin, Jack Deihl, Linda Dickinson, Dottie, Daryl Fletcher, Dawn Freeman, Susan (Harper) Gilmore, Michael Harglerode, Bob Harper, Dave Hartman, Donna Hartman, Cheyenne Ingram, John Knouse, Shane L'Amoreaux, Rob McClay, Pat Mogan, Briana Nunez, Larry Ocker, Mike Osbaugh, Hadlee Ott, Peyton, Troy and Megan Porter, Raymond, Alfreda Reed, Robert Reed, Susan and Greg Riggs, Randy Rojtowicz, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Jim Stroup, Isabella Stump, Shannon, Warren and Janelle Yeager.



~~~~~ Church Calendar ~~~~~

- Sunday, Dec 4 9:15 am Sunday School (Adults & Children)  
10:30 am Worship in person and online  
"Advent Communion"
- Wednesday, Dec 7 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice  
7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Thursday, Dec 8 6:15-8:00 pm Advent Program
- Sunday, Dec 11 9:15 am Sunday School (Adults & Children)  
10:30 am Worship in person and online

