

MOUNT OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 A.M.

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

Ministers: Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Kevin A. Neal

Organ Prelude

Barb Zianni

Words of Greeting:

LEADER: The Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

***Call to Worship:** (Isaiah 7:14)

LEADER: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.

PEOPLE: LOOK THE VIRGIN IS WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND SHALL NAME HIM IMMANUEL.

Hymn of Praise: 5, Let All Mortal Flesh... Hymnal

***Prayer of Confession and Illumination:**

O God, we come before you in this advent season of expectation. In expectation we are to focus on you and the gift of your Son, our Savior and Lord. But, oftentimes we are so focused on the gift giving and receiving that we can forget not only celebrating the birth of your Son but our birth as your children through your Son. Forgive us, O God, and may the light of truth and love shine in and through us this Advent season. In and for Christ's love and glory we pray, Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:**

***Gloria Patri (579, Hymnal)**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope in Messiah

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Lighting of the Candle

Prayer:

Anthem: One Silent Night Frombach/Lentz

Children's Sermon: Hope in God's Timing!

Sermon: "In the Fullness of Time!"

***Hymn of Reflection:** O Holy Night, pg. 56, P&W Book

Celebration of Communion at our Lord's Table

***Confession of Faith:** The Apostles Creed
(Traditional) Pg. 14 Hymnal

Invitation to Table:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

God, Our Father, we come with thanksgiving for the love that you give through your Son. By Faith, we become your children and through your Spirit are united together as your family as we draw together at your table. Be with us, O Father...

Sharing of the Elements:

Offering of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings:

Offertory

***Doxology (592, Hymnal)**

***Offertory Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer: (Debts)

***Hymn of Sending:** 40, Joy to the World

Challenge, Benediction and Congregational Response:

40, Joy to the World (Verse 1)

Announcements

Sunday:

- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Choir Practice
- 11:00 - Worship
- 12:00 - Choir Practice for Advent Anthems

Monday:

- 10:00 - Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday:

- 9:00 - Fit n Trim
- 6:00 - Ladies Christmas Dinner @Magg's Restaurant at Shadow Lakes
- 7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

Wednesday:

- 7:00 - Jam Nite at Mt. Olivet

Thursday:

- 6:30 - Backpack packing
- 7:00 - Bible Study

Next Sunday:

- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Choir Practice
- 11:00 - Worship
- 12:00 - Christmas Program Practice/Choir Practice for Anthems
- 5:00 - Youth Group Christmas Caroling

We have begun publishing a Monthly Newsletter that contains announcements for the month for people to take home in lieu of our weekly posting in the bulletin. Those who have announcements for the month of January please send to Cathy by 9:00 AM Thursday morning Dec. 28 for publication. We are doing this on a trial basis to see if this is better stewardship of money and paper.

Dec. Youth Group:

- Dec. 10 - 5:00 Youth Group invites everyone to join in as we go Christmas Caroling to celebrate the Christmas season and share the Spirit of Joy and Love.
- Dec. 17 - 6:00 Planning for the Christmas Eve Service and Clinton Lights
- Dec. 24 - 6:00 Christmas Eve Service Live Nativity

Christmas Eve Service will be a special "Light of the Night" Communion, Candlelight and Carol Live Nativity celebration. With Christmas Eve being a Sunday, the service will begin at 6:00. Come join us as we begin our Christmas celebration focusing on the birth of the Light of the World!

Christmas Eve Schedule:

- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Worship
- 6:00 - Light of the Night Christmas Eve Service

Celebrate Recovery Announcement: Family holidays can be the best of times but they also can be the worst of times. Oftentimes, this is a time of relapsing back into the brokenness of our lives whether it is through our Hurts, Hang-ups or Habits. Come join us at Celebrate Recovery on Tuesdays at 7:00 as we renew our focus on the one who heals our brokenness - Jesus Christ, the Reason for the Season.

Upcoming January Highlights:

- January 6 - Officer Training
- January 7 - Officer Installation
- January 12 -14 Youth Group Retreat at Seneca Hills Bible Camp and Conference Center
- January 28 - Annual Congregational Meeting