

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rob Ewy, Greeting Elder

Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One: Wake up, people of God! Our salvation is near!

Many: We have been asleep and did not know it.

Christ comes to awaken all our potential.

One: God's law of love summons us away
from actions that hurt and destroy.

Many: We seek to know the ways of God

and to walk in the light where Christ leads.

One: Let us enter this season of preparation,
expecting to be changed as we worship and serve.

Many: We will watch and ready ourselves

for the coming of One whom God sends.

* **PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Sullivan Family: Jeremiah, Olivia, Isabelle and Leah

* **SACRED MUSIC** #107 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" NPH

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Slow us down, patient God, so we may see deeply your truth in these bustling days. Help us face the ways we cover up our emptiness with fancy gifts. Hold us gently when we discover how we give presents when only our presence really matters. Grant us moments to praise you like the shepherds, ponder you like Mary, and listen to your dream messages like Joseph. Let us begin now. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

* **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (Unison) **Apostles' Creed** (Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

* **GLORIA EXCELSIS** (Unison, Refrain of "Angels We Have Heard On High")

* **THE PEACE** (Response: "And also with you.")

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Romans 13:11-14 Pg. 162 NT

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

(Children Leave For Church School Afterwards.)

SERMON

"Nearer To Us Now"

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* **SACRED MUSIC** #123 "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (vs. 1, 2, 5)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Wave to your neighbors, and those joining via the live-stream.)

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the collection basket at the top of the stairs as you exit the sanctuary following the worship.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER

(Debts & Debtors; Inside Cover of the Hymnal.)

* **DOXOLOGY** (To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel")

* **SACRED MUSIC** #41 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)

* **CHARGE & BLESSING**

** Congregation standing; as each person desires.*

Masks are welcome but not required, distance as you are comfortable.

Following the worship service everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and a light repast.

This morning there will be a new member class held in the Conference Room immediately following the service. Those interested in joining the church or simply curious what we're about are welcome to attend.



PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Toby Walch, Bev and Jerry Findley, Bob Fraser, Wanda Renick, Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Bill and Karen Parker, Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Rich Denison, Joe and Mary Bean, Mark Holbrook (father of Josh), Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

Choir Director/Pianist Mark Darou
Church School Director: Andrea Montgomery
Office Coordinator: Christy Dekay

The password for our church wifi network is: Lakew00d4331a
Password for the Zoom fellowship call at 11:30 a.m. is 3862570

AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 11/30/25 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
 - First Sunday in Advent
 - Farm Family Offering
 - New Member Class

Wednesday 12/3/25 - Partridge Knoll Service

Thursday 12/4/25 - Choir Practice (6:30 p.m. Choir Room)

Sunday 11/30/25 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
 - Second Sunday in Advent
 - Deacon and Food Offering
 - Communion

Birthdays: Olivia Sullivan (Today); Michelle Quinelle-Gayle (Monday);
Lindsey Frazer (Tuesday); Jessica Stumper,
Giselle Kelly (Wednesday)

Anniversaries: Rev. Mike Ordination (Friday)

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick & the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Advent Doxology

To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Praise God! From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all Creatures here below! Amen.

THE 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.