

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Nick Dekay, Greeting Elder

Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One: Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you;
let all together sing praise to the glory of God.

Many: Blessed be the God who brings us together,
whose amazing wonders fill the universe.

One: We are greeted by a voice beyond our hearing,
welcomed by a presence far greater than we can know.

Many: All creation speaks to us of our Creator,
who calls us into this community of caring people.

One: Listen, people of God, for a message of hope;
look around you for opportunities to share good news.

Many: The God of hope fills us with joy and peace;
the Holy Spirit empowers us to serve in humble trust.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Heather and Stella Russ

* **SACRED MUSIC** #147 "The First Nowell" NPH

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

O God, in so many ways you have sent us the message of your salvation, yet we have been too busy to hear. In so many ways, even through the Christ, you have tried to show us your Love, but we would not see. And so often you would have us share your Love with others that you might bless the world through us, but we would not share it. Forgive us, God. In Christ we pray. 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

Matthew 3:1-12 Pg. 2 NT

No Children's Sermon; Children May Leave For Church School.

SERMON

"Bearing Fruit Worthy Of Repentance"

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* **SACRED MUSIC** #145 "What Child Is This" NPH

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** #112 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" NPH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All are invited to share in the Sacrament of Communion.)

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Serving & Partaking of the Elements Together

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Communion bread being served today
is gluten, dairy, soy, and nut free.*

* **SACRED MUSIC** #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1 & 3) NPH

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Bob Duda

** 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.*

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
Advent Pianist Bob Duda
Church School Director: Andrea Montgomery
Congregational Coordinator Linda Potter
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 12/7/25 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
 - Deacon and Food Offering
 - Communion
 - Kids' Rehearsal (following Worship)

Tuesday 12/9/25 - Poinsettia Order Deadline

Wednesday 12/10/25 - Women's Circle (7 p.m. Lorna's Lounge)

Thursday 12/11/25 - Potluck Setup (5:45 p.m. Fellowship Hall)
 - Choir Practice (6:30 p.m. Choir Room)

Sunday 12/14/25 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
 - Kids' Christmas Showcase
 - Potluck Lunch
 - Deacons' Meeting (11:15 a.m. Conference Room)

Birthdays: Ellen Grayson, Brandon Bartley (Tuesday); Holly Miller, Christa Lyon, George Repicky (Wednesday); James Colton (Thursday); Brandon Rodee, Georgia Vose, Rich Miller (Friday); Kenneth Gibson, Jessica Witherhead (Saturday)

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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.