

All I Want for Christmas is...

Our Mission

-A family of God growing in Christ, empowered to serve -

Worship
December 16, 2018
8:30 a.m.

The 3rd Sunday in Advent

*For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government shall be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

All I Want For Christmas

Gathering
Prelude *We Three Kings* arr. M. Kim
*Carol *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #179
*Prayer
You may please be seated
Informal Moments for Sharing
Reading *Toward the Light*
by Ann Barr Weems
from the book, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*
The Westminster Press, ©1985, 1987

Lighting the Candle of *Serenity* Philip and Megan Rotz

Anthem *The Coming of the Lord* by Pepper Choplin Chancel Choir
(from "Night of the Father's Love" cantata)

Praying Together

Gentle God, this time of year usually brings hope as well as dread. The good news of Christmas is a little over a week away, but we can't suppress the doubts that there might not be good news after all. To truly experience "God with us" is our heart's deep desire, but we can't help worrying whether this desire will blossom or wilt in the stress of it all. Be our calm center. Give us your peace that passes all understanding. Let us be filled by your love so we can love those whom you put on our path more fully and completely. In the Christ Child's precious name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Carol *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* #187

Invitation

Offering

(Please print your name on the attendance register. If you are a guest, please include your address and/or telephone number.)

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. L. Smith
piano/organ duet with Robin Hockenberry

*Response *I Have Seen the Light (2x through)* #211

The Word Matthew 1:18-25 NRSV

Special Music *Gesu Bambino* arr. Todd Marchhand
The 4th Street Brass

Advent Meditation *Christmas in My Heart* Pastor Joel

*Special Music *All is Well* by Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick
Mixed Ensemble

*Silent Meditation

*Postlude *From Whence Comes This Band of Angels?*
arr. W. I. Nevins

Greeters Robert and Linda Gorman
Eugene and Mary Hawbaker

Ushers David McCleary, Donald Lehman
Eugene Hawbaker and Jerry Moore

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Worship Leadership Kathie Nogle
Music Leadership Elizabeth Thorpe
Organist Pamela Wert

PERK Worship

10:45am

Praise God through song and dance for he is worthy of our praise!

Psalm 150:1-2, 6
Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens...Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Engage in worship through different styles of prayer, skits, videos, and offering.

Matthew 7:7-8
Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

Reflect on the living Word and how it speaks to your life.

Psalm 119:105
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Koinonia: Spend time in community with fellow believers.

Romans 12:4-5
For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Music Leaders Praise Team
Greeters/Ushers Gary and Donna Meyers

Schedule of Events and Activities

Today, December 16

Childcare is available for infants thru age 3 in the Crib Room during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

9:30 a.m. - Advent Small Group/Bible Study - In keeping with our 2018 theme, *All I Want For Christmas*, Pastor Joel will lead a small group/Bible study today in the Sanctuary. If you are not currently in a class, this would be a great, short-term commitment for you. Come, bring your bible and a friend along!

Monday, December 17

6:00 p.m. – Smart Cookies Nursery School Christmas Program - MFH

6:30 p.m. – Pickleball – BLC

Wednesday, December 19

8:30 a.m. – Pickleball – BLC

6:00 p.m. – Revolution Christmas Party in BLC

6:00 p.m. – Handbell Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20

1:00 p.m. – Table Games – BH

Please take Note

A very warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone who, through prayer and participation, helped make our Drive Through Live Nativity a successful ministry! Those of you who served as actors, set luminaries, helped direct traffic, prepared and served the snacks in the kitchen, organized the costume changes or constructed the barn and scene all came together for one awesome two hours and God was glorified. A special thanks to Bro. Joel Nupp for providing our nativity with the animals we all enjoyed.

Contributions for 2018 Giving – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by Sunday, December 30th. Any giving received after December 30th will be credited to 2019 giving.

2019 Offering Envelopes are available today in your church mailbox. If you do not presently have offering envelopes and would like offering envelopes, contact the church office and you will be issued envelopes for 2019.

2018 Advent Devotionals published by Brethren Press entitled **“Wait And Hope”** are available in the Narthex and BLC Lobby. There are a limited number of large print available also. Enjoy!

The Towne Singers Present...The Sound Of The Season TODAY Sunday, December 16th, 3:00 p.m. at Falling Waters Presbyterian Church, 2928 Hammonds Mill Rd., Hedgesville, WV.

2019 Flower Chart – A New Flower Chart is posted in the narthex for altar flowers for 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. worship. Altar arrangements are \$30.00.

Christmas Eve Service

will begin at 6:30 p.m. with pre-service music in our sanctuary, followed by a family-friendly traditional candlelight service at 7:00.

Our Christmas Eve service will be a family-friendly service, filled with carols and special music, a children’s story, the preaching of God’s Word, Holy Communion and, of course, the traditional candle lighting. Plan to bring your friends and family to celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

Message: What Does God Want for Christmas?

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, 2018 and Wednesday, December 26, 2018 in observance of Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Mid-Week Connection, Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – Come and join us for a night of Bingo! Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Menu is BBQ, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans and Ice-Cream.

Properties Commission will meet on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Please take note that the next Pastor’s Pen will combine the months of January and February. Deadline for the January/February Pastor’s Pen is Sunday, January 6th. Please submit all information to the church office.

S.O.N. - Your continued support of donations for Serving Our Neighbors deserves a THANK YOU! It has been a great success throughout the year as we have collected and gave out many items at our monthly Mid-Week program. During December and January, we will be collecting: hats, gloves/mittens and scarves for men, women and children. These donations will be given out at both January and February Mid-Week nights.

Church Weather Related Closings - If you would like to be notified by phone of Sunday morning weather cancellations, you are invited to sign up for this service. Calls should arrive between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Sign up forms are available in the BLC Lobby area and Narthex. You can still check the church’s website at www.chambcob.org or call and check for a message on the church’s answering machine. If you need to update contact information, please use this form to do so. If you have previously signed up, you do not need to resubmit. If you wish to be taken off the call list, please notify the office.

Needed: Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Place items in the barrels located in the narthex or BLC Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated. **Empty egg cartons are no longer needed. Please do not bring them to the church any longer.**

Church Closing Schedule – December – Judy Witter;
January – Terry Gibbons

U.B. Giving	\$7,961.00
U.B. Needed Weekly	\$7,529.91
U.B. Giving to Date	\$358,714.97
U.B. Needed to Date	\$365,725.69

Senior Pastor: Joel Nogle

Minister of Music and Congregational Life: Elizabeth Thorpe

Director of Christian Ed and Youth: Jamie Rhodes

Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert

*Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM * PERK – 10:45 AM*

Sunday School – 9:35 AM

Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Friday – Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

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