

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Beth Hayes, Greeting Elder

Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Kathleen Crecco, Director of Music & Pianist

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One: We live not in a land of nomads,

Many: Yet we know about the wandering of the human spirit.

One: Come, all you faithful, and worship our faithful God.

Many: Whose presence brings permanence in transitory times.

All: We come and await together the holy birth.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Fiese Family; Marshall, Kate, Claire & Hunter

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

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

When you come into our lives, O God our Creator, you change our future. When you walk with us, what at first seemed inconceivable and impossible by ourselves takes on a trace of hope and then a sense of certainty. Help us to listen for your plans for us and to recognize the hope. Through Christ the new born King. 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 READING

Romans 16:25-27 Pg. 165 NT

No Church School Today

ANTHEM

SERMON

“The Mystery Now Disclosed”

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

* **SACRED MUSIC**

#110

“Love Has Come” NPH

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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** (Inside Cover of Hymnal to Tune of “O Come, O Come”)

* **SACRED MUSIC**

#122

“Silent Night” NPH

* **CHARGE & BLESSING**

CHORAL BLESSING & POSTLUDE

(Seated)

*** Congregation standing; as each person desires.**

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

Virtual fellowship via Zoom will take place at 11:30 a.m.

Following the worship service everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Judy Gibson, Bob Fraser, PFC Hunter Montgomery serving in Iraq, Bill Webb, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Bill and Karen Parker, Mark Erickson, Rich Denison, Anne Goetze, Scott McLain (father of Vicki), Carole Schumann (mother of Heidi Ames), Peggy Caswell (sister of Arvilla Aldous), Nancy and Mark Brown, Basford/Rodee Family, Josh Holbrook, Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, Jody Upton and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; and those serving our nation and their families who support them.

Director of Music/Pianist: Kathleen Crecco
Church School Director: Andrea Montgomery
Office Coordinator: Lynne HunterBeach

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

- Today 12/24/23 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
- Zoom Fellowship Call (11:15 a.m.)
- Monday 12/25/23 - No Evening Book Group
- Thursday 12/28/23 - Deacon's Meeting (5:45 p.m.)
- Choir Practice (6:30 p.m.)
- Sunday 12/31/23 - Rev. Mike Off, Christian Remick to Preach
- Deacon & Food Offering
- In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)

Birthdays: Rance Davis, David Gordon (Tuesday); Jane Cable (Friday); Janet Favro, Kathryn (McAuliffe) O'Connell (Saturday)

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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The 4th Sunday of Advent - LOVE

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the fourth candle in our Advent wreath,
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Before we do that, let us remember
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(First three candles are lit)

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