

Special thanks to our Music Director Alexa Teebo and Organist/Pianist Luyang Liu for coordinating the special music for Christmas Eve.

Guest Musicians

Xiaoru Wen, Pianist
Chris Mallari, Audio Engineer
Elizabeth Smith, Singer
Adam Shaber, Singer/Guitarist
Shuyi, Cellist
Judith Morse, Viola
Conan Chang, Violin

Merry Christmas!

A special welcome to all of our visitors. You are all a blessed Christmas gift to us this evening. Please let us know if we might ever be of service. Feel free to call Pastor Ken at 732-501-6373 if you ever need assistance, have suggestions or just need a prayer.

Office Hours, Week of December 23

The office will be closed Monday, December 23th through Friday, December 29th.
Lindsay will return on Monday, December 30th, from 10:00 - 1:00 PM.

Updated Worship Schedule

12/29 Richard Ansah, 1/5 Linwood Bagby, 1/12 Ken Macari

Recent Prayer Requests

Families as they grieve: family of Jean B. Trumpp, the family of Dorothy (Dorie) Ledesma, Theodosia Ashie and her family; the family of Betty Zwicky, the family of Doug Clausen, Janet Scho and her family, The Miller family; the families of Ross Charnock, Emily Sena, Judy Walsh, Rob and Roseanne Lindemann. We pray for Eyad and Kristina Khalifeh and Raine Grace Khalifeh, Jillian Knetchtel's mother, Susanne Stamm, Cena Pollit, Marcie Pollit, The DeFazio Family Mary Jankowski, Bill Murphy, (Linda's uncle), the Herrlich family, Ellie Kramps, Betty Gustafson, Liz Henderson, Betty Sharret, Jeannie, friend of MaryAnn Miller; Jim Tway, Rev. Charlie and Mary Sutton, the people in countries at war. If there are matters of concern or thanksgiving you would like included in our prayers or if you would like a name removed from the list, please fill out the prayer request portion of the connection card and put them into the offering or contact Lindsay at Fanwoodpres@gmail.com.



Christmas Eve Communion Service

8:15 PM

December 24, 2024

Gathering Around God's Word

Special Music Tchaikovsky Nutcracker Suite & Beethoven Sonata for Violin and Piano, No. 5

Prelude "Emperor" Concerto 3rd Movement, by Beethoven

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: On this night we hear God's Word, "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy."

All: To us is born this night in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, our Lord.

One: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger, a feeding trough.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace! Let us go now to Bethlehem and the Bread of Life!

(Lighting of the Christ Candle)

Opening Hymn 36 "In the Bleak Midwinter" (*verses 1, 3, 4*)

Hearing God's Word

Call to Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

All: God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, loving God. Take away the burden of our sin and teach us the song of salvation: good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear our hopes and prayers as we enter into the silence of this Christmas night...

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

*Passing of the Joy and Peace of Christmas

Greeting: The Peace/Joy of Christ be with you. (or Peace/Joy be with you.)

Response: And also with you.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson Luke 2: 1-16

Second Lesson Hebrews 1: 1-8

Message "The A-B-C 's of Christmas" Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Special Music during Offering; "Gesu Bambino"

*Doxology 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) (Traditional, p. 16)

All: 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 from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread/ Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer of Consecration of the Elements

Leader: the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord or God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Communion Elements *(Please hold on to the elements until everyone is served and then partake when Pastor Ken says:)*

Leader: The body of Christ given for you. (The blood of Christ shed for you.)

All: Thanks be to God. (Or Amen.)

Communion Music "Cello Caprices No.1" by Joseph Dall'Abaco

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn 60 "Silent Night"

(As the candles of worshipers are lit from the Christ Candle and the flame is passed, please dip the unlit candle. Be careful to keep the flame away from anything combustible, like hair, bulletins, hymn books, scarves, etc. You may put your candle into the basket as you walk out.)

Charge and Blessing

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari

Postlude Edelweiss

Please remain seated for the special postlude music.