

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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 us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sent Out by God's Word

***Closing Hymn** 9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Welcome to the Worship of God!

Welcome! We hope the service touched your heart and spoke to your mind. Let us know how 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.
Your ushers today are Barry Gustafson and Todd Moyle.

Updated Worship Schedule

12/24 (5:00) Linda Macari, 12/24 (8:15) Ken Macari, 12/29 Richard Ansah

Office Hours, Week of December 23

The office will be closed Monday, December 23th through Friday, December 29th.

Recent Prayer Requests

Jean B. Trumpp, our oldest member at 101, entered her Eternal Rest on November 25, 2024. Services are private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Yale School of Nursing. Please keep her family in your prayers. We pray for Dorothy (Dorie) Ledesma, Cena Pollitt, The DeFazio Family, LeeAnn Burke, Theodosia Ashie and her family, who lost Theodosia's mother; for the family of Betty Zwicky, the family of Doug Clausen, Janet Schott and her family, The Miller family who lost Russ' mom, Alice Miller; and the following as they grieve: 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, Mary Jankowski, Bill Murphy, Linda's uncle, the Herrlich family, Ellie Kramps, Betty Gustafson, Liz Henderson, Betty Sharrett, 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.



A Service for the Worship of God

10:30 a.m. *The Fourth Sunday of Advent* December 22, 2024

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Greetings and Welcome

Leader: The love of God be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(A special welcome to our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil.)

Theme Introduction and Scripture

One: God is Love! We are taught this as children. Now, as we prepare to welcome that love coming among us as a child, let us share this love with each other and especially with our children. Let us read together 1 John 4: 7-10.

All: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent this Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

(Advent candle lighting)

Advent Prayer of Praise and Confession

All: God of love, we turn to you with grateful hearts. We are grateful for the love with which you have surrounded us. We are grateful for the unfailing gift of your grace as revealed in your Son, Jesus. Yet we at times fail to live in love. We forget that your sacrificial love through Jesus is what we are born to receive. Open our hearts to receive again such love. Open our minds to envision how to live in such love. Open our souls to know the truth of such love – today and tomorrow and for all eternity.

One: Hear now our silent confessions...

Liturgist will conclude the silent prayer with: When we humbly turn to our God, we are forgiven and the love of God's blessings shine upon us. Thanks be to God. Amen.
Please rise for our opening song.

***Opening Hymn 11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"**

Kyrie

In unison
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***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 Peace**

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you. (or Peace be with you. or Peace.)
Response: And also with you.

Announcements

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message (*The children, preschool through fifth grade, may leave for church school after the message.*)

Prayer of Illumination God of love, as we share these stories and lessons, help us to see new ways to experience your love and to share it with others. Amen.

Message "Magnificat"

Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil

including a reading of Luke 1: 39-45

Choral Reading of Luke 1: 46-55

One: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

All: For he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

One: Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed;

All: For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;

One: Indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

All: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

One: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;

All: He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

One: He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

All: According to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

One: As the spiritual descendants of Abraham and Sarah and Elizabeth and Mary, we magnify your name, O Lord, and rejoice in your salvation through Jesus. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

Offering Song 27 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Offering