

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.

Office Hours, Week of December 30

Monday 10:00 - 1:00, Friday 9:00 - 2:00

Updated Worship Schedule

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.



A Service for the Worship of God

10:30 a.m. *The First Sunday of Christmas* December 29, 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, Elder Richard Ansah.)

*Call to and Prayer of Confession

All: God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Hear now our silent confessions...

*Opening Hymn 22 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (*verses 1, 2, 4*)

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon 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

Elder Richard Ansah

(The children, preschool through fifth grade, may leave for church school after the message.)

Scripture Reading Colossians 3: 1-17

Message "The New Man In Christ"

Elder Richard Ansah

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's Creed

All: 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 and 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.

***Offering**

Offering Hymn "Mary Did You Know"

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.**

***Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray as Christ prayed:

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** 40 "Joy To The World"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**