



CHRIST CHURCH

OUR PASTORS

Don Archer
Cheryl Arnold

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Steve Brown, Piano & Organ
Norma Dennis, Piano

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Beth Payton, Voice & Handbell
Norma Dennis, Junior Choir

HEAD USHERS

8:00 Karl Kronberg
10:30 Gerald Swartz

LAY READERS

8:00 Derek Duckworth
10:30 Suzanne Walker

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday9 to 3
Friday.....8 to Noon

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Advent Three · December 16, 2018

WE GATHER

Greeting and Announcements – Attendance & Prayer Requests
(pass request cards, available in the pew, to the center for ushers to collect)

Moments of Meditation

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. – Isaiah 12:5

Prelude *Ding! Dong! Merrily on High/O Sanctissima* - Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

L: Today we light the candles of hope, peace, and joy.

P: May God, grant us the courage to experience joy.

L: Joy in the face of apathy,

P: Joy in the face of sorrow,

L: Joy in the face of uncertainty.

P: Joy to the World! Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234

*Opening Prayer

Eternal God, in your wisdom you made preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make our hearts ready for the joy that is Christ the Lord. Amen.

*Prayer Response *Glory Be to the Father* #71

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.

Epistle Reading *Philippians 4:4-7* NT #187

+Anthem *I Shall Know Him When He Comes* - Wagner

Children's Time *(children are invited to come forward)*

*Hymn of Preparation *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #224

*Gospel Reading *Luke 3:7-18* NT #560

Sermon – Pastor Don Archer



WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer and **The Lord's Prayer**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory *Wexford Carol* - Mark Hayes

*The Doxology - #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Light, you gave yourself to this world by the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. We celebrate your gifts of hope, peace, and joy. We present these gifts as your humble and willing servants in the name of the One who comes to us anew, Jesus the Living Christ. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

*Hymn of Faith *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* #160

*Benediction

*Response **Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. #666
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude *And Again I Say, Rejoice!* - Brenda Portman

**please stand if able*

+ 10:30 a.m. service only

Today's altar flowers are provided by Jeff and Suzanne Walker in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary on December 17th; and, by Jill Harry in celebration of Jim & Bette Starner's 70th wedding anniversary which is today!

The yellow rosebud on our altar is in loving memory of Tyler Dale Angelo, from his grandparents, Bill & Pam Beebe, his mother, Stephanie Angelo, and family.

ATTENDANCE 12/9

Sunday School 44

Worship 183

SCRIPTURE 12/23

1st Reading - Hebrews 10:
5-10

2nd Reading - Luke 1:39-45

CHILDREN'S CHURCH⁺

Jan Rary

CHILD CARE

Nursery - Room 102

Preschool - Room 103

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - 12/16

8 a.m. Worship

9 a.m. Donut Time

9 a.m. Junior Choir

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

2 p.m. Caroling Party

MONDAY - 12/17

7 p.m. Rary Bible Study

TUESDAY - 12/18

9-12 Sewing Circle

12:30-2 Minister of Health

WEDNESDAY - 12/19

12 p.m. Holy Communion

3:30 p.m. After School

6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

THURSDAY - 12/20

12 p.m. Advent Study

12 p.m. Rebecca-Ruth Circle

@ Virginia Weinstock's

6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tabby's Clothesline – Project ends today!

Caroling Party today! Meet here at 2 p.m. to carpool, bring a finger food to share. Afterwards the festivities continue in the Fellowship Hall!

Special Offerings this holiday season:

- **Advent Offering** for UMCOR's work in the aftermath of the California fires.
- **Staff Christmas Offering** in appreciation for the work of our ministers and paid staff.
- **Christmas Offering:** year-end giving for the continued ministry of Christ Church

Hat & Mitten Tree in the Education Wing. Add new hats & mittens, distributed at local schools.

2019 Offering Envelopes pick up in the Narthex.

2019 Altar Flowers – sign up in the Narthex.

Rary Home Bible Study meets Mondays, 7 p.m. at Don & Jan Rary's, 740-376-0540.

Ukulele Choir is now on break. Beginner's class starts Jan. 22nd. Rehearsals begin March 5th.

Rebecca-Ruth Circle meets this Thursday, 12 p.m. at Virginia Weinstock's, 121 Lee Ave.

Favorites from the Foothills UMW Cookbook - \$10, funding the international work of the United Methodist Women. Church cooks are the best cooks! See Beth Morgan to get your copy.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Monday, Dec. 24th, 7 p.m.

Community Christmas Feast Volunteers – turkey carvers: Dec. 23rd, drivers: the morning of Dec. 24th. For info call Bob Chase (740) 350-5176.

Birthday Dessert Reception in honor of Les Anderson's 85th birthday, Dec. 30th, 1:30-2:30, Spagna's, 301 Gilman. No gifts, cards welcome.

Trustee Donations – support their work in the care of our facility by marking your gift "Trustee".

Yarn for Inmates & Premies – collection box in the Ed. Wing for Noble Correction Inmate's project: hats & blankets for preemies.

Fishes & Loaves – December Food Pantry needs: canned vegetables, instant potatoes, jelly, saltines, canned soups. Place in marked basket in Narthex.

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