

IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY (DEC. 17)

Accompanist: Tyler Vaughn

Liturgist & Advent Wreath: Karyn Vaughn

Junior Church will not meet – enjoy the Christmas Program

HAPPENING WEEKLY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH

Every Wednesday: 10-11am Prayer Fellowship

6:30-7:30pm New Testament Bible Study

Each Day: Use the Prayer Guidebook (available in the lobby) to pray daily for your family, church, community, and the world.

THIS WEEK IN YOUR CHURCH

Today: Angels United Giving Tree donations are due back today

10:30am Christmas Program practice

11:30am Confirmation Class

Thursday: 7pm Christmas Choir practice

Next Sunday: 6:30pm Youth dinner. Please sign-up in the lobby to attend.

ANGELS UNITED GIVING TREE

Donations are needed to purchase the perishables for the Christmas Baskets. Please drop your donations in the basket in the lobby. Donations of ham (or turkeys) are also needed. Sign up in the lobby. The meat donations need to be at the church by 2:30pm on Wednesday, December 20th. Questions can be directed to Chetti Smith (734-652-0149).

GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2024 Giving Envelopes are on the Usher's counter. Please take yours today. If you are not currently using Giving Envelopes and would like a set, let the church office know.

As a reminder that the final day for 2023 Giving will be Sunday, December 31st.

PHONE DIRECTORY

An updated Phone Directory is available in the lobby. Please take one.

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Wednesday Night Bible Study continues through December 27th and then will resume January 3rd at 6:30pm

New in 2024: Monday Morning Bible Study will start the Historical Books of the Bible on Monday, January 22nd from **10:30 to 11:30am**. Note the new meeting time for this group. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for those interested in attending.



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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Rev. Eun Sik Poy, pastor

Accompanist: Marsha Metz

Liturgist: Trevor Kessell

Advent Wreath: Kessell family

Junior Church with Karyn Vaughn

***All of the sermon manuscripts are available on the church website.**

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Order of Worship

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3) In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come" (Mark 13:35).

Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of our just peace and shocking hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

*Opening Song *Angels from the Realms of Glory* 220

*Greet One Another

Children ages 4 to 4th grade are invited to attend Junior Church at this time.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Please fill out a green prayer card for those you are lifting in prayer today so that we may send a card of encouragement to them.

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song of Preparation *Angels We Have Heard on High* 238

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1: 18-25

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message *"Hope For the Future"*

Rev. Eun Sik Poy

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Doxology

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 Thanksgiving and Dedication

Almighty God, we come before You in gratitude for the incredible gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Your greatest gift to us and an abiding hope in our lives. He came to bring us divine peace and hope. Loving God, help us to trust Him and lead us into the promise of a future filled with Your hope. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Apostles Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Breaking of the Bread

Please follow the directions of the Ushers as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.

*Sending Song *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 234

Benediction

*Please stand as able.