



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us. We rejoice that you are here today!

Music for Prayer and Meditation

Let us silence our hearts, our minds, and our voices to worship our God

Choral Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1)

People: **Welcome, pastor! Welcome, people! Welcome home! Let us worship joyfully in God's house. Amen.**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

Wondrous God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. Through Christ we pray.

*Opening Hymn #154

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Choral Response

Keith Bohley Family

First Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-24

Children's Moment

Anthem

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn #482

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, **Lord's Prayer** *(words printed in hymnal #740)*

Prayer Response #490: **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.**

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology #34

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

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

*Hymn of Preparation #178 (sung twice)

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Message

"Come Home"

Pastor Patty

Holy Communion

All are invited to receive God's grace, freely given

*Closing Hymn #695

"As We Gather at Your Table"

*Benediction and Congregational Response

**May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

*Postlude

**please stand as you are able*

Chatham Community Church

Pastor Patty will be at Grandview UMC on Monday and in Chatham Wednesday evening, Thursday afternoon/evening, and Saturday.

Please continue to pray for...

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's disease **Laura Tice**, health concerns
Jeff Natterer, health concern **Neva Bournival**, now at Elmcroft
Clarice, Rosalie's sister – health concerns
Rev. Doug Lewis, treatment for lung cancer (If you wish to send him a card,
his address is 5 Fairwood Ave. Norwalk OH 44857
Ethan Siman, Adam Klein, Jared Bohley, Haley Theus in the service

Record of our Faithfulness

*Attendance last week: **41** Offering: **\$907.00** Matthew 25: **25.00**
Norma Siman Memorial: **\$730.00***

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Sunday, December 3 – Decorate the sanctuary and light meal
- ✓ Thursday, December 7 – 1:30 and 6:30 Bible Study (Daniel 6:10-28)
- ✓ Saturday, December 9 – 8:00 a.m. Set up for Living Nativity
- ✓ Saturday, December 9 – 5-7 p.m. Living Nativity at north church

SANCTUARY DECORATING – This morning we will stay after worship to decorate the sanctuary and put the tree up. We will have a soup and sandwich lunch afterwards.

LIVING NATIVITY – Our annual Living Nativity is next Saturday. We need many hands to set up in the morning and many hands to be of service in the evening. Please plan on helping in this outreach ministry.

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen & Dave Geisinger **Lay Leader:** Laura Auble
Lay Servants: Jacci Orosz, Laura Staten **Liturgist:** Laura Auble
Ushers and Greeters: Gary & Kathy Schroeder
Next Week: Al & Doris Clapp



Chatham Community Church

"JOINED IN THE SPIRIT"



Pastor: Patty Humphress
6423 Avon Lake Rd. Medina OH 44256
Church Office: 330-667-2351
Cell phone: 330-461-4474
Email: patty.humphress@gmail.com
Website: www.chathamcommunitychurch.org

