



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 10, 2017
Second 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

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Choral Response

Education Committee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

UM Book of Worship

Leader: Let us join together to prepare for the coming of the King.

People: **How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?**

Leader: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are living, ever green.

People: **How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?**

Leader: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving works of God.

ALL: Glory to God in the highest

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

Gracious and loving God, the one who brought light into the darkness, we come today to worship and praise you. Now is the time of preparation for the coming of the Son of God. We ask that you instill in us the insight to prepare for this season as a child. Open our ears to hear the story told of the Christ Child's birth in a fresh new way. Drawing us closer to the stable. Allow our eyes to see the humble beginnings of our Lord's life on earth, enabling us to see the light He brought into the world for all. May we smell the boughs of evergreens and remember Your never-ending love for us. A love that can fill our hearts to overflow so that we eagerly share it with all we meet. For God's love is not meant to hide, it is ours to spread into the world with great joy. We want to celebrate this season as a child of God, filled with wonder and awe of Your gifts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Opening Hymn #161

"People Look East"

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Adult Moment

Anthem

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn #481 (refrain)

"Every Time I feel the Spirit"

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

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 #153

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Message

"Getting Ready"

Children of the Church

*Closing Hymn #152

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

*Benediction and Congregational Response #716

"God Be With You"

**God be with you 'til we meet again, by His counsels guide uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you 'til we meet again.**

*Postlude

**please stand as you are able*

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*Pastor Patty will be in Chatham Wednesday morning/afternoon
and Thursday afternoon/evening*

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
Larry Staples, multiple 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: **52** Offering: **\$2,776.00** Matthew 25: **35.00**
Jim Schneider Memorial for camperships: **\$100.00***

UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ Thursday, December 14 – 1:30 and 6:30 Bible Study (Micah 6:6-11)

SOCKS AND MITTENS – As is our custom, we will be collecting new socks, mittens, and underwear to share with those who are in need. You can bring them in and hang them on the Christmas tree and they will be taken to the Medina Community Services Center.

THANK YOU – to the Education Team and Jacci for writing and preparing this morning's liturgy and message. We are blessed by their ministry!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – December 24 is the fourth Sunday of Advent, and it is also Christmas Eve. We will worship at 10:00 a.m. for the fourth Sunday message, and then also worship at 8:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service. Please plan on joining us for both services! The offering for the evening service will support the VIM mission trip to Mexico. Fifteen people will be leaving on Christmas day, including four from Chatham Church!

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen & Dave Geisinger
Lay Servants: Jacci Orosz, Laura Staten
Ushers and Greeters: Al & Doris

Lay Leader: Laura Auble
Liturgist: Laura Auble
Next Week: Margel & Rosalie



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