



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 17, 2017
Third 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: Welcome, people of God!

People: **We welcome the living God to fill our hearts with joy!**

All: **Welcome home! Joy makes its home in us. Amen.**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

Speak to us once more your word of truth, your word of hope, your word of love, that our lives may be filled with your joy, this day, and forever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #210

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Choral Response

Miracle Family

First Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:22-26

Children's Moment

Anthem

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn 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 #533

"Joy in the Morning"

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Message

"Joy Abides"

Pastor Patty

*Closing Hymn #426

"Blessed Assurance"

*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.

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*Postlude

**please stand as you are able*

Record of our Faithfulness

Attendance last week: 71 Offering: \$1,230.00 Matthew 25: 15.00

Garden Club Gift: \$200.00

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Pastor Patty will be in Chatham Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

Please continue to pray for...

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's disease

Jeff Natterer, health concern

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

Laura Tice, health concerns

Neva Bournival, now at Elmcroft

UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ Sunday, December 24 – 10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship

✓ Sunday, December 24 – 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

SOCKS AND MITTENS – We will be collecting new socks, mittens, and underwear to share with those who are in need. Please bring them in and hang them on the Christmas tree. They will be taken to the Community Services Center.

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.

MISSION TRIP - Fifteen people will be leaving on Christmas day, including four from Chatham Church (Laura Auble, Jacci Orosz, and Howard and Patty Humphress, to build tiny houses in Mexico. Please keep us in your prayers. While we are gone, Keith Bohley will be the pastor on call for emergencies. Thanks Keith

CHILI COOK-OFF – Chatham's bicentennial committee is sponsoring a chili cook-off on Saturday, January 27. If you make a great chili – represent the church and try your hand at winning the prize! Please talk to Pastor Patty for details.

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen & Dave Geisinger

Lay Servants: Jacci Orosz, Laura Staten

Ushers and Greeters: Margel & Rosalie

Lay Leader: Laura Auble

Liturgist: Laura Auble

Next Week: Keith & Linda



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