



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Congregational Choral Opening to Worship (a cappella)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed trinity.

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

"The Advent of Our God"

Dedication of new candle lighters given in memory of the Welsh Family

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Theus Family

Choral Response

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Because of You, Righteous God, we begin our journey to Bethlehem,

People: **trusting that You will lead us down the paths of faithfulness.**

Leader: For You, Child Jesus, we wait,

People: **on this day of anticipation and hope, in the days of doubt and worry.**

Leader: With You, Spirit of Advent, we serve,

People: **those for whom this season is not one of joy;
those whose lives are empty of family and friends.**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

**In the advent season, when the past has fled, and there is
nothing left to do but wait, shelter us O God. Be our surrounding
darkness; be fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time.**

**Help us to greet the dawn and labor on in faith awaiting your
purpose for us, which is waiting to be born in due time. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #154

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn Prayer Hymn #492

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, full of fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall of fresh on me

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer

(words printed in hymnal #740)

Prayer Response #474 a cappella

"I Surrender All" (refrain)

I surrender all, I surrender all,

All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Message

"Always Thankful"

Pastor Patty

Holy Communion

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

*Closing Hymn #191

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

***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*

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

Please continue to pray for...

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's disease **Phyllis Grim**, health concerns
Laura Tice, health concerns **Jeff Natterer**, health concerns
Judy Greenlagh, friend of Tom & Sandee – treatment for cancer
Bud Sudar, health failing – prayers for heart condition
Ethan Siman, Adam Klein in the service

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Sunday, December 2 – TODAY – stay to decorate the church
- ✓ Wednesday, December 5 – 4:30 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting
- ✓ Thursday, December 6 – 1:00 and 6:30 Bible Study (UMC & UCC 101)

Record of our Faithfulness

Attendance last week: 52

Offering: \$1,697.00

CHURCH ADVENT WREATH SIGN-UP – As custom we will have families of all kinds light the Advent wreath as part of worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to participate. Readings will be provided in advance.

CHRISTMAS BOX NEEDS – If you can contribute to the Women's Christmas boxes, we still need scalloped potatoes, canned frosting, graham crackers, tea bags, hot chocolate mix, coffee, canned peaches, and applesauce. 10-12 of each is needed. Please leave your donations in the kitchen. Thanks!

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen Geisinger
Lay Servant: Jacci Orosz
Ushers and Greeters: Zeke and Judy

Lay Leader: Greg Theus
Liturgist: Jacci Orosz
Next Week: Holly & Joe

Hope



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