



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 9, 2018
Second 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"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Massie Family

Choral Response

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice! Lift your voices! The season is upon us! God is here!

People: **We know the time of anticipation is now. We wait expectantly!**

Leader: Knowing our season of Advent, is here, we pray fervently for patience.

People: **Knowing our waiting is not in vain, we praise God's Holy Name!**

ALL: **Worship! Let us worship! Our God, in the form of a babe, is near! Let us look forward to his arrival with joy!**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

**God of our ancestors, God of us now, make yourself known to us.
Breathe your sustaining power of the Holy Spirit into us, so that in this
worship we may recognize your unfailing faithfulness to us. May this
worship be for us an experience that allows us to carry your blessings
forth this week. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #161

"People, Look East"

First Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Anthem

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn Prayer Hymn #492

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer

(words printed in hymnal #740)

Prayer Response #474

"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 #163 (vv. 1 & 3)

"All Earth Is Hopeful"

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-70, 76-77

Message

"A Mighty Savior"

Pastor Patty

*Closing Hymn #180

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*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 Wednesday afternoon 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

- ✓ Thursday, December 13 – 1:00 and 6:30 Bible Study (UMC & UCC 101)
- ✓ Thursday, December 13 – 3:30 p.m. Care & Share at north church

Record of our Faithfulness

*Attendance last week: **49***

*Matthew 25: **\$25.00***

*Offering: **\$2,177.00***

*Care & Share: **\$40.00***

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!

SOCKS AND MITTENS – Each year we collect new socks, mittens, hats, and scarves for the community services center. You can leave yours under the tree.

MANY THANKS – to all who helped last week with our projects and decorating!

CHRISTMAS EVE – Our Christmas Eve worship service will be at 8:00 on the 24th. Please plan on attending, and invite a friend! We will celebrate with candles and communion.

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen Geisinger
Lay Servant: Jacci Orosz
Ushers and Greeters: Holly & Joe

Lay Leader: Greg Theus
Liturgist: Jacci Orosz
Next Week: Greg & Yvonne



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