



# Chatham Community Church

*Joined in the Spirit*  
December 23, 2018  
Fourth 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

Siman Family

## Choral Response

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the scriptures we hear so many times that nothing is impossible with God.

People: **Yet we sometimes look at the busyness, the shambles of our own lives and cry out, 'Where are you, God?'**

Leader: It can be difficult to sit quietly and praise God, as Mary does when she says, "Let it be with me according to your word."

People: **Give us the courage and the wisdom in this worship service, O God, to say to you, 'Let it be with me according to your word.' Amen.**

## \*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

**Holy God, as our preparations in this advent season come to an end, we thank you for the time you've given us. We pray that we may be refreshed and renewed today to await the birth of the Christ Child. Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn #163

*"All Earth Is Hopeful"*

## First Scripture Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

## Anthem

*"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"*

## 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 #210

*"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

## Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

## Message

*"An Exciting Surprise!"*

Pastor Patty

\*Closing Hymn #179

*"Joy to the World"*

## \*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 on Monday 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  
**Audrey Arters**, recovering  
**Don Kunsman**, Sandee LeMaster's brother – serious health concerns  
**Ethan Siman, Adam Klein** in the service

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Monday, December 24 – 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (all are welcome)
- ✓ Monday, December 24 – 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

## Record of our Faithfulness

Attendance last week: **80**

Food Baskets: **\$270.00**

Offering: **\$2,042.00**

Care & Share: **\$106.00**

**MANY THANKS** – to the Education Committee and to all the kids and youth who participated and led worship last Sunday. It was an awesome experience!

**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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the food baskets, Angel Tree ministry, and

**CHRISTMAS EVE** – Our Christmas Eve worship service will be at 8:00 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on attending, and invite a friend! We will celebrate with candles and communion. Choir practice at 7:00 – please join to make a joyful noise!

## *In Service to God and the Church*

**Accompaniment:** Karen Geisinger  
**Lay Servant:** Jacci Orosz  
**Ushers and Greeters:** Keith & Linda  
**Next week:** Barb Natterer

**Lay Leader:** Greg Theus  
**Liturgist:** Jacci Orosz  
**Christmas Eve:** Dan & Diane



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