



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 30, 2018

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

"His Name is Wonderful"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Touch Holiness R. Duck

Leader: Some people say that Christmas is for children

People: **Christmas is also for people of age and experience.**

Leader: Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, and Zechariah, the priest, accepted new birth breaking into all their familiar patterns.

People: **Simeon the singer and Anna the prophet hoped for many years to see the Messiah and then *recognized* the Messiah in a poor couple's baby.**

Leader: How then shall we respond to Christ's promised coming?

People: **With willingness for change, with patience in long waiting, with silence and singing, with the ability to see Christ in the least likely of our brothers and sisters.**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

Generous God, Christ Your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May Jesus the Messiah free our hearts and bring us into your presence. May we open our minds to hear your word for us, so that we may grow closer to you and each other during this hour of worship. Amen.

***Christmas Hymn Sing** *We will sing the first verse of selected Christmas hymns*

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 130

Anthem

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn Prayer Hymn #492

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (repeat)

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 #208

"Oh, How Joyfully"

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-35

Message

"The Waiting Game"

Pastor Patty

*Closing Hymn #223

"Star Child"

*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*

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

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

- ✓ Friday, January 4 – 6:00 p.m. Trinity Bible Study at the Bohley's
- ✓ Sunday, January 6 – 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

MANY THANKS – Thank you Chatham Church Family for the many blessings, cards and gifts of love you shared with us this Christmas season. I am grateful to be in ministry with you and look forward to the coming year when we will grow closer together and closer to God!

ANNUAL MEETING – Our Annual Meeting will be January 27 right after worship – at 11:00. Jayne is asking that ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS be submitted to her by January 12 so she can prepare the packets for the meeting. Please submit your reports to Jayne as soon as possible.

Record of our Faithfulness

*Attendance last week: **56***

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

*Christmas Eve: **\$550.00***

*Offering: **\$2,441.00***

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

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen Geisinger
Lay Servant: Jacci Orosz
Ushers and Greeters: Barb Natterer

Lay Leader: Greg Theus
Liturgist: Greg Theus
Next week:



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