



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 8, 2019
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 worshiping 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

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Laura Auble and Cheryl Westfall

Choral Response

“One Candle Is Lit”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us join together to prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

People: **How shall we prepare for the coming of the eternal Christ?**

Leader: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are living, ever green.

People: **How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?**

Leader: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving works of God, and hearing of obedience and love.

ALL: Glory to God in the highest!

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

God of mystery, God of revelation, God of joyful sound, we worship you with the most profound devotion, and with the simplest wonder as we ponder the coming remembrance of the birth of your Son. We sing joyfully in the Spirit so that our joy may be received as true worship in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #135

“Loving Spirit”

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Anthem

One Small Child

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Matthew 1:18-25

Message

“Wonderful Life? Says Who?”

Pastor Patty

*Closing Hymn #203

“Away in a Manger”

*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

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*Pastor Patty will be in Chatham Wednesday afternoon
and Thursday morning and afternoon.*

Please pray for:

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's
Jeff Natterer, health concerns
Charmaine Hrusch – friend of Tom & Sandee – serious health issues
Mancel Samples, treatment for lung cancer
Macee, Tom & Sandee's 3-year-old friend – recovery from surgeries
Jenna Wilson, Howard & Patty's friend – health concerns
Nancy Steingass, Patty's cousin, treatment for throat cancer
Norm & Mary Selzer, health concerns
Ethan Siman, Adam Klein in the service

Record of our Faithfulness

Attendance last week: 42 Offering: \$2,787.00 Matthew 25: \$25.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Wednesday, December 11 – 3:30 Bible Study (Samaritan Woman & Lydia)
- ✓ Thursday, December 23 – 1:00 Bible Study (Samaritan Woman)
- ✓ Thursday, December 12 – 3:30 p.m. Care & Share at Bohley's house
- ✓ Friday, December 13 0 Bible Study at Bohley's house
- ✓ Sunday, December 15 – 8:30 a.m. Avodah Breakfast
- ✓ Sunday, December 15 – 1:30 – 4:00 Open House at the Humphress'

OPEN HOUSE – You are invited to come and see Howard and Patty's home next Sunday afternoon. From Chatham take 83 north to Rt. 18. Go west on Rt. 18 through Wellington until you cross into Huron County. Turn right on Butler Rd. Take Butler until it ends on Rt. 60. Go right on 60 to flashing light at Darrow Rd. Make a left. Go past Thompson Rd., Cemetery Rd., and past 55 MPH sign. House is first driveway on right after MPH sign – two large rocks flank driveway.

SO THIS IS CHRISTMAS! – We will hold a candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. All are always welcome, and friends find this service to be a tradition, so invite your friends to celebrate with us!

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen Schaefer
Certified Lay Servant: Jacci Orosz
Ushers / Greeters: Gary & Kathy

Lay Leader: Greg Theus
Liturgist: Jacci Orosz
Next Week: Keith & Debbie



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