



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 15, 2019
Third 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

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Lighting of Advent Wreath Choral Response

Chatham's Children
"One Candle Is Lit"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together to worship our God in a place where peace is found.

People: **The peace that we long for on our journey of preparation.**

Leader: We come filled with the hope of the promise.

People: **The promise of the Light that is coming into this dark world.**

Leader: We come with joy in our hearts.

ALL: Joy for the season. Joy to share with those around us. Joy, Joy, Joy!

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

Gracious and loving God, as we journey through this season of Advent we ask for guidance. Guidance that helps keep our hearts open to You, so that we may find peace with those around us. We ask for guidance so we may feel the hope that comes from our faith in You. Open our hearts so that we may experience the joy from within. May our journey

towards Your light, shine for others to see. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #131

"Surely the Presence"

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:36-37

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 #218

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Message

*"Shine for Jesus" ***

Chatham's Children

*Closing Hymn [insert]

"This Christmas Light of Mine"

*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

**adapted from the book *12 Symbols of Christmas* by Felicia Moliohan

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Pastor Patty will be in Chatham Wednesday and Friday afternoon / evening

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

Bud Sudar, failing health
Laura Tice, health concerns

Record of our Faithfulness

Attendance last week: 48 Offering: \$892.00 Avodah: \$25.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Sunday, December 15 – 1:30 – 4:00 Open House at the Humphress'
- ✓ Wednesday, December 18 – 7:00 p.m. BOA meeting
- ✓ Tuesday, December 24 – 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

OPEN HOUSE – You are invited to come and see Howard and Patty's home this 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: Keith & Debbie

Lay Leader: Greg Theus
Liturgist: Jacci Orosz
Next Week: Judy Arters & Zeke Arters



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