



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
December 22, 2019
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

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Choral Response

The Cole Family
"One Candle Is Lit"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Over-flowing joy:

People: **tip-toeing into our lives like the children on the holiest of nights.**

Leader: Come, Good News of grace:

People: **prepare our hearts to welcome you, and all whose hopes have turned to ashes.**

Leader: Come, Dreamer of peace:

People: **so we may pour our lives and gifts into a world in need of reconciliation.**

Leader: Come, Lover of our Souls. Come.

*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 #189

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

First Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-25

Anthem

"Oh How Shall I Receive You"

Baptisms

Addyson LeClair, Amber LeClair, Judy Arters

Welcome New Members

Barb Gabel, Amber LeClair, Judy Arters

Hymn of Welcome #680

"Borning Cry"

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 #210

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-64, 67-75

Message

"Almost Stole Christmas"

Pastor Patty

*Closing Hymn #182

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Benediction and Congregational Response *(on back of bulletin)*

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 Monday afternoon and Tuesday 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 – extreme 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: **66**
Avodah: **\$5.00**

Offering: **\$1,322.00**
Care & Share: **\$6.00**

UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ **Tuesday, December 24 – 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship**

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!

CHRISTMAS CARDS – If you left Christmas cards for those who do not regularly attend or for those who have left town for the winter, please pick them up in the church office and mail them to those families.

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen Schaefer
Certified Lay Servant: Jacci Orosz
Ushers / Greeters: Judy and Zeke

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



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