

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

Join us for worship in person this Sunday or join us virtually/by phone on Zoom.

Details for connecting are at the top of Central Chatter.

### MUSIC BEGINNING AT 10:25 AM

As the music begins let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lew

### PRELUDE

### ADVENT - HOPE

Isaiah 64:1-9

Pastor Lew

Reading

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

(sing) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

"My Hope is Built" (v 1, 3, 4)

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Meditation and Words of Institution

Rev. Don Gaffney

Prayer

### GIFTS OF WORSHIP

Rev. Gaffney

Meditation

\*Doxology

(sing) **Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer

### PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE - Anointing

Pastor Lew

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37

Linda Peoples

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

### MESSAGE

Pastor Lew

### HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

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### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Gaffney

### \*POSTLUDE

**\*Those who are able please stand.**

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

### BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 71:5

*"For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,  
my confidence since my youth."*

### CENTRAL CHATTER

### IN PERSON SERVICES

The Elder's advise, mask wearing is **optional** and at the discretion of the attendee. Online and on the phone service will continue to be an integral part of our worship.

### VIRTUAL CONNECTION INFORMATION

**Online/smartphone**, [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), click "Join a meeting" at the top of the page, then use Meeting ID: 822 1642 9872 and Passcode: 690099. You can also download the "Zoom Cloud Meetings" app at your app store.

**Phone/landline**, call 1-312-626-6799. You will enter Meeting ID: 822 1642 9872#

Since you are a participant, just press the # key again. When the meeting starts you'll be connected. (If you are prompted for an additional number enter 690099#)

Please have a piece of bread and a cup of juice with you as we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday.

### PRAYER LIST –if there is anyone you'd like added to the new prayer list, please inform the secretary.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our country, our leaders, our military, first responders, teachers and students, the homeless, those affected by human trafficking, gun violence, the wars in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, the refugees and captives, the residents of Lewiston Maine, those who've contracted COVID, the unsaved, Abram family, Lauren Adams, AME Zion Church and their new pastor, Rev. James Moore, Allison Angott, "Annie", The family of Cheryl B., Connie Bain, Scott Baker, Beverley Barnes, Joyce Bradshaw, The Boltz Family, brothers Rylan and Jackson and their family, Karen Buck, Heidi C., Melody Cerbus, "Chelsea", Nancy D., Mike Daugherty, "Dominic", Janet Dunlap, Diane Gaffney, Ed & Jerie", Gina & Tonya, Doug Helgeson, Peg Jaillot, "Jessie, Katie, Everleigh & Christine", "Jonathan", The family of James Harrison, The Family of Aliya Harvey, Jeremy and his wife, Joan Hawk, Ed Hawk, Doug Helgeson, Elaine, Hill, The Family of Ruth Horsman, Jordy Joseph, "Karley & Kenzy", "Kim & Anthony", "Kim & Kirby", Esther Klakamp, Craig L., Esta Mae Laughner, The family of Harmony Leige, Mason Martin, The Martin Family, Jean Miller, Cyril Morgan, Bonnie Morris, "Naomi", "Tracy Nelson, Gail Nugent, Rick Paschak, "Peggy", Howard Plant, Port St. Lucie Christian Church, The family of Bill Puhak, Arlene R., Sue & Howard Rager, Gene Rakic, The Richmond Family, James Ricketts, "Rindi", Larry Rowlands, Vicki Semes, "Shadow", Dave Shaw, The family of Chris Sheaves, Lucille Sickafuse, "Terry", Harriett Thompson, Tom & Audray, Phyllis Tucker, unspoken requests, Verna Taylor, "Vivian", Audrey and Rob Whetsel, Emmagene Williams, Kelley Wooley

OUR SERVICE PERSONEL: Daniel Leard, Lyle Voisey, Sam Resinger

### ANGEL TREE

All 12 Angel Tags have been chosen, thank you for your generosity! Please bring your unwrapped gifts and tag to the church no later than **today** December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions please call the office. Please note, you do not need to purchase ALL of the “gift suggestions” on the tag, they’re just suggestions for possible gifts for that particular child.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Peace in Unlikely Places, is the theme for the returning Christmas Cantata at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sharon. Singers and musicians from around the Shenango Valley will celebrate the Lord’s birth through this music filled evening. Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Everyone is welcome.

### CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN MEETING

Everyone is invited to a meeting with Brock from DCEF on December 6th to discuss the upcoming Capital Campaign. The meeting is from 9AM to 3PM at the church. If you would like more information, but can’t stay for the entire meeting, please try to attend the morning portion. Lunch will be served, so please sign up if you plan to attend. The meeting will also be virtual and you can use the same log in information you use for Sunday mornings/Word Corner. Please call the office to sign up if you aren’t able to sign up in person. Questions, please call the office.

### THE WORD CORNER

If you haven’t joined us previously, this is your invitation, you won’t want to miss it! Connect online or on the phone. The Word Corner is a one hour in depth Bible study and fellowship where everyone is welcome; and time passes quickly!

### FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The next Free Community Breakfast will take place on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, ***this will be the only breakfast in December***. The breakfast is open to all, there is no qualifying, everyone is welcome to attend. Enjoy a delicious, hot, freshly prepared breakfast and lots of great fellowship. As winter approaches we’ll give away coats again, if you have a winter coat you’re no longer using, please consider donating it. You can bring them in during office hours or on Sunday. If you have any questions please contact George Takash or call the office.

### ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service – November 26 = 44

The Word Corner = no meeting due to holiday

YTD=2707

Offering = \$2420.00

Thanksgiving Special Offering =\$745.00

Free Community Breakfast –total for November = 81 (only one breakfast in November)

YTD=2109

