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Communion

December 2, 2018

10:00 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Words of Welcome, Announcements & Events in the Life of the Church

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Week 1 - Hope

THE PREPARATION

Call to Worship (Leader; **All**)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Our feet are standing with your gates, O Jerusalem. Peace be within your walls.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

***Song of Praise** insert

"Gather Us In"

Moment with the Children

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. With moments so critical we let time go by. With deliverance so near we linger in the darkness. With Christ as our armor, we yet fear the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth, that we may meet the moment you graciously give us. Dispel the shadows, so that your will may be clear. Clothed with light and new life in Christ, let us go forth as those awake to your will.

Moment for Silent Confession

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Song of Thanksgiving**

#579

"Glory Be to the Father"

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5 pg. 631 OT

Anthem

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 24: 36-44 pg. 27 NT

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Christ in Christmas” Ray Bellini, Elder

Song of Hope #9 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed pg.14 in Hymnal

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Doxology #592 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

Song to Send Out #2 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Benediction

*those who are able may stand

PASTOR
 Rev. Dr. Linda J. Erkert-Bullock

ELDERS

Ann Marie Austin (2018)
 Judy Moyer (2018)
 Charlie White (2018)

JR Beahm (2019)
 Marv Moyer (2019)
 Jef Betz (2019)

John Austin (2020)
 Linda Bellini (2020)
 Jody Leffler (2020)

DEACONS

Jeremy Donaldson (2018)
 Sylvia Donaldson (2018)
 Stacey McGlothlin (2018)

John Leidy (2019)
 Jess Beahm (2019)
 John Patrick Tynan (2019)

Marianne Beahm (2020)
 Laura Williams (2020)
 Heather Stanley (2020)

STAFF

Parish Associate - Rev. Donna McDonald
 Office Admin - Jody Leffler
 Music Director - Lisa Sforza
 Sunday School - Ann Marie Austin & Jess Beahm
Clerk of Session - Jody Leffler

Greeters

December 2 - Tom and Deb Horvath
 December 9 - Berta & Ken Konegen
 December 16 - Kroth Family
 December 23 - Judy & Marv Moyer
 December 24 - Ray & Linda Bellini
 December 30 - Strochak Family

Counters

December - S. Donaldson & A. Austin
 January - M. Beahm

Fellowship

December - Elders
 January - All church members

Communion Preparation

December - Jess Beahm
 January - Sylvia Donaldson

At a Glance Reminders

(2019)
Vesper Service is TONIGHT at 7 PM
Bible Study is every Tuesday at 10 AM in the church library.
Advent Bible Study will start on Nov. 27th - "Christmas Gifts That Won't Break"

See Sylvia Donaldson for Shop Rite Gift Cards and Shammy Shine Gift Cards

Star Tree Gifts due by December 8th

Please return your pledge cards

Saturday Night Service at 5 PM

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the bulletin, we will include all those that we have lifted up to God the previous week. We will also ask for additions to the list.

Prayers of Healing for:

Dave	Bob	Dale	Nancy's uncle
Mrs. Slate	Valerie	JR	Berta's friend
Pauline	Jeff	Bob	Linda's husband, Doug
Herb	Ken	Bonnie	Mary Ellen
Terry	Charles	Lauren	Jen
Warren	Linda H,	Dennis	Charlie's niece
Aunt Jody	Eli	Jeanne	Danny

Prayers of Comfort for:

The victims of floods, hurricanes, fires, volcanos, typhoons and tsunamis, especially those in California
Don Smith Family

Prayers of Concern for:

All the shootings and violence in our country
The California fires that are raging out of control

Prayers of Joy and thanks for:

Ed's great memories of his grandmother
Ed's "uneventful" roller skating experience
The kids sharing what they are thankful for
300 blizzard bags
Linda Bellini's great test results

Always in our Thoughts

Protection for our Veterans, Military and all First Responders
Our church family shut-ins & those less fortunate than us
Caregivers, teachers and all those who touch our lives
Those weighing heavy on our hearts

What's going on at PCOM

Vesper Service - 7PM TONIGHT

Please join Pastor Linda and friends tonight for this special service to center yourself for the Advent Season. It is a beautiful and moving evening featuring readings, special music and poems.

Saturday Evening Service

Pastor Linda has started a 5 PM Saturday night service to accommodate those who can't make it on Sunday morning. We want to continue seeing everyone on Sunday morning, but if you are unable to make it, by all means, join us on Saturday evening.

Bible Study

Rev. Donna McDaid will continue to host Bible Study on every Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the church library. November 27th will start the Advent Bible Study entitled "Christmas Gifts That Won't Break".

First Sunday of the Month – TODAY

On the first Sunday of each month, we have our monthly two cents a meal collection and collect non-perishable items.

Two Cents a Meal - For each meal we have, we put 2 Cents in a cup and then we donate those pennies on the first Sunday of each month.

Non-Perishables - Items most needed are toilet paper, hotel size toiletries, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, peanut butter, meat in a can (chicken, beef, stew, turkey) pasta and spaghetti sauce, tuna, mac & cheese and cereal. All food donated goes to the pantries located at the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church and St. Edwards in Milford. Please check the dates on any food items donated as we can NOT accept any food items with expired dates.

It's getting cold outside

We are still collecting coats, blankets and sleeping bags. Donations can be on the stage in fellowship hall. These items will be donated to the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen.

Financials

Pledge cards have gone out. If you didn't receive one, please contact Jody Leffler. Please return your card asap. We will be ordering envelopes today.

As the holidays approach, please consider using **Shop Rite Gift Cards** as gifts or stocking stuffers as well as using them for your own personal shopping.

Shammy Shine Gift Cards are available also. You can use them to get your car washed or your oil changed (in Phillipsburg or Flemington). They, too, make great gifts and stocking stuffers.

Please see Sylvia Donaldson to purchase either of these cards. Thank you in advance for your support!

Star Tree

The Star Tree is up and has plenty of wishes on it. If you are able to assist the United Way in helping out a family during the Christmas Season, please take a star and make someone's dream come true. Your unwrapped gift is due on **Sunday, Dec. 9th.** Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Flowers

The order form for our 2018 Poinsettias is an insert in your bulletin. Please be sure to indicate on your check that the money is for flowers. All orders are due by **December 16th.**

Adopt A Bill

The Adopt a Bill Program was very underutilized this year. If you can find it in your heart to help the church meet its financial obligations, it would be most appreciated. The pew envelopes can be used to insure your generous tax free donation gets credited to your account.

Marie Bellini Scholarship Fund

The Marie Bellini Scholarship Fund will award \$500 to two senior high school students who apply and are accepted to a 2 or 4 year accredited college/university or trade/vocational school. The recipients must complete an application, submit the requested documentation and be a member in a church in the Delaware Valley Sending District. Applications are due on March 15, 2019. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15th, 2019. Interested students should see Linda Bellini, Jody Leffler or Pastor Linda for an application.

Officer Nominations for class of 2021

As the class of 2018 moves on to serve our church in other ways, we will have a few Elder and Deacon vacancies. If you would like additional information or feel called to serve our church, or would like to nominate someone, please see Pastor Linda or Jody Leffler. Feel free to talk to any of the Elders or Deacons listed on the back of the bulletin to find out about their experience.

Home Grown Breakfast - January 26, 2019

It's hard to believe that one of our largest fund raisers of the year is right around the corner. If you are able to help out, please see Tom or Deb Horvath. We are always looking for folks to prep, cook, serve, wash dishes, set up and clean up.