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Peace

December 9, 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 2 - Peace**

**THE PREPARATION**

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

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for you have looked favorably upon your people.  
**You have raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David.**  
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
**To give light to those who sit in darkness and guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*All: Let us worship God!*

**\*Song of Praise # 9**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**Moment with the Children**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**God of abounding grace, have mercy upon us. Our valleys are deep when we are encompassed with care. Our mountains are high when our burdens are heavy. We grope in the maze of our tangled alliances and reap the pain of bad choices and ignorant gambles. You promised that all flesh shall see your salvation. Show us the straight path and the smooth way that lead to your righteousness, through Jesus Christ, who is the way.**

**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**                      Luke 1:68-79                                      pg. 58 NT

### **Anthem**

**Second Scripture Reading**                      Luke 3:1-5                                      pg. 60 NT

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** "Getting Ready for Jesus"                      Rev. Donna McDaid

**Song of Hope**                                      #13                                      "Prepare the Way"

## 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**

## SENDING

**Song to Send Out**                                      #12                                      "People, Look East"  
v. 1, 4, and 5

### **Benediction**

\*those who are able may stand

**PASTOR**  
 Rev. Dr. Linda J. Erkert-Bullock

**ELDERS**

Ann Marie Austin  
 Judy Moyer  
 Charlie White

JR Beahm  
 Marv Moyer  
 Jef Betz

John Austin  
 Linda Bellini  
 Jody Leffler

(2018) December 9 - Berta & Ken Konegen  
 (2018) December 16 - Kroth Family  
 (2018) December 23 - Judy & Marv Moyer  
 December 24 - Ray & Linda Bellini  
 (2019) December 30 - Strochak Family  
 (2019)

**Counters**  
 December - S. Donaldson & A. Austin  
 (2020 January - M. Beahm  
 (2020  
 (2020) **Fellowship**  
 December - Elders  
 January - All church members

**DEACONS**

Jeremy Donaldson  
 Sylvia Donaldson  
 Stacey McGlothlin

John Leidy  
 Jess Beahm  
 John Patrick Tynan

Marianne Beahm  
 Laura Williams  
 Heather Stanley

(2018) **Communion Preparation**  
 (2018) December - Jess Beahm  
 (2018) January - Sylvia Donaldson

**At a Glance Reminders**

(2019)  
 (2019)  
 (2019)

**Star Tree Gifts due TODAY**  
 Thank you for putting a smile on the face of a family in need

(2020)  
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**Bible Study is every Tuesday at 10 AM in the church library.**

**STAFF**

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

**Clerk of Session** - Jody Leffler

**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**

**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

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Items most needed are toilet paper, hotel size toiletries, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, peanut butter, toiletries, meat in a can (chicken, beef, stew turkey) pasta and spaghetti sauce, tuna, mac & cheese, cereal.

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 - We also collect non-perishable food items, toiletries and paper products for the food pantries located at the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church and St. Edwards in Milford. Please check the dates on any food items donated. 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.

### Gift Cards Available

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!

### 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.

### Financials

Pledge cards have gone out. If you didn't receive one, please contact Jody Leffler. Please return your card asap.

### **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 experiences

### **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. Any time you have during the week to help out too would be appreciated.

### **Our Finances are tight**

If you have any ideas for a fundraiser or are willing to run a fundraiser, please talk to Pastor Linda or Jody Leffler.