

St. John's Sinking Valley
Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2024



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PO Box 222
Tyrone, PA 16686

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30am

* = Please stand as you are able

The Call to Worship on the Bells

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte – Emily Pedersen

Call to Worship- *please direct your attention to the screens*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

***The Opening Hymn –**

O’Come All Ye Faithful (LBW 45)

Lighting of the Advent Log:

The Christ Candle

Tonight, following a season where we have reflected on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, a season where darkness has progressively gotten brighter, we light the "Christ Candle". For the light of the world has come! This candle symbolizes the arrival of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, and the culmination of the Advent season. The white shows us the purity, innocence and flawlessness of Christ becoming flesh and dwelling among us.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Prayer

O Holy God, as we light this fifth candle, the Christ Candle, we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light of the World. As His light shines in our hearts and homes, may we remember the true meaning of Christmas – the gift of Your love and grace. Thank You for the hope, peace, joy, and love that this Advent season has brought into our lives. We welcome the birth of Jesus with open hearts and gratitude. In His name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory – *Tonight’s Offering will go to Local Families in Need*

***Offertory Response** *(see screen)*

The Liturgy of the Word – Chad Pedersen

Today’s Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from John

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response** (see screen)

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

***C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 2:11-20

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message –

The Wonders of His Love

***Hymn –**

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT (LBW 65)

A Christmas Challenge-

***Closing Hymn –**

JOY TO THE WORLD (LBW 39)

*Benediction—

The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells

**Extinguishing of Candles – Go Tell it on the Mountain, That Jesus Christ is Born!*

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Lori, Kathy, Brandon, Emily, Craig & Michelle, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Elaine, Ernie, Jaxon, Judy, Mary, Mike, The Kost Family, Bonnie, Janet, Sally, Jeff, Brian, Judy, Tom, Jason, Joyce, Albert, Carly and Justin, Jaclyn, Bob, Sr., Jill, Lana and Andrea, Kelsi, Fred, Sr., Kathy, Ken, Mary Lou, Curt, Sue, Kim, Wendy, Linda, Mark, Peggy, Sarah, Dalton, Nico, Michael, First Responders, Members of our Military and their families, Cancer treatment patients and the congregation of St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Drew Baker is our Worship Leader. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085. Drew’s Email: jesus2thevalley@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Memory of: Angela Yingling
Presented by: Graycie Snyder

In Memory of: Virgil & Joyce Hunter, Steve & Ellen Cushion, Don & Betty Ayers
Presented by: The Ayers, Cushion & Hunter Families

In Memory of: Our Parents
Presented by: Penny & Bob Black

In Memory of: Harold & Darlene Lewis and Revere & Lola Smith
In Honor of: David & Janet Hileman
Presented by: James & Charlene Detwiler

In Memory of: Edgar & June Smith
Presented by: Leanna & Don Hardy Family

In Memory of: Chalmer & Marie Hileman and Mildred Gibbons
Presented by: David & Janet Hileman

In Memory of: Our Grandparents & Great-Grandparents
Presented by: Ben, Shannon, Wyatt & Byron Lannen

In Memory of: Blair, Jean and Sam Lykens
Presented by: Linda Lykens

In Honor of: To the Glory of our Lord
Presented by: Susanne & Jeff Schmidt

In Honor of: The Don Shetler Family & The Mike Naleppa Family
Presented by: Heidi & Jerry Shetler

In Memory of: Our Fathers
In Honor of: Our Mothers
Presented by: Randy & Tina Turiano

