

# Shavertown

## Third Weekend of Advent

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world!*

\* = if you are able, we invite you to please stand

**PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING**      *Voluntary on Two Carols*      *D. Kidwell*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Centering Meditation:*  
"Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name."  
Psalm 30:4 NRSV

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      Mary Ellen, Liturgist

Welcome to worship on this Third Weekend in Advent.

Our focus today is praise for the One who gives us great joy.

**In these desperate times, we must remember the faithfulness of God and rejoice.**

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

**Let heaven and nature sing!**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Love and Light, fill our mouths with shouts of joy and praise so that we will reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*      2 times      # 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us,

His name is called Emmanuel.

**ADVENT MEDITATION AND LIGHTING**      Cathy and John

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S (DISCIPLE'S) PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### CALL TO OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY**      # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**As God has so richly poured gifts of love, peace, hope, and joy into our lives; may the Lord receive this day's offering as tokens of our gratitude for all these blessings. Amen.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**      *Prepare! The Way of the Lord*      *Allen Pote*  
Chancel Choir Ensemble

**THE WORD OF GOD**      Luke 1:39-45 NRSV

**THE MESSAGE**      "Praise"      Pastor Robin

**\*SONG OF GOING FORTH**      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*      # 213

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!

2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3. Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in us reveal.

4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame  
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

**\*BENEDICTION**

May the joy of this Advent season fill your hearts to overflowing,  
and may our lips always sing praises to Christ who comes again to us.  
Praise the Lord!!!

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*F.Mendelssohn  
Arranged by C.Tornquist*



**Prepare Ye!**

**Third Weekend of Advent, 2020**

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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 THROUGH DECEMBER 19**

Please contact Pastor Robin at 570-220-1138 or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery or in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org or by calling 570-675-3616.

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church; victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer & hurricane victims.

**Concerns:** our homebound friends, Benjamin Jones Family, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jen Prutzman, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Alan Kinsman, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Hottenstein, Wally Richardson, Tom and Mary Ellen Pajor, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, David Jenkins, Sandy Richardson, Joe Lisewski Family, Fred Degillio Family, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Kristen Stout, Mary H.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

**Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson**, US Air Force  
**LCDR John W. Gilligan**, US Navy  
**Sgt. Scott Kocher**  
**Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips**  
**Todd Mark**, US Army, South Korea  
**Col. P.J. Perrone Jr.**, Fort Belvoir, VA  
**Major Erika Reese**, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA  
**Specialist Alex Barilla**, US Army, Kansas  
**Spc. Brandon Pall**, Fort Hood, Texas  
**Jon Laity**, US Navy, Japan  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock**, US Air Force  
**Elijah Geise**, U.S. Marines

**Sgt. Amy Polachek**, US Marines, Quantico, VA  
**Rick Hodle, Jr.**, US Navy  
**Sgt. Josh McCue**, US Air Force  
**Specialist Charles Yavorski**, FT. Bragg, N.C.  
**Gregory Navestad**, US Air Force, Utah  
**Travis Butler**, US Navy Reserves  
**Lt. Mary Ketchner**, Silverdale, Wa  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson**, 109<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.  
**Rick Hodle III**, US Army  
**Pfc. Michael Biesecker**, US Marine Corps Reserves  
**Jackson Rogers**, US Marines, Okinawa  
**Raphael Zbyszeski**, U.S. Marine Corp., Hawaii

**Welcome To Worship**

**We are so glad to worship with you this morning!**

*Church Office Hours:* Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

**DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**LITURGIST:** Mary Ellen Pajor

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13-19:** Bob Wagner

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Chapple Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. John Chapple Jr.

Sun. Dec. 13	Online Worship Live Nativity 6-7:30pm
Mon. Dec. 14	Women's Bible Study on Zoom 1pm
Tues. Dec. 15	Vine Deadline
Wed. Dec. 16	Prayer Group on Zoom 9-10 am Blue Christmas Online Service available anytime Chancel Choir Practice 7:30pm
Fri. Dec. 18	Community Care Cabinet 10-10:30am
Sat. Dec. 19	Online Worship w/ Children's Pageant

**THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers) Dot Harding**  
68 Hildebrant Rd., Dallas, Pa. 18612

COMING UP DECEMBER 19 THROUGH DECEMBER 26

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

LITURGIST:

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20-26: Aaron Harvatine

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Rev. Robert DeWitt Yost by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Paczewski

Sun. Dec. 20	Online Worship w/ Children's Pageant
Mon. Dec. 21	Women's Bible Study on Zoom 1pm SPPRC on Zoom 7pm
Wed. Dec. 23	Prayer Group on Zoom 9-10 am Chancel Choir Practice 7:30pm
Thurs. Dec 24	Online Christmas Eve Worship available anytime Outdoor Worship at Pavilion 7pm
Fri. Dec. 25	Christmas Day: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!!!!
Sat. Dec. 26	Online Worship

Faithfulness in Online Worship Attendance: 97

December 5/6: \$2,636

Financial Goal: \$6,822

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

**COMMUNITY CARE CABINET** Donations continue to be accepted throughout the year. A container is in the Narthex for donations. The Community Care Cabinet is open for clients here at SUMC every Friday from 10:00 to 10:30am. For more information contact Sue Holdredge at [sue.holdredge1@gmail.com](mailto:sue.holdredge1@gmail.com)

**LIVE NATIVITY** Our Drive By Live Nativity will take place on Dec.4, 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13 on the corner of Pioneer Ave. & Center St. from 6-7:30. Volunteers are needed for the weekend of Dec 11,12, &13. Anyone interested, please contact Sandy Michalisin or Sue Holdredge,

**CHILDREN'S PAGEANT** The children will practice on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Then at 6:30pm, we will begin recording the worship service for the weekend. The Children's Pageant will be the message in that service.

**CHRISTMAS EVE INFORMATION** We will be providing an **online** Christmas Eve service which will be accessible at [anytime](#). We will also be offering an **outdoor Christmas Eve worship experience** at our pavilion at 7pm. Attendees will be required to dress warmly, wear masks, stay 6ft. apart, AND supply their own light (candle, flashlight, cell phone) for the singing of Silent Night. We will sing carols, share Scripture, pray, and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Drive in participants are welcome.