Shavertown

United Methodist Church

Fourth 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 Angels We Have Heard on High Arr. by: C. Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:

"The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness." Psalm 145:6 NRSV

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Robin

Is it time yet?

No, it is not time yet.

When will Jesus come?

Soon...very soon.

OPENING PRAYER

We know, O Lord, that you are coming soon, but it is so hard to wait. We are tired and anxious. We are at our wit's end. All around we see signs that your time is near. Help us to await your arrival a little longer, a little more faithfully, and a little more joyfully. This we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
 The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
 - 3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
 O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!
- 4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

ADVENT MEDITATION AND LIGHTING

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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

God's Messengers

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

In this season of Advent, we reflect on how very blessed we are. We have family, friends, homes, jobs, food, and health. Most importantly, we have you, Jesus. You came to us as Emmanuel to be with us forever. We want to show our gratitude thru our tithes and offering today. Please accept them, Gracious Lord, and continue to increase our appreciation for every blessing and the opportunity to share with others. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 3:1-16 NRSV

INVITATION TO PROCLAIM

Pastor Robin

Sharon Pearson

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"
O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
AWAY IN A MANGER
ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
SILENT NIGHT
JOY TO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!

POSTLUDE Joy To The World

George F. Handel



Prepare Ye!

Fourth Weekend of Advent, 2020

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 19 THROUGH DECEMBER 26

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.

<u>OUR PRAYER LIST:</u>. 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, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jen Prutzman, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Allan Kinsman, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Hottenstein, Wally Richardson, Tom and Mary Ellen Pajor, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, David Jenkins, Sandy Richardson, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Kristen Stout, Mary H, Fred Black, Heather and Husband, Jane Ketchner, Ricky, Delaine Miller.

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
2nd 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, Silverdate, Wa 1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila. Rick Hodle III, US Army Pfc. Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa Raphael Zbysheski, U.S. Marine Corp., Hawaii

THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers) Jennie Hill 5 N Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

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: Weekend of December 20: Rev. Robin Baer December 24: Rich Oley

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 (weather permitting)
Fri. Dec. 25	Christmas Day: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!!!!!
Sat. Dec. 26	Online Worship

COMING UP DECEMBER 26 THROUGH JANUARY 2

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD:

LITURGIST: Weekend of December 26: Carol Folk

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27-JANUARY 2: Joe Guiterrez

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Beatrice Chapple by the Chapple Family

Sun. Dec. 27 Online Worship

Wed. Dec.30 Prayer Group on Zoom 9-10 am

Chancel Choir Practice 7:30pm

Fri. Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!!!

Sat. Jan. 2 Online Worship

Faithfulness in Online Worship Attendance: December 12/13: \$

Financial Goal: \$6,822

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

<u>COMMUNITY CARE CABINET</u> 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 <u>Holdredge</u> at <u>sue.holdredge1@gmail.com</u>

CHRISTMAS EVE INFORMATION We will be providing an online Christmas Eve service which will be accessible at any time. We will also be offering an outdoor Christmas Eve worship experience at our pavilion at 7pm IF THE WEATHER PERMITS. 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.