



Sunday Worship

November 17, 2024

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

A Joyous Acclamation

Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to God a new song,

for God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

for God is still doing marvelous things!

Break into joyful song!

Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!

Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.

God is coming to judge the world with equity.

Sing to God a new song!

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. We gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the spacious home of your love. Amen.

***HYMN # 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:9-17

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #821** How Can I Keep from Singing?

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

REFRAIN: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *REFRAIN*

3. What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *REFRAIN*

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *REFRAIN*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 98

SERMON Sing!

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love all who are your friends and our brothers and sisters. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kevin and Mary Young

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN #134** Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonder, wonders of his love.

***BENEDICTION**

Fanfare

Martin

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, November 17, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Ruth C. Fawcett. Ruth lived in Buckingham Valley and was a faithful member of the church and wife of Jack Fawcett.

WELCOME SUSAN LEWIS: who is our guest musician this week.

CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS: The Christmas season is approaching and we are ordering Poinsettias again this year. Please help us enhance our sanctuary with a Poinsettia plant for a \$15 donation. Forms can be found on the table as you enter the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted no later than November 25.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALLIES INDIVIDUALS: Congregation members are invited to participate in giving gifts to disabled adults who receive services at Allies, Inc. A list of individuals and their "wish list" items is available in Fellowship Hall on the Christmas tree. Please sign out the gift. Gifts are to be wrapped including a gift tag with the name of the recipient. Please do not put the gift description on the tag. Gifts are to be brought to the church no later than December 9. There will be requests for only one gift per person. This change is due to the large number who need gifts. Please consider supporting more than one individual.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: A new study begins this week that will focus on the events and circumstances that led up to God's greatest gift to all creation, the birth of the Messiah. Please join either in-person or on Zoom.

ALL PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 12noon.
More information will follow.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Canned Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Yams and potatoes, Boxed Stuffing and Gravy. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

November 17	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour.
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
November 18	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
November 19	10:00 am	Worship and Music Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Beekeepers Meeting
November 20	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
November 21	10:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting

Elder of the month: Bob Profsner **Deacon of the month:** Missi Dell'Orefice
Ushers: Beth Conti and Paul Wachtendorf **Fellowship:** Emilie Cullerton
Sunday School Teacher: Kim King

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge and Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Sally Thiessen



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