

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

Opening Song

“Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord”

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

Celebration Set

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
“In Jesus’ Name”

Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Castaldi Family

Advent Wreath Litany

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Advent Song

“Advent Song (Light the Advent Candle)” TFWS No. 2090, Vs. 2

Moment For All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

Scripture

*Isaiah 40:1-11 and * Mark 1:1-8*

Karen Hruz

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. At 9:30, the children staying for JAM will be taken to the youth room (#8 & 10) and those who are not staying will be brought back to the Sanctuary.

Sermon

“Not Home Alone!”

Pastor Monica

Offering

“Emmanuel Has Come”

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please wait for the Ushers to guide you to communion.

“Breathe”

Prayer After Receiving

Closing Song

“Sing for Joy”

Benediction

Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

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*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Karen Boyd

One: Listen to what the Lord our God says to us:

Many: "My hope for you is peace;"

One: "Salvation is my gift in every moment."

Many: See what the Lord our God reveals to us:

One: Righteousness is the path to the kingdom; faithfulness is the highway
being built for us.

Many: Tell what the Lord our God asks us to speak:

One: Prepare God's way!

All: The Christ is coming to redeem us.

*Processional Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Hymnal No. 211

Vss. 1, 2, 6, 7

*Opening Prayer (Unison) by Maren Tirabassi

Karen Boyd

Gracious God,

**we hear the promise of the coming of Jesus
into a manger and into our hearts and home.**

Bless our Advent waiting;

fill our worship with anticipation of your love;

and dedicate us to prepare your way

by lifting up the valleys in our lives

and making smooth the rough places of others.

We pray in the name of Emmanuel – God with us, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Jones Family

Advent Wreath Litany

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Advent Song "Advent Song (Light the Advent Candle)"

TFWS No. 2090, Vs. 2

Moments for All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Karen Boyd

THIS WEEK: December 7 through December 14, 2014

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Monday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band
J.A.M. and Christian Education classes
Children's Choir rehearsal (#6)
Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir
CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION (Sanc.)

CMO Preschool (#3, 4, 5, 6)
Knit Wits (#1)
Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

CMO Preschool (#3, 4, 5, 6)
Staff Meeting
Community Café Free Meal Ministry
Advent Bible Study at Jenner's Pond

Brownie Troop 04317 (#14)
4-H Robotics Club (#8, 10)
Girl Scout Troop 41250 (#12)
Yoga-Sanc.
AG Wildcats (#15)

CMO Preschool (#3, 4, 5, 6)
Advent Dreams Bible Study (#8, 10)
Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
Movie-ing Through Advent (Kit., Sanc.)
Caregivers Meeting (#16)

CMO Preschool (#3, 4, 5, 6)
Choir Rehearsal (#6)
Boy Scout Troop 12 (#8, 10)
PraiseWorks Rehearsal

CMO Preschool (#3, 4, 5, 6)
UMW Faith Circle (#1)
RAP (Retired Active People) Sanc., Kitchen

JULIET Breakfast-Sunrise Café. Kennett Square
Daily Reflections (#8, 10)
Soup Sale (Kitchen)
Parents Night Out (8, 10 and Sanc.)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baptism Sunday and Children's Choir Sings

Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band
J.A.M. and Christian Education classes
Children's Choir rehearsal (#6)
Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir
Youth Christmas Party at the Lindtner's home.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for November 30, 2014

General Fund: Offering: \$5,806.⁰⁰ Offerings Received YTD: \$300,451.⁰⁹

Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$328,608 (-\$28,157)

Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$115.⁰⁰ Year-to-Date: \$10,343.⁹⁷

Worship Attendance: 205 Sunday School Attendance: 59

Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 72

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," " John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Parents Night, Saturday, December 13, 4:30-7:30. Parents – Make a reservation and go to dinner without kids! Enjoy an evening on your own! We will watch your kids for you, and you can go on a date, Christmas shopping, the grocery store or take a nap! **Cost: a suggested donation of \$10 per child.** *Any money that is donated towards this event will be used to help offset the cost of the 2015 youth summer mission trip.* **We will feed the kids pizza, do some crafts, play games and watch a movie. Your kids will be safe and have fun, and you get to enjoy time away and relax for 3 hours! SIGN UP forms are available in the lobby.**



Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 21,

7:00 p.m.

Perhaps, as you prepare for Christmas, this season has not felt as joyful for you as it does for others. Perhaps, this is a season of loss and pain – loss of loved one, loss of job, loss of family, and physical, emotional, spiritual pain. As stated by Nancy Townely, "On this night , we remember those for whom the holidays are not joyful; they are lonely, in mourning, feeling alienated and cast apart from family celebrations; they are experiencing depression and sadness and yet are compelled to 'put on a happy face' for others, denying their true feelings."

The service welcomes all with trust and understanding in what can be a very painful time of the year. The service includes the lighting of candles, meditative music, prayers, comforting scriptures, and the giving of prayer shawls. It is an offering of hope, as we decorate a bare branch with shiny blue ornaments. As one after another of the ornaments decorate the barren branch it becomes a glowing, living testament to the resilience of the spirit. Join us as we offer a quiet and reflective service of light in the midst of darkness.



Worship With Us
Christmas Eve



Sunday, December 7th – Christmas Music Celebration at 6:30pm

Saturday, December 20th – Live Nativity from 6:00-8:00pm

Sunday, December 21st – Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

12:00 pm Wiggly, Giggly Children's Christmas Eve Service

6:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

8:30 pm Contemporary Christmas Eve Service

**10:30 pm Traditional Candlelit Christmas Eve Service
with Holy Communion**

Meditations For Your Week



December 7—December 14

Sunday: “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;’ (Mark 1:1-2). In the Greek, angelos – angel translates to messenger. An angel who is one who brings the message of God. Listen today for angels in our midst, bringing God’s message.

Monday: “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” (Mark 1: 3). We do not often like hearing the voice of the prophets. They challenge us and tear us away from our comfortable routines and paths. Listen closely to the prophets who are in your life, even if they are uncomfortable.

Tuesday: “[John the Baptist] proclaimed, The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals,” (Mark 1:7). Jesus’ coming was foretold and has been foretold. The coming of God’s kingdom, the revealing of God’s ways is being announced all around us. How is God speaking in your life to prepare for Christ’s coming?

Wednesday: “I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Mark 1:8). Jesus was in a long line of prophets calling us to turn back to God. Prayerfully consider the gift of the Holy Spirit as you turn back to God. Ask God to bless you with the Spirit’s gifts.

Thursday: “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term” (Isaiah 40:2a). Each of us needs God’s tenderness in the midst of our own pain. We also need the tenderness of others. How are you offering God’s tenderness to someone in pain today?

Friday: “Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain” (Isaiah 40:4). The promise of Advent is the coming of Christ, not merely as sweet infant who coos, but as an adult who changes the world. How are you expecting God’s way to change the world you know?

Saturday: “[God] will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.” (Isaiah 40:11). God does not leave us orphaned or alone. God cares for us tenderly and compassionately as a shepherd cares for sheep. How has God cared for you?