

Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 11-12, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

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

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall

Sunday: "We Adore Thee"

(Based on Beethoven's Joyful, Joyful)

By Jason Krug

Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout
aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Isaiah 12:5-6 NRSV

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alice (Sat)

Barb, Danielle & Family (Sun)

Joy to the world! We have lit the candles of hope and of peace. In the glow of their light,
we feel the warmth of deep and quiet joy.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns.

Let us our songs employ.

Let us sing to the glory of God.

Let us sing in the name of Christ who offers us hope in the prison of despair,

Let the earth receive the Prince of Peace.

Let every heart prepare and make room.

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Let us light the candle of joy and sing our praise to God.

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY

Alice (Sat)

Barb, Danielle & Family (Sun)

*OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

#246

Vs 1,3,4

*OPENING PRAYER

Margie (Sat)/Rich (Sun)

**Redeemer God, welcome to you with laughter in our hearts and
joy in our very bones, for you save the lame and
take away the shame of the outcast.**

When we think all hope is lost, you gather us in and bring us home.

**Restore our fortunes, O God, that we may show everyone we meet
your power to transform the world. Amen**

GIFT OF MUSIC

"We're Gonna Follow That Star"

By Rob Howard

Children of Light

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Where Children Belong

#2233

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

#204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us,
revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 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.**

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Hallelujah"

Leonard Cohen

Soloists: Paige, Ava, Makenzie, Katie, Ali, Matthew, Stephanie

God's Handful

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** Margie (Sat)/Rich (Sun)

**God of overflowing love and joy, you provide all that the world needs,
but you do not share your gifts around; you leave that up to us.
May these offerings be a sign of our willingness to be good stewards of your bounty,
Sharing what we have with those in need, that selfishness brings to our lives.
We pray this in the name of the one who embodied selfless giving,
the one who is to come, the one for whom we wait. Amen.**

GIFT OF MUSIC "There Is a Great Joy Coming" By Beryl Red
Trio: Rich, Joe & John Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Margie (Sat) / Rich (Sun)
Luke 1: 46-55

MESSAGE "Joy is Our True Home" Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "What Child is This" #219

***BENEDICTION**
Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
**Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts
wand your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4: 4-7

***POSTLUDE** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" By Felix Mendelssohn
Arr. Carol Tornquist



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27

Please contact Pastor Jon Buxton or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery, 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

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church, civilian and military families of the Afghan crisis, victims of Hurricane Ida, 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 and Covid 19 victims, families dealing with Alzheimers

JOYS: Donna Carpenter improvement

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Mark Kucewicz, Morse Family, Nancy Roberts, Puterbaugh Family, Fred & Judy Gribble, Nancy Hann, Ally Rome, Donna Carpenter Jane Ketchner, Ashley, Amanda, Zia, Family of David Daniels, D.J. Mikulka, Lou Rabel, Jimmy Tighe
Names will be kept on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!

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, KS

Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX

Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA

Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy

Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force

Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, NC

2nd LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves

Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdale, WA

1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila.

Rick Hodle III, US Army

CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves

Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa

Financial Goal: \$6,214 Weekly December 4/5: \$7,781

Faithfulness in Person Worship Attendance: 134 On-Line Worship: 36

Think of this friend (with cards and prayers)

Lois Cook, 98 E. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, Pa. 18612

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

LITURGIST: Weekend of Dec. 11/12: Margie Esopie (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

USHERS: Cathy & John Nicks (Saturday) Aaron Harvatine (Sunday)

GREETER: Cathy & John Nicks (Saturday) Sandy Michalisin (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: Ella

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12: Chris Ostrowski

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

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS: Alice Newell (Sat) Barb Zarambo, Danielle West & Family (Sun)

Sun. Dec.12 Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30am

God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm

Carols by Candlelight Christmas Concert 7:00PM

Mon. Dec.13 Praise Band Concert 7pm

Tues. Dec.14 Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge

Staff Meeting 11am

Priscilla Circle Christmas Party 6pm Social Hall

Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6-7:00PM

Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Worship Team Meeting 7:30pm

Wed. Dec.15 Prayer 9am on Zoom

Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge

AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9:00PM

Thurs. Dec.16 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House

Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5-5:30PM

Grief Share 6:30pm Lounge

Connected in Christ 7pm H.S. Sunday School Room

Fri. Dec.17 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Dec.18 Worship 5:30pm featuring Carol & The Belles Children's Musical

COMING UP DECEMBER 18 THROUGH DECEMBER 24

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge
LITURGIST: Weekend of Dec. 18/19: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)
LITURGIST: Wendy Shaffer (Dec. 24 @ 7pm) Cathy Berkey (Dec. 24 @ 10pm)
USHERS: Sarah & Donna Church (Saturday) Charlie Kishbaugh (Sunday)
GREETER: Sarah & Donna Church (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19: John Nicks
ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Rev. Robert D. Yost by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Paczewski
ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Chris & Jen Ostrowski & Family (Sun)
Gary & Tina Navestad & Family (Dec. 24@ 7pm) Joe & Brenda Kopalek & Family (Dec. 24@ 10pm)
ACOLYTE: Landon & Makyala (Dec. 24 @ 7pm) Katerina & Adriana (Dec. 24 @ 10pm)

Sun. Dec.19	Worship 9:30am featuring Carol & The Belles Children's Musical Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30am God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm Youth Group 4-6pm
Mon. Dec.20	Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 - 8:30pm Social Hall
Tues. Dec.21	Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge Priscilla Circle 7pm Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6-7:00PM Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom Blue Christmas Service 7pm
Wed. Dec.22	Prayer 9am on Zoom AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Thurs. Dec.23	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5-5:30PM
Fri. Dec.24	Christmas Eve Worship 7 & 10 pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

Carols by Candlelight

Join us for some festive carol singing at our Christmas concert featuring SUMC choir, handbell choirs, praise band ensemble & guests.

Sunday, December 12, 2021, 7:00 PM

A Free will offering accepted A Sweet Reception to follow

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MEN'S ECUMENICAL GROUP: All are invited to participate in the Men's Ecumenical Meeting every Thursday, 8am, at KB'S Coffee House in Shavertown. There will be a speaker at each meeting. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food!

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL: Carol & The Belles, a Fabulous 50's Children's Christmas Musical will be shared on Dec. 18th at 5:30pm worship and Dec. 19th at 9:30am worship. Take yourself back in time and enjoy a Christmas pa

OTHER MISSIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

NATIVITY DISPLAY: 500 Nativity sets from a private collection will be on display at Forty-Fort Presbyterian Church Dec. 4 & 11 from 4-8pm and Dec. 5 & 12 from noon-4pm. Admission is free; however, any good will offering will benefit the Salvation Army Kirby Family House.

MUSICAL EVENTS: St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre, will be hosting a series of musical events throughout December thru July 2022. Please check the bulletin board for dates and times and any further information. Join them for an evening of music and song.