

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Fourth Sunday of Advent
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, December 22, 2019**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

PRELUDE: "One Bright Star" Esther Higgins

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:**

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (LBW 34)

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

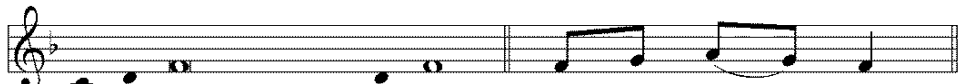
***ENTRANCE HYMN: “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (LBW 34)**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

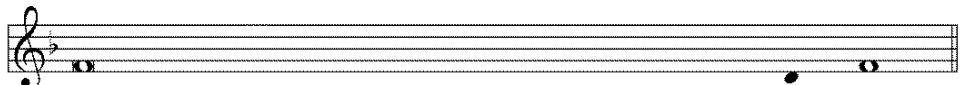
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



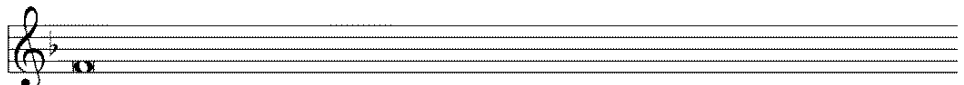
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



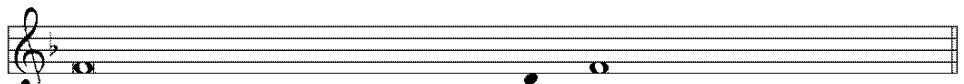
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



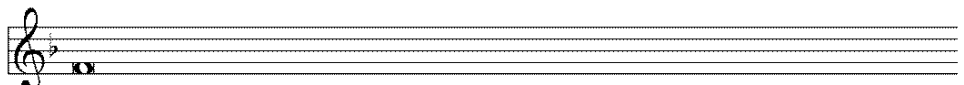
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE: “People Look East” (WOV 626)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, **and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

Amen

ANTHEM: “Immanuel, to Thee We Sing” John Purifoy

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³Restore us, O | God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

⁴O LORD| God of hosts,

how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

**⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

**¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁷And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

**¹⁸Restore us, O LORD| God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH PASTOR

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain"
(LBW Canticle 7)**

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to

dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (LBW 456)**

***APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 65)**

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Hear your church, O God, as we pray for all who belong to Jesus Christ. Where the church is scorned, preserve it; where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear your earth, O God, as we pray for its healing and care. Protect the grapevine and the mighty cedar, the mountains and seas and all that is in them. Give life, that all life may call on your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear the nations, O God, as we pray for those who hold power and authority over people and lands. Help those who create and uphold good laws and those working to reform what is unjust, that the world might better reflect your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear those in need, O God, as we pray for all who face uncertainty: refugees and immigrants, those who are imprisoned, and those without work, housing, food, or health care. Bring good news to all in need of hope. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear this community of faith, O God, as we pray for families and friends who gather in this season, for travelers and hosts, and for those who will work or serve others this Christmas. Let the peace of Emmanuel, God-with-us, shine in every heart. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear all who mourn, O God, as we remember the lives of our beloved dead. Encourage the living to learn from our ancestors in faith as we follow your call. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

COLLECTION

*OFFERING (LBW p. 75)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

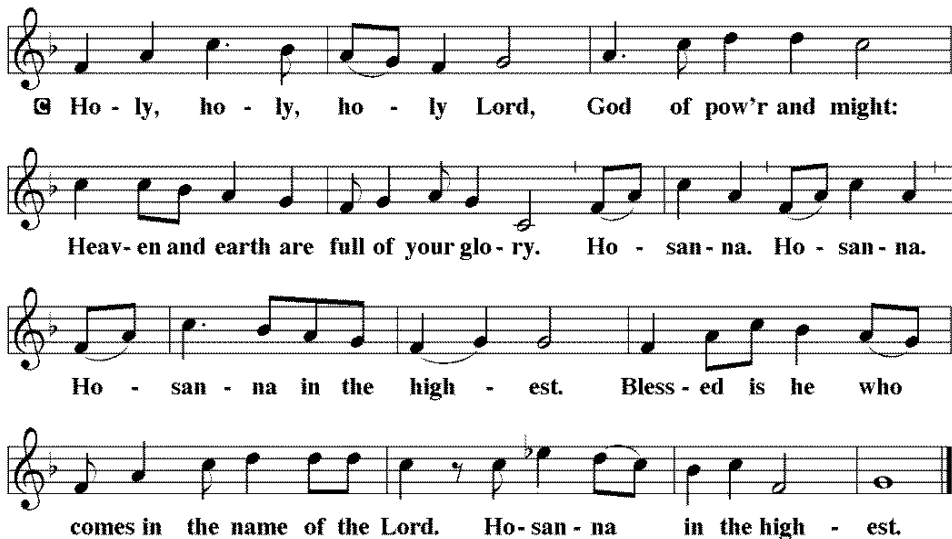
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 69)**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him should not perish,
 but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

***COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)**

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN: "Savior of the Nations, Come" (LBW 28)

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.74)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***BLESSING (LBW p. 74)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen

***SENDING HYMN: "Joy to the World" (LBW 39)**

***DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

Today's communion bread and wine are presented to the Glory of God, by Carrie & Don Miller.

Today's altar flowers are presented in honor of Nicolas Prego's birthday, by grandparents, Dave & Shirley Seitz.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/29/19

Isa 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Heb 2:10-18, Matt 2:13-23

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

- ❖ **Restrooms** are located on the level of the Upstairs Fellowship Area very close to the steps on the right hand side of the stage, and in the hallway at the top of the steps on the left hand side of the stage.
- ❖ **We offer a Nursery** for young children who are still learning to take part in worship, and may need some time outside of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **We have two rockers in the back of the sanctuary** for those who want to rock little ones or who may need a different seating option other than a pew. Please feel free to use the rockers as you need.
- ❖ **We hope you find us gracious and welcoming** on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY

Greeters.....	Jim & Gloria Ream
Acolyte.....	Robert Harden
Assisting Minister.....	Alice Simmons
Lector.....	Joy Keller-Brown
Offering Ushers.....	Donna Price, Bill Ream, Bev Reindollar, Jen Webb
Communion Usher.....	Jen Webb
Communion Assistant.....	George Brown
Nursery.....	Fisher family
Social Time.....	Tom & Pam Spangler
Offering Depositors.....	Donna Price, Bill Ream
Counters.....	Marilyn Cox, Sandy Fair

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Bailey, Linda Beegle, Brian Dell, Floyd Dell, Betty Gaither,
Mike Gemmill, Shannon Hildebrand, Karen Landis, Don Miller,
Ruby Nace, Jim Ream, Steve Scott, Bryan Sellers, Susette Stallard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for a retirement reception in honor of Delores Hickman after worship service today in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a presentation to Delores in recognition of her 36 years of dutiful and humble service to Zion as custodian. Come celebrate with family and friends to offer her best wishes in her retirement.

The office will not be receiving the offering envelopes for 2020 until sometime in January. The company we order our envelopes from has stated they are having an issue with production machines and cannot produce our order, at this time. Generic offering envelopes will be available for you to use in January. Your envelope number in 2020 will stay the same as you currently have in 2019.

Included in today's bulletin is a "Family and Friends of Zion Directory Inclusion Form". Please take time to fill out your individual information, and the information for your household members. Completed forms can be placed in the offering plate or the Administrative Assistant's mailbox on the church office door. This new directory is not just for members of Zion so we encourage you to share this form with anyone you think may want to be included in the directory. Completed forms should be returned to the church office no later than Sunday, 1/5/2020. A new directory will be created using the information from the returned forms.

Brenda will not have office hours between Wednesday, December 18th and Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Regular office hours (M-F, 9:30am-12:30pm) will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Any bulletin information/announcements for Sunday, 12/22; Christmas Eve; Sunday, 12/29; or Sunday, 1/5 should be submitted to the church office by Sunday, 12/15 so there is time to review the info. Contribution counting will take place as usual. During Brenda's time away from the office, Zion's Council President, Joy Keller-Brown or Pastor Katie Brantner can be contacted with questions and/or pastoral needs. Joy can be reached at joykb@keller-brown.com or 717-235-7044 (home). Pastor Katie can be reached at katie.brantner@gmail.com or 717-420-0779 (cell/text).

On Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 12:00 noon Zion Lutheran Glen Rock will host a Community Christmas Eve Worship Service. This mid-day service would allow those who can't drive at night and those who will be away for Christmas Eve night service a chance to worship. It will be a simple service

with Christmas carols, prayers, lessons, and communion. Pastor Katie and Pastor Doug are coordinating the service. Nick Galinaitis will be the organist.

CHRISTMAS... a time for giving and sharing! The Christian Education Committee will, once again, be collecting Gifts of Warmth (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) to adorn our Christmas Tree which will be located in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall. The tree will be up and ready for decoration on December 1st and will be available for your generous donations through December 29th. Although all donations for children, teens, women, and men are greatly appreciated, there is a great need for hats, scarves, gloves and socks for men, particularly large sizes. All donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army in York at the end of the collection period. **As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, let us remember the true spirit of the season and share God's bountiful blessings.** Questions may be directed to any member of the Committee: Lois Goodling, Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Bill Ream, Gloria Ream, Jim Ream, Pam Spangler, Bev Reindollar, Chair, Evelyn Roser.

Have ideas for Zion's worship service? Concerned about something that needs to be fixed? Got questions about Zion's day to day operations? We are here for you! Please reach out to Bill, Donna or Joy anytime with your ideas, concerns and questions. They will listen and work toward continuous improvement. Small changes make big impacts and your ideas are valuable.

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Bill Ream, Council Member
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Inclement weather: If services or activities at Zion will be changed, canceled or otherwise impacted by inclement weather, you will find a notice of the change on Zion's website, Zion's Facebook page, and the Church Office telephone answering machine (717-235-3276). If this change will impact a Sunday morning service, an update will be posted by 8:00AM on Sunday morning. Ultimately, you should use your best judgement on whether or not to travel during inclement weather.

Most worship services are recorded. Audio recordings of the lessons and sermons can be found on Zion's website www.zionglenrock.org.

Pre-reader and reader versions of the children's bulletin can be found in the Hanover St. vestibule on a weekly basis.

Additional parking, during worship services and events at Zion, is available in the Glen Rock Ambulance Club parking lot.

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

PERSONNEL here at ZION

Pastor Paul Haack, Stated Sunday Supply Pastor
Pastor Katie Brantner, Interim Pastoral Care Coordinator.....717-420-0779
Nick Galinaitis, Music Director
Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
Delores Hickman, Custodian
Chad Fisher, Sexton.....717-235-3641
Joy Keller-Brown, Council President.....717-235-7044

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joy Keller-Brown, Donna Price, Bill Ream, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden

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ZION'S SCHEDULE for THIS WEEK

Sunday, 12/22

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament
-Children's Church begins after Children's Time with the pastor
10:10AM Social Time
10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

Monday, 12/23

No Office hours
8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group
7:30 PM AA

Tuesday, 12/24 - Christmas Eve

No Office hours
12 Noon Community Christmas Eve Service at Zion
7:00PM Christmas Eve Service
10:45 PM Glen Rock Carolers Concert

Wednesday, 12/25 – Christmas Day

No Office hours

Thursday, 12/26

No Office hours

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 12/27

No Office hours

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Wednesday, 1/1

No Office hours

Thursday, 1/2

Regular Office hours resume (M-F 9:30am-12:30pm)

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Greeters.....Sue Hengst, Tom Bailey, Ron & Lois Goodling, Brenda Davis

Acolyte.....Owen Fisher

Assisting Minister.....Mariane Harden

Lector.....Kay Hoffman

Offering Ushers.....Donna Price, Bill Ream,
Dave Seitz, Jeff Hoffman

Communion Usher.....Tom Bailey

Communion Assistant.....Ron Goodling

Nursery.....Available, but not staffed

Offering Depositors.....Donna Price, Bill Ream

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