



THE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
ON THE HILL



DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017~10:15AM  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

☺ *Children will remain in Worship today until dismissed* ☺

In Preparation (*Please meditate silently.*)

*“According to the Bible the peace and love which God gives is not a freedom from the storms of life, but a mysterious strength and comfort amid the storms; not the removal of pain, but the bestowal of a precious gift. The gift is God himself, the comforter, the one who stands alongside us.”*

~Charles Oblich, THE SUFFERING GOD

Peace Prayer

Prelude “Shepherds” *arr. Wilbur Held*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle – LOVE**  
*The Bonney Family*

Introduction to:

Call to Worship “Mary Did You Know” *Mark Lowry/Kutless*

Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.  
O Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb---

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new...  
this child that you deliver.....

Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding is the great--I--- AM---

In every heart there lies a Bethlehem,  
A place where light shines with tender memories,  
A place where angelic voices are clearer,  
A place of wonder and awe, delight and calm,  
A place where the humility of shepherds and the wisdom of Magi embrace.

In my heart, I prize my Bethlehem moments.  
Come to Bethlehem, kneel in wonder,  
Worship with songs of praise.

☩ -- LATECOMERS MAY BE SEATED DURING THE SINGING -- ☩

▲ Hymn No. 110 “Love Has Come” *Bring a Torch*

▲ The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

*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*

Life on the Hill

- ◆ Today (Dec. 24): **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
☩ Worship, 10:15am, 5 & 7pm
- ◆ Sunday (Dec. 31): **NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
☩ Worship, 10:15am  
**Holy Communion**

*Passing of the RED PAD: The person sitting in the pew closest to the center aisle fills out the RED PAD, then passes it down the pew so that each family would do the same. THEN, pass it back so that we can put names and faces together.*

Anthem “A Maiden Most Gentle” *arr. Andrew Carter*

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:  
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.  
Ave Maria.

The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call  
the Lord of creation and Savior of all.  
Ave Maria.

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;  
sing praise to the Savior, sing endless ‘Ave.’  
Ave Maria.

*The Venerable Bede (673 – 735)*

### ***Chancel Choir***

*Yuri Alberta, Michael Compoly, Marilyn Dicken, Otto Eickmeyer, Hilary Epstein, Ed Fix, Bernice Gangaware, JP Hanly, Nancy Kinasczuk, George Liddy, Barbara Lofthouse, Isaiah Mason, Bob Morris, Sandy Papp, Cheryl Schmidt, Randy Stolze, Judy Turner, Marcia Turpin*

☺ **Children thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade will exit to Sunday school** ☺

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Hear the burden of our hearts as we offer to you our silent prayers:**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance:

God has made a highway in the wilderness and brought forth streams in the desert!

**Jesus Christ came to break down the walls that divide us from God and from each other.**

Praise God!

**We are forgiven and freed to reach out in love. Amen!**

Hymn of Assurance No. 833

**“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”** *St. Margaret*  
(stanzas 1, 3)

Scripture Lesson



*Bob Bonney*

**Isaiah 9:1-7** NRSV

(see bulletin or  
pg. 638, pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Presenting our Gifts

Offertory **“Sing We Now of Christmas”** *arr. John Carter*

▲ Doxology No. 708 **“We Give Thee but Thine Own”** *Schumann*  
*We give Thee but Thine own  
Whate’er the gift may be  
All that we have is Thine alone  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee*

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

Hymn of Preparation No. 144 **“In the Bleak Midwinter”** *Cranham*

Message **“Where We are Finally Home”** *Pastor Turner*

▲ Hymn No. 135 **“There’s a Star in the East”** *Follow*

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude **“Follow”** *arr. Horace Clarence Boyer*

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

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*We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all. As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to Pastor Turner, or one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.*

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*The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of my husband, Robert Kemble Wright, by Wilma Wright.*

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Serving Today

- ✦ Greeters: The Pringle Family
- ✦ Ushers: Team 4: Lloyd Pearson, Capt., Jamie Montero, Charlie Shaw, Bob Bonney, Maureen Bonney
- ✦ Fellowship Time: The Keller Family
- ✦ Flower Duty: Janet Lee, Joanie Kralyovich
- ✦ Sunday Preparation: 12/23, Laura Guilfoyle; 12/30, Elda Gall
- ✦ Trustee Duty: Ralph Jensen, Sharon Fix, Michael Compoly



December 24<sup>th</sup>

**NURSERY CARE**

TODAY

Megan Zarodnansky

Dec. 31 _____	Jan. 7 _____
Jan. 14 _____	Jan. 21 _____



THIS AFTERNOON ~ 5PM SERVICE

OUR KIDS ARE SINGING!

Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

During our 5pm Candle Light Service

HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

be here ready to rehearse at 4:30pm in the sanctuary

Dec. 24 & 31

Sunday School

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve Day 10:15am

Special Time for all kids

4 Years - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Games, Crafts, Activities

(fellowship hall)

*NEXT SUNDAY*

*NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY COMMUNION*

10:15am



**TRINITY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

PCOH members and friends volunteer regularly at the Last Resort Food Pantry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park and have been doing so for many years. One of the principal volunteer opportunities is to be there from 10:45am to 1 p.m. the third Wednesday and fourth Friday to stock shelves and help with

food distribution. Please let Deacon **Buffy Zazzo** know (732-222-7636, buffz@aol.com) if you want to be added to the list or chat with her if you have questions.



### The Ministry of Flowers

The New 2018 Chart is now posted outside church office! If you would like flowers in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday please sign up. Cost: \$45.00. Questions? Please speak with Deacon Judy Quitne. *Are you aware that our Deacons deliver the flowers to our shut-ins and hospitalized folks with our prayers and concern every Sunday?*

### Have YOU Ever Been Hungry?



When you are shopping, please remember that:



### Trinity Needs Food

When you are cooking, please remember that:

### The Center Needs Meals



Pick up a few trays on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary & return frozen to the Church.



**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
Available on Rear Table  
If you don't see a box for you,  
Please See Jackie Colin or Rick Buckley



### Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Scripture Readers



Greeters



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OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

## HURRICANES - WILDFIRES DISASTERS

### HELP!

AS OF DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

**\$5,723**

“Church on the Hill is a diverse, inclusive community of God’s people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that “*God alone is Lord of the conscience*” (Historical Principles, G-1.0301a), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

† **FAITH** † **LOVE** † **HOPE** † **FORGIVENESS** † **UNDERSTANDING** †



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