



Traditional Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Children & Youth: Please gather downstairs in the Social Hall before the 10:30 service begins to prepare for today's Christmas Program following the luncheon.

***Indicates those who are able to please stand**

Prelude George Hawkins
Welcome and Announcements Linda Wirth, Liturgist
Gathering Prayer (in unison): **Joyful God, You teach creation to blossom in the desert and hearts to sing in unexpected places. Gather us in Your grace today and open our mouths to praise. Let the joy of Mary, the courage of the prophets, and the hope of Your promised kingdom fill this house with gladness. Come, Emmanuel, and make Your home among us. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Frank & Wendie Kordalski
Advent Candle Prayer (in unison): **Everlasting Father, help us to respect the surprises in our lives and to be sensitive to your presence in them. Help us to accept the gift of Christmas joy no matter what our circumstances may be. May the joy of the coming Christ Child fill not only our hearts, but may it fill our lives with your peace that abides every day of the year. Amen.**

*Hymn # 176 **Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates**

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (in unison): **God of joy, we confess that our praise is often quiet, our hope fragile, our joy overshadowed by the worries we carry. Too often we fail to praise You with joy when our lives and our burdens feel overwhelming. Forgive us, O God. Teach our hearts to trust Your promises. Let Your joy take root in us until our lives sing with the freedom of Your love. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: God's mercy is from generation to generation.

P: **In Christ, our sins are forgiven and our joy made complete. Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

"Good Morning!"

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His love endures forever." - Psalm 118: 1*



In Our Prayers: Helen Alexander, David A, Annie, Kathy B, Patty B, Jordan & Chelsea B, Don & Donnie Baker, Chris, Jeannette Briggs, Dave Brown, Connie, Jim C, Cheryl D, Nathan E, Frank Fawcett, Betty Frommell, Michelle F, Bev & Barry Harcum, Clare & Sandy Hillgartner, Frank Kordalski Sr, Bill Knight, Harold L, Cindie M, Rick Morgan, Cindy & Ken McCall, Peg M, Andrew N, Howard N, Mark Pascarella, Matt R, Renee R, Susan S, Shawn, Laura Shawley, Bill Szmuc, Bruce S, Pat V, Kevin W, Scott W, Wanda, Linda Wetzler

Welcome Children! **Sunday School:** will not be held today. Please take your child to the Soc Hall before 10:30 service where they will prepare for today's Christmas program.

Coloring/Activity Sheets: are available at the Sanctuary entrance for children. Please help yourself or ask a Deacon.

The Nursery: is open for parents/guardians should you need to step out a moment with a little one. It is located out the front left doors & down the hall. Speakers allow you to hear the service.

Kid's Club: Will next get together Wed Dec 17th 6:00-7:00 p.m. For kids age 5 thru 6th grade. Bible lesson, craft, snack, games, & music. Any child is welcome! Call the office for more info.

Missions: Help our local + international mission projects by placing a donation in a pew envelope & mark it "Mission Fund". Loose change left in the pew is also given to Missions. Thank you for assisting these worthy programs.

Coffee Conn: Today: Snack:

12/21/25: Stewart Family Snack: Stewarts

Deacon Duty: Today: Stephanie, Leslie, Barb, Ahren

12/21/25: Kaitlyn, Kelly, Kris, Madi

Sunday School: Today: Downstairs in Social Hall

12/21/25: Leslie G.

Technology: Today: Don (9:15) Trent/Rich (10:30)

12/21/25: Jamie (9:15) Trent/Rich (10:30)

Security: This Week: Brian B. 12/22/25: Trent C.

Church Fundraisers

Available after the service or contact the church office.

Giant Eagle Gift Cards - In \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts.

-The church receives 5% of the value of the card.

Eat'n Park, Dunkin' Donuts, or Denny's Gift Cards,

-The church receives a percentage for each card.

Sarris Candy- \$2 Bars: Chocolate, Crisped Rice, Almond, or P.Butter or \$3 for a pack of Choco-covered Pretzel Rods.



Good Morning and Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today! We hope you will find the service meaningful and that you can come back and join us again. Please enjoy a refreshment inside the church entrance. We ask everyone to please complete a "Welcome to Linway" Card found in the pews. Restrooms and the Nursery are located out the front left Sanctuary doors, and then down the hallway.

LINWAY HAPPENINGS

Today 12/14

Third Sunday of Advent
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
Noon Covered Dish Lunch +Christmas Program
Deacon Meeting to prepare Christmas Stockings

Tues 12/16

Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wed 12/17

Kid's Club 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Th 12/18

Bell Choir Practice at 6:00 . Choir Practice at 7:00

Next Sun 12/21

Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting Next Sun, Dec. 21 at 11:30

A brief meeting will be held to elect those nominated to be on the Session or the Board of Deacons starting in January.

YOU'RE INVITED: Christmas Luncheon Today at Noon!

Everyone is invited for a time of holiday fun and fellowship! After lunch, we'll sing some carols and the kids will share their Christmas Program. Hope you can come for this special time with your church family!

Christmas Caroling Sun, Dec. 28 at 5:00 Everyone is invited to share the joy of Christmas! You'll easily know the carols! Meet at the E.Allegheny High School parking lot. Park on the top side by the houses & we'll carpool from there. Bring a friend! Guaranteed to warm your heart & put a smile on your face!

Congratulations! to Samantha Stewart who graduated on Dec. 13 from Pennsylvania Western University Clarion Campus with a Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology.

Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth!

Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

One Sunday Morning Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 4 at 10:00 a.m.

