

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019 11:00 AM

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" R. Wilson

*INTROIT "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (see insert)

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in days to come . . .

The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child.

She shall bear a son, and name him Emmanuel: **"God is with us."**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 108 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (vs. 1-3, 6) *DIVINUM MYSTERIUM*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. We are not nearly that bold or faithful. We often say no to your invitation to be part of your work in the world.

Prepare our hearts to welcome Christ into our lives. Make us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, and forgive our failures. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (silent prayers of confession) And all God's people say, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen. Amen. Amen

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" P. Liebergen

GATHERING "Where Children Belong"

**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.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Dr. Todd Wright

SONG OF PREPARATION

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38

SERMON "Mind the Gap!" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed page 34

*HYMN NO. 98 "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary" (vs. 1-4) *ANNUNCIATION*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" M. Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (See insert)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" *HYFRYDOL*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Lift Up Your Heads. Ye Mighty Gates" No. 93, v. 1

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.**

*POSTLUDE "Blessed Emmanuel" J. Bach

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Teresa Lawlor and Dreama White *Greeters after Worship:* Noah Lawson and Cindy Hanna

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*; Brendan Stump, *liturgist*; Bob Hiser, *candle lighter*

COMMUNION SERVERS: Heather Barry, Barbara Tabaretti, Jack Grimm, Cindy Hanna, Jim Smith, Greg Rader, Chuck Stump, Sarah Stump, Rose Ann Walker

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Maureen Wright and Heather Barry

FLOWERS: Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God!

Advent is a season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: Bold text

The prelude is based on Hymn No. 347

The liturgy today is based on prayers in the "new" Book of Common Worship.

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

The text for this anthem can be found at No. 88 in the hymnal.

The Song of Preparation is verse 1 of # 451 in the Glory to God hymnal.

The offertory is based on Hymn No. 129

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Bremar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



STAFF

Rev. Dr. Todd Wright
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Parker
Minister of Education
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Choir Director Emeritus

SESSION

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Noah Lawson
Angie Price
Jim Smith
Chuck Stump

Class of 2020
Jack Grimm
Kathy Kruk
Peggy Palmer
Patty Skaff

Class of 2021
Heather Barry
Greg Rader
Sarah Stump
Barbara Tabaretti

Clerk of Session
Rose Ann Walker

TRUSTEES

Don Parker '19
Richard Callard '20
John France '21

THIS SUNDAY, December 1, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Advent Art Reception in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Education Committee)

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, December 2, 9:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi; 7 PM – Advent Study
- + Tuesday, December 3, 10 AM – Presbytery Ministry Com; 7 PM – Choir
- + Wednesday, December 4, 11 AM – Bridge; Hospice Lovelight Tree
- + Thursday, December 5, 10 AM – PW Coordinating; 7 PM – Worship Team
- + Friday, December 6, 7 PM – NA Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Stewardship Committee)

Happy Birthday **Those having a birthday this week:** Heather Wolfe (2nd), Nick Wolfe (4th), Todd Wright (4th), Luca Velasco (5th), Dianne Ellis (7th). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Peggy Palmer; Jeanne MacDonald; Terri Rader, Beth Chiparo; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Hallie Kirk; Jimmy Clark; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Leon and Sandy Copeland; Sandy Singleton; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Sherry Russell, Martha Foster

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: The Kigogoini (Pronounced: Kay-go-go-EE'nay)

WV Council of Churches: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing.

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

"Village Chapel Presbyterian Church is a congregation of God's people, a lively community of faith, striving to serve God according to God's ever evolving plan; passionately seeking opportunities to reflect God's love in our everyday lives through service, humility, self-examination and reflection, study and prayer. We are called to be generous and wise stewards of our God given gifts, talents, money and earthly resources, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Our mission, simply stated is that we are called to love, and to serve, and to be beacons of Christ's endless love and forgiveness, spreading God's eternal light to all people."