

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE “Now the Green Blade Riseth” McCabe/Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us magnify God in word and deed.

People: **God is doing so many marvelous things.**

Leader: Come, share in God’s dream for us and for the world.

People: **We come to hear and to learn and to be prepared
for the task ahead.**

Leader: May this time of worship lead us onto God’s Holy
Highway. Come, let’s dream, and then let’s do.

***HYMN** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” #213, UMH

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you announce your coming with exciting news. The hungry will eat their fill, and the oppressed will dance in newfound freedom. You proclaim your mission with hard news. The well fed will go hungry and the powerful will lose their status. Help us accept and proclaim the coming of your Son as truly good news. Give us the courage to set aside our privilege, and help bring about a world where everyone can sing together for joy. Amen.

ADVENT LITURGY

See Insert

***RESPONSIVE READING** “Canticle of Mary” #199, UMH
***GLORIA** #71, UMH
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** #881, UMH

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10 OT #721
***THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 11:2-11 NT #14
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Embracing God’s Dream”
***HYMN** “What Child Is This” #219, UMH

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach/ H. Allen

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” D. Cherwien

***DOXOLOGY** #95, UMH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dreaming God, you have set before us a vision of what can and should be for your world and for your people. Use these gifts to bring your vision to reality. We offer ourselves and our work, as embodiments of the promise, the vision and the pledge to bring your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

***HYMN** “People, Look East” #202, UMH

BENEDICTION

Following the blessing you may be seated as the candles are extinguished.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE “Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying!” Dennis Eliot

**Congregation stands as able*

WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Vision is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship, and outreach.

“Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and share God’s love with others.”

If you are visiting with us for the first time we thank you for worshipping with us and pray that this was a spiritually uplifting experience that will make a difference in the week to come.



In Memory of: Beatrice Curl

Given by: The Kontra Family

Tribute: James & Susan Hollinger’s Birthday Today

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Deb Kontra

Scripture Reader: Marilyn Ziegler

Advent Readers: Marilyn Ziegler & Virginia Williamson

Organist: Tedd Didden

LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE WEEK: 47

Please remember to sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$1,403.00
Ministries of Kindness	131.00
Plate	17.00
Miscellaneous	<u>146.00</u>
Total	1,697.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carol Gajewski, Silver Stream Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Spring House, PA 19477; **Ed Miller**, Golden Living Center, 25 W 5th ST, Lansdale PA 19446; **Henry Schlotterer**, Arden Courts, 620 W Valley Forge RD, King of Prussia, PA 19406; **Thelma Smee**, Cokesbury Village, Healthcare Center, 726 Loveville RD, Hockessin, DE 19707; **Bill Swier**, Regina Nursing Home, RM 211, 550 E Fornance ST, Norristown, PA 19401; **Elizabeth (Betty) Wright**, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home, 773 Sunnyside Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B32B

PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT & HEALING: Edith Barbone, Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Robin Blattner & the Blattner Family, Ben & Dolores Curll, Stephen, Matt & Will Deering, Scotti DeMartinis & Jenny & Family, William Eliasson, Jessie Emerson, David Frees, Sue & Anthony Fuschetto, Marian Giangliulo, Cecelia Hampton-Fitzgerald, Mary Ann Keating, Sandy Killian, Meaghen King, Roger Layne, Eileen Lenzi, Marilyn Lewis, Bill McCarron, Damon Oliver, Sherri Rinehart, Caroline Schwab, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Henry Solis, Linda Swier, Jim Thompson, Earl Walter, and Wayne Wylie, Sr.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES: Daniel Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)



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