

A Sincere Thank You To

Rev. Angela Finet for her pastoral ministry among us.

John and Gloria Hess for their musical leadership.

Euphonium: Chuck Few. Aaron Booz; Organ: Gloria Hess; Piano: Sarah Repkoe; Trombone: James Zeigler; Trumpets: John Hess, Bruce Wagner, Tuba: Bruce Smith for providing instrumental music this evening.

Cindy Dale and Bill Kepner soloists.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for their hard work and gifts of music all year long!

Phyllis Kepner for leading worship this evening.

Thank you to everyone who served as "prophets" during Advent, and to Valerie Schulz who speaks to us this evening.

Thanks to our Advent Wreath candle lighters: Janet and Hollie Schwert, Tammie, Alex, and Austin Mutzabaugh, Alexis Kopp, Kaleb and Jackson Hogarth.

Cindy Heisey, Mark Yoh, Matt, Rebekah, Autumn and Eva Priest for serving as greeters.

Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Barry Lauver, Holly Mele tonight's ushers.

Sara and Don Wagner, Cindy Heisey, Jeanne Dickel, Colleen Reath and Barry Lauver, for decorations.

Dell Boshnaugle, Dave Fuchs, Michael Graham, and Zach Snyder for video and sound all year long.

Harry Light for security.

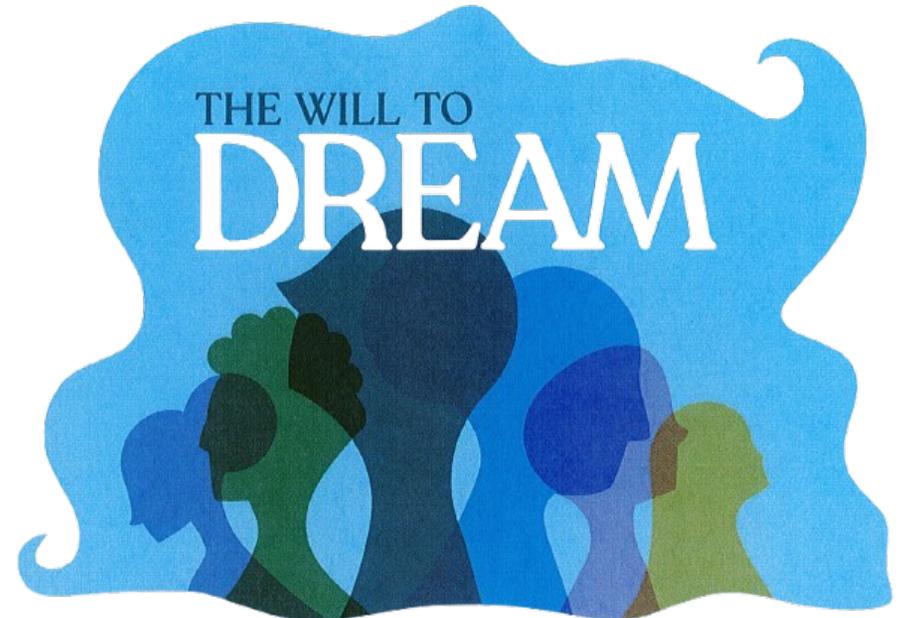
Joan Boshnaugle for coordinating the ushers all year long and for serving this evening.

Everyone is welcome to worship with us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in person or on YouTube. Sunday School and faith formation for children and adults begins at 9:00 a.m.

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Christmas Eve Service

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

6:45 p.m. Christmas Musical Prelude

7:00 p.m. Service of Worship

Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please see the technician at our sound booth if this service will be helpful to you. Large print bulletins and hymnals are also available. Please speak to one of the ushers if you would like either one or both of these.

***Congregation stands in body or spirit.**

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *O Thou, That Tellest* Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP[^]**

We gather together in this place:

prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,

we who dare to imagine a world renewed;

we who dare to dream God's dream.

We ponder with Mary;

we marvel at Christ's birth.

God comes to us, a vulnerable child—

heaven and earth, meeting in a manger.

The angels sing, the shepherds dance.

We treasure these things in our hearts.

Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

We have come to wonder and praise.

***INVOCATION[^]**

***HYMN** *Joy to the World* 318

ADVENT WREATH: KINDLING THE LIGHT

Hope: **We light the candle of hope because hope creates a path for a new, unknown story to unfold.**

Peace: **We light the candle of peace because peace requires us to pay attention to the needs of those around us.**

Joy: **We light the candle of joy because joy sustains us in the midst of uncertainty.**

Love: **We light the candle of love because love makes the impossible possible.**

Christ Candle: As we light the Christ candle, give us the will to dream, O God. May all be true in your name. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20 NT 58

THE PROPHET'S STORY

CHORAL ANTHEMS *Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven* Larson
Sing we now of Christmas Larson
Christmas Sanctus Dengler

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^} & OFFERTORY PRAYER[^]

OFFERTORY *Hark! The herald angels sing, The First Noel*
arr. Hustad

HYMN *Hark! The herald angles sing!* 201

MESSAGE *Embodied Promise* Rev. Angela Finet

CANDLIGHTING AND HYMN *Silent Night* Insert
Powell

Please remain seated as the ushers begin lighting the candles for worshipers. Only the **unlit** candle should be tilted to receive the light; otherwise hot wax will spill on your clothing. Please do not hold a lit candle near the person in front of you; it is very easy to catch their hair or clothing on fire.

Raise your lit candle high as we sing the last verse. Remain seated for the benediction. Please extinguish your candle at the conclusion of the benediction. As you leave the sanctuary, place extinguished candles in the baskets at the door.

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Joy to the World* arr. Lau

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^{^^}Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2019) Pg. 279.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING – Gifts for the Christ Child

It is our tradition to celebrate the gift of Jesus through gifts to our neighbors - around the corner and around the globe. This evening's offering will be split equally between two organizations who are helping to care for those in desperate need.

Local Organization: Anchor Lancaster

Their Mission is to be a good neighbor to those experiencing homelessness by providing a hot breakfast and warm showers every weekday, while aiding with essential needs and case management that connects them to housing, healthcare, and a path forward. Locations: 29 E. Walnut St. and 308 E. King St., Lancaster

Global Organization: World Central Kitchen

When disaster strikes, World Central Kitchen's Relief Team mobilizes with the urgency to start cooking and serving meals to people in need. WCK is first to the frontlines providing fresh meals in response to crisis because they believe food is a universal human right.

To make an offering

Place your checks or cash in the plate, or give online through our website: Mountvillecob.org.

Click on the green "Give via Tithe.ly" button and follow the prompts. In the dropdown menu, select the "Christmas Eve offering" option.

Thank you for your generosity as we anticipate together the birth of the Christ Child.

Silent Night

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, Love's pure light,
Radiant, beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King,
"Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**