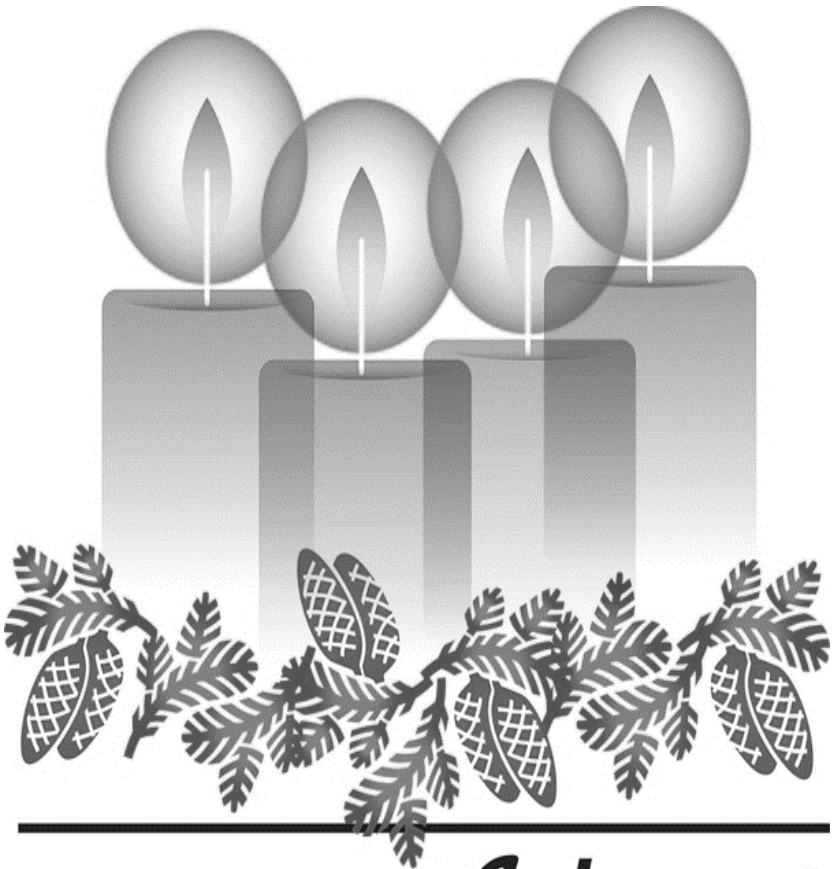


# Union First Presbyterian Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

*Advent*

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December 19, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Diane Flynn, Minister

Patti Reep, Organist

Sue Geidel, Pianist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Curt Reep

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

**He shall be great to the ends of the earth.**

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

**God's mercy extends from generation to generation.**

**Holy is God's name!**

## MORNING PRAYER

\* Hymn of Praise #90 CLH "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
(Verses 1–3 only-with masks)

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH (with masks)

\* Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Choir Anthem “Christmas is Coming Let the Church Bells Ring”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:39-55

SERMON “Mary’s Song”

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH (with masks)

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer in whose name we pray, Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn #84 CLH “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”  
(with masks)

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE #73 CLH “While We Are Waiting,  
Come” (verse 1 only-with masks)

\* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Diane Flynn can be reached by calling/texting 412-997-0642 or by e-mail at [revdcflynn@gmail.com](mailto:revdcflynn@gmail.com).

**Choir Practice** – Wed., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Communion** – Sun., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> .

**Deacons Meeting** – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Session Reports Due** – Tues., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> to Deb Snyder & Rev. Flynn.

**Mug and A Prayer** – Wed., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**Choir** – Wed., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Ordination and Installations of Officers** – Sun., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

**Session** – Mon., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Thank you for:**

- **A great Let's Do Christmas Celebration!** - It was great to see so many friends and neighbors from the community celebrate the Good News of the birth of Jesus. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents to make it a success. We collected \$268.44 to be donated to Blessings in a Backpack. This was the most we have ever collected in the history of Let's Do Christmas. Thank you.
- **Donating to the Armstrong School District Clothes Closet** - Thank you for your donations to the Armstrong Clothes Closet. The teachers and students appreciate all that we do to contribute to this worthwhile effort.
- **Donating to the Victims of the Storms** – Thank you to the Men's Group for donating \$250 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to help victims of the recent tornados in the Midwest.
- **Donating to Victims of a Fire** – Thank you to the session who agreed to contribute \$500 to a local family who recently lost their home and belongs to a fire.
- **Donating to Blessings in a Backpack** – Thank you to the session who agreed to donate \$500 to help school children receive food on the weekends.

Online giving is here. Go to [www.cowansvillechurch.org](http://www.cowansvillechurch.org) and click on ONLINE GIVING then GIVE NOW from your PC or download the app for mobile giving.

The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the church, you may leave your offering there.

If you have a prayer concern and would like to place it on the Prayer Chain, please contact Dan and Kathy Harris at 724-526-5980 or [Klharris47@yahoo.com](mailto:Klharris47@yahoo.com); Debbie Fleeger at 724-297-3920; Pat Robinson at [patrobin@windstream.net](mailto:patrobin@windstream.net) or Pat Boltz at [pkb649@yahoo.com](mailto:pkb649@yahoo.com) between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00pm.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 20 – Neva Pence

Dec. 21 – Josh Geidel

- Amy Tatters

Dec. 22 – Andrea Snyder McPherson

Dec. 23 – Vivian Tatters