

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20, 2020 - 10:30 AM

Gathering Music: Love Came Down Brown
He Shall Feed His Flock Handel

Ringing of the Bell

Announcements

Prelude: Songs of Christmas Wilson

Joyful Ringers: Away in a Manger Murray

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle of Love

Scripture: Isaiah 2: 2 - 5

Lighting of Advent Candle

L: God's love endures forever.

P: In a world where even evergreens turn dry and brittle, God's love is the one reality on which we can rely.

L: Today we light the fourth candle in eager anticipation of God's great promise fulfilled,

P: what else can we name this candle but Love?

Opening Prayer

Music Interlude: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Prayer of Confession...

ALL: We confess God, that we do not take seriously your coming into our lives. We busy ourselves with other things. We focus on gifts and greetings, leaving out the most important ingredient - caring. Amid the bright colors that surround us - the red, the green, the gold - send us the light of your Love made known to us in your Son. Make our hearts humble to welcome your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 1: 46 - 55

Message: God has Done a Great Thing

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Music Interlude: How Great Our Joy! Jungst

Benediction

Postlude: Postlude on a Christmas Carol Wilson

Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns

December 20, 2020

For printing purposes, please have all information to the church office by Thursday morning at 10 AM.

The Altar Flowers...

The altar flowers are in memory of all of those loved ones that won't be with us this year. Let it be a reminder to love and cherish those we still have with us, presented by Melisa Altland.

Family Sponsorship for Christmas...

Eric Hess has been on our prayer chain for several months. Eric is 35 years old and is dealing with cancer for the second time in his life. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy every other week at Hershey and being monitored for congestive heart failure. We learned about the Hess family through Karla Waltersdorff, who is a co-worker of Eric's wife. They have a 2½ year old child. Help with gas cards (Sheets, Rutter's or Giant), monetary contributions to help with medical costs are much needed. Please use the green envelopes with a Christmas tree and place in the offering plate. *Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Lischey's with memo: "Hess Family."* We also have a Christmas tree with items that could be purchased for their daughter. Please bring these items to church in a gift bag by December 20th and place in the Christmas tree box in the overflow room. Thank you for considering this outreach ministry!

The Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is seeking a few new members to replace valued members we lost in 2020. Anyone interested can see Melisa Altland or anyone of the Altar Guild members. We meet twice a year and each person normally handles Altar Guild duties 4 weekends a year.

Office Hours...

The office will be closed December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021.

Please call Pastor Cathy at (717) 825-1020 if you need her during this time.

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sun, December 20	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 AM	4 th Sunday of Advent Worship Service via Zoom
	4:30 PM	Advent Devotions via Zoom
Thurs, December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (outdoors/dress appropriately)
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service with Communion (via Zoom)
Sun, December 27	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 AM	Worship Service via Zoom only

Council Highlights...

- The Council voted to return to Zoom only Worship Services starting December 20, 2020, through January 10, 2021, including the 7 PM Christmas Eve service. The Christmas Eve service for 4 PM will be held in-person, outside, weather permitting. The Council will determine in a few weeks if the Zoom only services will need to continue longer.
- The Council approved closing the church office from December 21, 2020, through January 1, 2021. Pastor Cathy will be available as needed.
- Annual reports are due by January 17, 2020. Please help Michele by being prompt with these reports. The 2020 Annual Reports will be included with our Church Profile.
- The Council approved the use of \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund to put toward the purchase of equipment, software and set-up for live-streaming services from our sanctuary. When we have the final proposal in writing from AV Solutions, we will ask for congregational gifts to make up the difference.
- The Council also approved a motion to convert our financial software to Church Windows. This will assist our church treasurer in several ways, including eventually setting up an e-giving program.
- Currently all our church Zoom events are done on a Zoom account set up by Pastor Cathy. The Council passed a motion to set up a gmail account to Zoom for the church.

Joseph Martin Concert...

A special Christmas music program will be available this year from Joseph Martin Creative Services. The program includes virtual choirs – adult and children – as well as a bell choir, soloists, and more. To register to see this program, go to www.virtualsingingchristmastree.wpcomstaging.com. Once there, click on “Join a Watch Party”. There you will choose from four (4) dates and times: Sunday, December 13th at 7 PM; Wednesday, December 16th at 8 PM; Sunday December 20th at 7 PM; or Tuesday, December 22nd at 8 PM. After you make your date selection, you will be asked to register with your name and email address. A link will be emailed to you to watch the program. In a year when music options are limited, I hope this program of beautiful Christmas music will be a blessing to you!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

Attendance	59 (40 sanctuary/ 19 zoom)
Current	\$2,917.00
Loose Offering	30.00
Altar Flowers	30.00
Good Samaritan Offering	20.00
Building for Service	85.00
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$3,182.00

Upcoming Birthdays (*over 80)...

Judy Minik	December 14	Pat McKowen	December 30
Tom Waltersdorff	December 17	*Bernice Becker	January 2
Ken Brown, Sr.	December 25	Blaine Breeden	January 8
Jim Messinger	December 27	Dave Wiker	January 10

Thank You to Our Helpers...

This week

Sound System

ZOOM Helper..... Melisa Altland

Money counters .. Darlene Miner,
Sandy Lehman

Next Week

Sound System N/A

ZOOM Helper..... N/A

Money counters .. Elvin Myers,
Joanne Hoffman,
Sandy Lehman

Worship in the Sanctuary...

Please avoid lingering before and after the service. Please keep outerwear with you. Designated pews for seating will help accomplish social distancing. Masks will be used and there will be no singing at this time.

Questions and Concerns...

If you have questions, thoughts, or concerns, PLEASE communicate them in a constructive manner. Emailing, calling the pastor or a member of Council is far more productive and considerate of the entire body than discussing them with one another on the phone. We are here to listen and are endeavoring to prayerfully move forward with care and compassion for ALL.