

Apostles' Creed
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.*

Gloria Patri
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

Mars UP Church

Come Holy Spirit, Come

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the prayer cards available in the pew. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word are noted in bold type.

We Gather Before God

(*Please stand, if able)

Welcome and Mars Messages Prelude

The Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: JOY

8:30am Jack and Lisa Barbour

11:00am Angela Badger & Family

Love's Pure Light

Chancel Choir

Responsive Litany-Hope for God's Presence

Speaker: In this season of Advent, we celebrate with joyful hearts.

Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of joy.

Speaker: We count our blessings, and give thanks for God's goodness and grace.

Congregation: Christ is our light and source of our joy.

Speaker: We strive to search for the good in neighbors near and far.

Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

Speaker: We remember that God has promised us full and joyful lives.

Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy
name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread;
and forgive us
our debts,
as we forgive
our debtors;
and lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us
from evil.
For Thine
is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever. Amen.

The Doxology

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

***Advent Prayer**

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we ask that you Open our eyes to the beauty and goodness around us, and fill our hearts with grateful joy. Remind us that Christ is our light and the source of all joy, and that we are here to serve you and to spread that joy to others.
Amen

***Hymn of Praise**

"Some Children See Him"

Insert

***Corporate Prayer of Confession(Unison):**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent, Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing of the Peace**

We Receive God's Word **Prayer for Illumination**

Choral Anthem (11:00am)

"A Gaelic Rose"

Chancel Choir

Moment with Children (11:00am)

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
"So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all the Lord has commanded you to say" (Acts 10:33b)*

Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Luke 3:7-18

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Mon - Thurs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Message

Reverend Jim Steiner

"The Messenger Speaks"

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith (from The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.044):** The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man. Amen.

*** Responsorial Hymn** **259**
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Offering

***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication**
***Offertory Response(11:00)**
***Chancel Choir**

"All Things Come of Thee"

We Are Sent Into the World

***Hymn of Commitment** **273**
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

*** Benediction**
***Congregational Response** (Everyone sings)
"The Time has come...."

***Postlude**

Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Annabelle Clare Cox in celebration of her 8th birthday by Grandma and Poppy.

CALENDAR: December 16th – December 23rd

Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Today, December 16, 2018

8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party

Monday, December 17, 2018

7:00 pm BoyScouts

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

8:00 am WIC
 9:00 a.m. A-Team
 7:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

9:00 a.m. Material Girls
 7:00 pm Pastor Bible Study
 7:00 pm Chancel choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 20, 2018

9:30 am Pastor Bible Study
 7:00pm Session @ Barbour Home
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Friday, December 21, 2018

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
 9:45 pm Sunday School for All ages
11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

VOLUNTEERS ☺

GREETERS:

(E) Marie Matthews/Linda
 Moody

(D) Bonnie McElhinny

NURSERY THIS WEEK:

Missy Wells

NURSERY NEXT WEEK:

Jill Cooper

JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:

MUP MUFFINS:

TARRY 'N TALK HOST:

CE/MO Committee

LAST SUNDAY'S

ATTENDANCE: 81

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Operating Funds: \$4437.00

Mission: \$75.00

Van. \$20.00

Roof Campaign: \$100.00

Kindness: \$260.00

Flowers: \$7.75

Total: \$4899.75

PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith

Wanda Jones

Terry Moore (Sam's cousin)

Kennedy (Great Granddaughter of Marlene Edwards)

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew)

Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)

Maria Elizabeth McKaveney (June Stirling's niece)

Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletins are printed Thursday mornings; let us know if you have an announcement...

DECEMBER 9th SERMON Copies of Pastor Jim's sermon is available in the Tarry N Talk if you would like to take one home.

DECEMBER MUP NEWSLETTER Hard copies of the December newsletter are available in Tarry N Talk. If you would like to be added to the email or mailing list, please contact the office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS 2019 The new sign up list for 2019 is available in the Tarry 'n Talk. Please be sure to indicate (by circling the "S") if your flowers can be delivered to shut-ins.

TARRY 'N TALK REFRESHMENTS/MUFFINS 2019 Please be sure to stop and sign up if you are willing to provide refreshments on Sunday morning. You can use the church kitchen or your own, or even bought goodies are appreciated.

CE/MO COMMITTEE Would like to express a special thank you for all who made the Living Nativity a success this past weekend! Special thanks to Pfeifer Hardware Inc, Mars Agway AND Jack and Merrit Fassick (who brought their goats!)

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL? As the Transition Team continues its work, the Team will be sending some congregational surveys via email. We need to be certain the information we have for YOU is correct! If you think what we have for you might be incorrect, please give the office the correct information. Or if you haven't been receiving anything from the church, please give your information to the office.

****In Memorium****

Howard L. Meeder

March 11, 1918 – December 10, 2018

Elder, Deacon, Member

CHURCH ROOF

As you may be aware, the roof of the church will need to be replaced in the next three years. The cost is estimated to be \$70,000. Our goal is to raise this amount over the next three years. We need five members to lead this campaign for the next three years. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact the church office.