

**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.*

**Prelude**  
The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

(\*Please stand, if able.)

**Choral Introit(11 am) Chancel Choir**  
*“Love Came Down at Christmas”*

**Welcome and Mars Message**

**\*The Call to Worship Psalm 33**  
Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord:  
**People: he is our help and shield.**  
Leader: Our heart is glad in him,  
**People: because we trust in his holy name**  
Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us.  
**People: even as we hope in you.**

**\*Hymn of Praise 104**  
*“O, Worship the King”*

\*Invocation  
**The Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: HOPE**  
8:30 Bob and Susan Cox  
11:00 Chancel Choir Members

Speaker: Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope.  
**Congregation: We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the darkness.**  
Speaker: Advent is a time to remember that God’s love extends to all people.

*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.

**Congregation: We wait and hope for the One who will bring justice.**

Speaker: Advent is a time to renew our determination.  
**Congregation: We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.**

Speaker: Advent is a time to strive for understanding.  
**Congregation: We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession**  
Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess before Thee; Our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; And all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned; In wandering from Thy ways; In wasting Thy gifts; In forgetting Thy love. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us; Who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from our faults; And forgive our sins; For the sake of Thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; Help us, we beseech Thee; To live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent, Personal Confession  
Assurance of God’s Grace and Pardon

**\*The Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Children’s Moment & Children’s Ministry (11am) Message and Prayer**

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 33: 14-16

**Choral Anthem(11am) Chancel Choir**  
*“Advent Coventry Carol”*

**Hymn of Preparation(8:30am)(vs. 1) 460**  
*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

**Hymn of Preparation(11am) 240**  
*“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

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Church Office Hours:  
Mon -Thurs from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

**Offering**  
**Doxology**  
**Prayer of Dedication**  
**Offertory Response(11:00)** **Chancel Choir**  
*"All Things Come of Thee"*

New Testament Lesson I Thessalonians 3:9-13

**Sermon** **Lay Pastor Tom McMeekin**  
*"Happy Liturgical New Year"*

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper(8:30am)

The Invitation to the Lord's Table  
The Response "Your Place is Set!"  
The Prayer of Consecration  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
The Sharing of the Bread  
*(During the quiet time, please pray for spiritual growth)*  
The Sharing of the Cup  
*(During the quiet time, pray specifically for others)*  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Remembrance and The  
Lord's Prayer  
**\*Hymn of Commitment 169**  
*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

**\*Benediction**  
  
**\*Congregational Response**(Everyone sings)  
The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in Thy grace;  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways;  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today;  
May the peace of God the Father  
And the love of Christ His Son  
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us each one;  
May the blessings of the Spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen.

## \*Postlude

# CALENDAR: December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 10th

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

**Today, December 3, 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**8:30 am** EARLY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00 a.m.** THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
**NO YOUTH GROUP**  
**Monday, December 4, 2017**  
1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Buildings & Grounds  
6:30 p.m. Griefshare  
7:00 p.m. BoyScouts  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**  
9:00 a.m. A-Team  
7:00 p.m. AA  
**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**  
9:00 a.m. Material Girls  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, December 7, 2017**  
**Friday, December 8, 2017**  
**Saturday, December 9, 2017**  
2:00 p.m. Moraine Rock Group  
**Sunday, December 10, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**8:30 am** THE EARLY SERVICE  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00 a.m.** THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

**VOLUNTEERS☺**  
**GREETERS:** (D) Janie Aiken  
(E ) Linda Moody  
**NURSERY THIS WEEK:**  
  
**NURSERY NEXT WEEK:**  
Bonnie McElhinny  
**JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:**  
**MUP MUFFINS:**  
**TARRY ‘N TALK HOST:**  
Mission & Outreach  
**LAST SUNDAY’S**  
**ATTENDANCE: 70**  
**LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION:**  
Operating Funds: \$1995.00  
Mission: \$210.00  
MUP Van: \$20.00  
Kindness: \$20.00  
**Total: \$2245.00**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

# PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith  
Wanda Jones  
Terry Moore (Sam’s cousin)  
Maria Elizabeth McKaveney(June Stirling’s niece)

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling’s nephew)  
Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)  
Kennedy (Great Granddaughter of Marlene Edwards)  
Ellaina May Sacony (great niece of Dee Shupsky)  
Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny’s)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** There will be a Congregational Meeting at 10:00 am on December 17, 2017 for the election of officers and to hear the report of the Budget committee and session.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS** If you would like to share some Christmas Joy this year, please consider taking a tag from the angel tree and purchasing a gift for a local senior citizen or child. Return the unwrapped gift (tag attached) and leave it under the tree by Sunday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. We are also supporting the Lighthouse’s Toy Drive this year. The Lighthouse also has tags for the toys for needy children. On the back of the tag are designated items needed. Also needed back by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The Lighthouse will distribute the toys to needy children in the area in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support of these outreach projects!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:**  
With the Christmas season upon us, it is a great time of year to bring joy to others in our community. On Sunday December 10 at 2pm, we will be going Christmas caroling to the seniors at Valencia Woods with 4H. If you can’t make it then don’t worry. We will be going again on Tuesday, December 12, at 7pm to Penn Mar Plaza. We would love to see you there to help support those who have given so much for us.

**DINING TO DONATE** The Youth Group is sponsoring a Dining to Donate on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Applebees on Rt. 228. The funds raised will help defray costs for the youth programs next year. Please help support this youth Fundraiser. Please take flyers inside the bulletin with you.

