

**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: LOVE**

8:30am Ira and Michele Baumgartel

11:00am Keith and Jadon Cuyar

*Love's Pure Light*

**Chancel Choir**

### **Responsive Litany-Hope for God's Presence**

Speaker: During Advent we see God's love for us embodied in our Savior's birth.

**Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.**

Speaker: Advent calls us to love others with patience and kindness.

**Congregation: Christ is our light and source of everlasting love.**

Speaker: Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

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Speaker: Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as he loved.

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### *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 are reminded that "Love came down at Christmas-love amazing, love divine." You loved the world enough to send your Son, and now it's up to us to love others as you loved us. Remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of infinite, everlasting, pure love. Amen.

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

**250**

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

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

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

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)**

**Chancel Choir**

*"Heaven Sang for Joy"*

### **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**

**Micah 5:2-5a**

**Luke 1:31-55**

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Church Office Hours:

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

## Message

**Reverend Jim Steiner**

*"The Birth of a King"*

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

**\*Affirmation of Faith (from *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, 6.045):** The Lord Jesus in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell: to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father; who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same. Amen.

**\* Responsorial Hymn** **251**  
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

## **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** **Insert**  
*"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"*

### **\* Benediction**

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

### **\*Postlude**

***Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Bernard Staskiewicz by the Staskiewicz family.***

# CALENDAR: December 23rd – December 30th

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

## Today, December 23, 2018

**8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP**

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

**11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

## Monday, December 24, 2018

7:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

11:00pm Christmas Eve Service with Communion

## Tuesday, December 25, 2018

MERRY CHRISTMAS - office closed

## Wednesday, December 26, 2018

## Thursday, December 27, 2018

## Friday, December 28, 2018

## Saturday, December 29, 2018

## Sunday, December 30, 2018

**8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR YOUTH GROUP

## VOLUNTEERS☺

### GREETERS:

(E) Marie Matthews/Linda  
Moody

(D) Bonnie McElhinny

### NURSERY THIS WEEK:

Jill Cooper

### NURSERY NEXT WEEK:

### JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:

MUP MUFFINS: Pam

Kennedy and Linda Lees

### TARRY 'N TALK HOST:

CE/MO Committee

### LAST SUNDAY'S

ATTENDANCE: 91

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Operating Funds: \$4047.00

Van. \$20.00

Roof Campaign: \$10.00

Kindness: \$90.00

Bldg. Improv: \$55.00

Total: \$4222.00

## 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 16th SERMON** Copies of Pastor Jim's sermon is available in the Tarry N Talk if you would like to take one home.

**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.

**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.

**PASTOR BIBLE STUDY** will not be held on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 due to the Holiday Season. The Bible Study will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES (7PM & 11PM)** Join us for one of our Christmas Eve Candlelight services. Each service will include the singing of "Silent Night" and the lighting of candles. The 7pm service includes a special Christmas anthem from our very own Chancel Choir. The 11pm service includes a special Christmas celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not be held in any of the classes on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### 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.