



First United Methodist Church
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December 24 Purple 4th Sunday of Advent

The spirit of Christmas is peace, the miracle of Christmas is hope and the heart of Christmas is love. ~William James

**Please stand if able.*

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

PRELUDE "The Song of Bethlehem" Organ
Randolph Johnson/Quoting a tune by Lewes H. Redner

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise, and generation to generation, we are your people.

P: *You have been with us wherever we have gone. You will be with us wherever we may go.*

L: You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey, then you planted our salvation in Mary's womb.

P: *Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly in each one of us.*

L: Our souls magnify the Holy One.

P: *Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior*

* PRAISE HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH No. 220

OPENING PRAYER (L)

Most Beloved and Holy Lover, we welcome you to our house, the sacred space we have built to gather together as your people. Here we come to offer you our thanksgiving and praise in response to the abundance of your creation. Here we come to share with you our prayers of confession and petition, for they lie heavy on our hearts. Even knowing that you are here and everywhere, we come longing to hear you say, "I am with you always." Amen.

ANTHEM "Bethlehem Wind" Chancel Choir
Joseph M. Martin

MORNING OFFERING

(If you have a prayer card for the pastor, please hand it to an usher during the offering.)

OFFERTORY "The Angels Song" Organ
Robert J. Hughes/Quoting a Traditional Carol & a Tune by Felix Mendelssohn

* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SOLO "Jingle Bells" Mikayla Wells

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" # 204

* PRAYER HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH No. 229

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

SERMON "An Extraordinary Day" Rev. Thomas D. Carr

* CLOSING HYMN "Love Came Down at Christmas" UMH No. 242

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "Tell the Good News" Organ
Lani Smith/Based on a Familiar Carol

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Large print bulletins and hymnals are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given to the honor and glory of God.

Keeping
In Touch

Helen Sfakanios
Concordia of Cranberry
10 Adams Ridge Blvd.
Mars, PA 16046-3964

Corrected
Address!



We are Keeping In Touch with Helen Sfakanios. Please keep in touch with a card, and remember her in yours prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are: Ed and Candy Reighn, Cindy Remaley
 Acolyte: Orie Hannah
 Liturgist: Wendy Watt
 Ministers: Every Member
 Pastor: Thomas D. Carr
 Pastor Emeritus: Leo C. Cramer
 Lay Leaders: Jenny Gordon and Kim Tagliaferre
 Handbell & Chimebar Director & Pianist/Organist: Mona Cramer
 Chancel Choir Director: Jackie Stitt
 Administrative Assistant: Leah Carr

Attendance Last Week:
 Sunday School 48
 Communion Service 29+Morning Worship 71=100

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,426.23
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$3,395.00
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$440.80
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$3,835.80
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$174,737.77
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$152,794.25
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$24,078.57
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$176,872.82

Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45



The First United Methodist Church
 Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania
 Rev. Thomas D. Carr, Pastor
 Rev. Leo Cramer, Pastor Emeritus

* *More below.*

Today, December 24

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 7:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Monday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday, December 26

- 9:00 a.m. Knitting with Friends

Wednesday, December 27

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 10:00 a.m. Sharing Group

Sunday, December 31

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Deadline for the **January/February Newsletter** is Tuesday, December 26. Please have all information about *any* events happening in January and February to Leah by that date. Also, please notify Leah of any changes of address so your newsletter delivery will not be delayed!

The **2018 offering envelopes** are ready to be picked up. They are in the large adult Sunday School room. Find the box with your name, then please mark your name off the list. If you don't currently use the boxed offering envelopes, but would like to, take an unmarked box and put your name and the box number on the spreadsheet.

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 (or 9:00) until Noon (or 12:30)

Email: pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org

Administrative Assistant's Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

8:30 until Noon and 12:30 until 3:00

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Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is each of us being wreathed in smiles. ~Unknown