



First United Methodist Church  
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December 3, 2017

Purple

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

*The Hanging of the Greens*

Nothing taken for granted; everything received with gratitude; everything passed on with grace.  
 ~G. K. Chesterton

*\*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 "All Earth Is Waiting" Tammy Richko  
 Alberto Taule/Harmony by Skinner Chavez-Melo

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King?  
*P: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.*  
 L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ?  
*P: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.*  
 L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, our Savior?  
*P: With wreaths of holly and ivy, symbolizing his passion, death, and resurrection.*  
 L: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, the son of God?  
*P: By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.*  
 L: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.  
*P: Glory to God in the highest!*

\* PRAISE HYMN (L) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH No. 211

OPENING PRAYER (L)

*O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SEE WHITE INSERT**

Let us stand to hear the words of the Evangelist as  
 He tells of the coming of the Light of the World.

\* SIXTH READING John 1:1-5, 9-14

\* HYMN The Christmas Tree "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH No. 240

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE "Christmas Comes Again" Tammy Richko  
 J. H. Hopkins/Arranged by John M. Rasley



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 in loving memory of Larry J. Moyer, Sr., father of Holly Plummer, by the Plummer family.

The rose on the communion table is given to the honor and glory of God in honor of the birth of Sophia Adalyn Pontious. She is the daughter of Mat and Amber Pontious, the granddaughter of Brad and Veronica Young and Larry Pontious. Sophia is the great-granddaughter of Darlene Pontious, Scott and Landee Young, and Ed and Candy Reign.

*Keeping  
 In Touch*

*Helen Sfakanios  
 Grace Manor at North Park  
 9565 Babcock Blvd.  
 Allison Park, PA 15101*



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

The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:10-13

ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Chancel Choir  
15<sup>th</sup> Century Rhenish Folk Hymn/Stanzas 1-2 by Theodore Baker

MORNING OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY "Redeemer of Israel" Tammy Richko  
W. W. Phelps/Arranged by Seldon N. Heaps

\* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Lord promises to send the people a righteous king.

SECOND READING Jeremiah 23:5-6

HYMN The Cedar  
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH No. 213  
(verse 1)

The Lord Announces the reign of Messiah, the Eternal King.

THIRD READING Daniel 7:13-14

CHILDREN'S MOMENT The Evergreen Wreath  
Barb Holcombe

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH No. 204

The prophet tells of the healing power of the Anointed One.

FOURTH READING Isaiah 61:1-3

\* HYMN The Mistletoe  
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH No. 218  
(verses 1 & 3)

The prophet describes the redeemer of Israel as the Suffering Servant.

FIFTH READING Isaiah 53:1-6

HYMN The Holly & the Ivy  
"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" UMH No. 216

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**BACK TO BULLETIN**

Greeters this morning are: Candy and Ed Reign, Cindy Remaley  
 Acolyte: Orie Hannah  
 Liturgist: Barbara Holcombe  
 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 52  
 Communion Service 33+Morning Worship 78=111

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,426.23
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$3,445.00
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$502.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$3,947.75
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$164,459.08
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$141,170.73
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$23,346.27
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	164,517.00

# 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 3

**Poinsettia Orders Due**

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. **Fellowship Tureen Dinner**
- 2:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth @ First  
Bible Study (Childcare Provided)

Monday, December 4

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 5

- 9:00 a.m. Knitting with Friends
- 2:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, December 9

- 10:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal \*
- 2:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. **Christmas Dinner** \*

Sunday, December 10

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. **Christmas Cantata** \*
- 6:00 p.m. Youth @ First

\* **Now** is the time to make your reservation for the annual **Christmas Dinner**, followed by the Children's Program. Volunteers also need to make reservations. The dinner and program will be Saturday, December 9, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

\* Next Sunday at 4pm, the Handbell and Chancel Choirs will present their annual **Christmas Cantata**. *Come to Bethlehemtown* tells the Christmas

story through word, music, and song. There is no charge to come and enjoy this program. A free-will offering will be collected for the Reynoldsville Ministerium. A reception will follow the program.

\* The Primary Department will present their Christmas Pageant, "The Not-So-Silent Night," during the 10:45 Morning Worship on Sunday, December 17. Rehearsals will be on Saturdays, December 9 and 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Any child who is interested is welcome to participate.

**Treasures for Children** is in full swing, again. If you are able, please take a tag and return the *unwrapped* gifts no later than December 17.

Volunteers are needed to **ring the bell** for the Salvation Army kettle at BiLo, now through December 23. The bell is usually set up between 9am and 7pm each day. You can volunteer to ring for time periods from 30 minutes to an hour, or even—it's up to you. The proceeds from the Salvation Army kettle each year go to help low-income people in our area with various financial needs. Please contact Cindy Remaley at 249-2332 to schedule a time to ring.

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.

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

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

Email: [pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org](mailto:pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org)

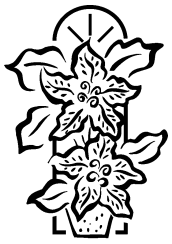
Administrative Assistant's Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

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

Email: [secretary@FUMCreynoldsville.org](mailto:secretary@FUMCreynoldsville.org)

Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts. ~Charles Dickens



ORDER  
YOUR  
POINSETTIAS

***Don't Delay!***

Once again we plan to decorate the church with beautiful poinsettias this year at Christmas time, and you are invited to share in this. These will be on the altar in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. After the Service you may take your plant home with you. Please complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate, or bring it by the church office, along with your check. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. The **DEADLINE** for ordering is Sunday, December 3.

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

***Reception***

There will be a sandwich and cookie reception following the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 10. The choir is asking for volunteers to either provide sandwiches or cookies. If you would like to volunteer, please fill in your name below and choose which item you would like to bring, then put this form in the offering plate. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sandwiches                      \_\_\_\_\_ Cookies