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Rebecca Matsco  
Lennie Miller  
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Rich Pierce  
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Karen Herman  
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Mt. Pleasant  
CHURCH

December 18, 2022

# Worship Service

Preparatory Worship

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting  
*See insert for the Congregation's Response*

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Mission: Pastor Abby Opal

Minute for Mission: Good News Club/Bev Foxall

\*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #213 "Away in a Manger"

\*\**The children will proceed to Children & Worship during the hymn.*

Scripture: Isaiah 7

Sermon "The Promise of Immanuel"

By Pastor Rich Herbster

\*Hymn #206 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

\*Benediction and Recessional

\*Congregation will stand

\*\**Children from ages 3 to 2nd grade are welcome to attend Children & Worship  
A nursery is available for children under the age of 3.*

# Announcements

## WORSHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:45am—Coffee/Fellowship

9:00am—Sunday School for All Ages

10:00am—Worship Service

## CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL OFFERING:

The special offering taken at this year's Christmas Eve services will benefit the Mosaic Church, a church plant of our presbytery, located in New Brighton. We pray for Pastor Eric and Hope Prinkey and for the work they are doing to extend the gospel in our community.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> SERVICE DETAILS:

Children & Worship will not be offered on Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day). We are giving our volunteers that time to spend with their families. Also, Sunday School will not meet on Christmas Day.

## BIBLE DONATION:

To support our neighbors seeking the Word through Mosaic Community Church, we are collecting new and gently used Bibles through January 1st; especially Children's Bibles. Bibles can be placed in the designated box found in the sanctuary. We thank you for sharing your love of the Word with His people!

## "SLOW CHURCH" CONVERSATION STARTERS NEEDED:

From January 1 through March 19, one of our two Adult SS classes will explore a book, "Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus" with a different facilitator each week. Would you like to lead or co-lead the discussion one Sunday? You'll get the book and study questions to get the conversation going; just contact Rebecca Matsco, 724.494.2409. Look for more details on "Slow Church" and "Samson", the other adult class, in a few weeks!

# Advent Reading

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This week's Advent Reading is led by:

Debbie & Richie Hecht

Leader: When Mary was engaged to Joseph, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

***Congregation: An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."***

Leader: "She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

***Congregation: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."***

Leader: We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to keep awake and be ready. We light the second Advent candle to remind us to change our ways. We light the third Advent candle to remind us of the good news that the blind can see and the lame can walk. We light the fourth Advent candle to remind us God is with us.



## \*Prayer List



Kate Adams	Pat Gray	Jack Moore
Micki Addison	Dolores Herron	Jack O'Neill
Alice Allison	Tom Hughes	Christine Olszanski
Tom Allison	Sarah Kane	LaVern Pence
Bill Bosley	Judy Kearns	Charlie Phillips
Joann Brooks	Evelyn Lyle	Barb Rupert
Bill Coon	Diane McCracken	Pastor Wang Yi
EPC in Sierra Leone	Tim Moody	Lisa Zahn

**Bereavement:** Ed Jestat Family, Ed Drake Family, Servando Guervara Family, Hattie Hunsinger Family

**Weekly Mission Focus:** The Center, Midland (Jen Miller)

**Special Prayer Focus:** Dan & Courtney

**Praise:** Rowena Seigel (Carol Coberly's sister)

*"...pray for each other..."*

James 5:16

## Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism

### Review Week

Please review questions 1-12.

Semester Scripture memorization: Psalm 8

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### Keep them in your thoughts by sending a card...

#### Tom & Alice Allison

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Aliquippa, PA 15001

#### Freda Buck

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### TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	\$11,617	\$7,957	\$3,660
YEAR TO DATE	\$450,580	\$397,825	\$52,755