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orship 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 Eric Prinkey, Mosaic EPC

\*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #207 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" \*\*The children will proceed to Children & Worship during the hymn.

> Scripture: Isaiah 6 Sermon *"Holy! Holy! Holy!"* By Pastor Rich Herbster

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper We will partake of the elements together after everyone has been served.

\*Hymn #199 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

\*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.



#### WORSHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:45am—Coffee/Fellowship 9:00am—Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am—Worship Service

# **CHRISTMAS CAROL HYMN SING:**

Come sing Christmas Carol Hymns TONIGHT at 6:00pm. Refreshments will follow.

# THE KID'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PLAY:

Mark the date! Sunday Evening, December 11th at 6:00pm. Come join us for the Kid's Choir Christmas Play: *"The Fumbly Bumbly Angels."* Refreshments will follow.

### **MT. PLEASANT CHRISTMAS TREE:**

Thank you to Allison's Tree Farm for donating this year's Christmas Tree! Thank you also to those who decorated the tree and the sanctuary. We are truly blessed and grateful!

# **LIVE NATIVITY:**

Mill Creek EPC of Hookstown, Hanover Presbyterian Church and Hookstown Free Methodist Church are participating in a Live Nativity on December 17th from 6:00pm until 8:45pm at the Historical Village at the Hookstown Fair Grounds. There is no cost to drive through; however, we are asking if you are able to please donate a non-perishable food item to help our food cupboard.

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# Advent Reading

This week's Advent Reading is led by: Joyce and Jeff Butler

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

# Congregation: And the people went out to him and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Leader: And John said, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me, I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

# Congregation: He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Leader: We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to keep awake. We light the second candle of Advent to remind us to change our ways.





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#### **HONDURAS MISSION TRIP:**

Anyone wishing to go on the next mission trip to Honduras, please fill out and return the information form with \$100 deposit by December 15th. The dates are from January 20th—February 3rd, 2023. Total cost of the trip is \$1,500. See Lennie Miller, Kevin Lander, Bill Kendall or Diane Luther for more information.

# **CATECHISM HELP AT YOUR FINGERTIPS:**

Is your family looking for additional support to learn catechism questions or memorize Scripture? Need some help keeping up with your kids? Try the games and prompts at <u>www.learnscripture.net</u>, where you can "Choose verses" or "Browse catechisms" and choose the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English (last in the list) and even track your progress!

# **"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!

#### \*Prayer List

Kate Adams	MaryKaye Hock Jack O'Nei		
Micki Addison	Ed Jestat	Christine Olszanski	
Alice Allison	Karla Jestat	Barbara Paterick	
Tom Allison	Judy Kearns	LaVern Pence	
Bill Bosley	Mike LaPata	Charlie Phillips	
Joann Brooks	Alycia Lyons	Rowena Seigle	
Bill Coon	Rich Martsolf	Darla Stiteler	
EPC in Sierra Leone	Iris McConn	Jonathan Walters	
Nora Jean Gardner	Diane McCracken	Pastor Wang Yi	
Pat Gray	Tim Moody	Lisa Zahn	
Dolores Herron	Jack Moore		

**Bereavement**: Servando Guervara Family, Hattie Hunsinger Family, Ruth Statler Family

Weekly Mission Focus: Overcomers in Christ (Milan Mrkonja)

Special Prayer Focus: Dan & Courtney

# Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism

#### Q11. What is God's providence?

Answer: God's providence is His completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action.

Weekly Memorization Verse: Psalm 145:17

Semester Scripture memorization: Psalm 8

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

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# "...pray for each other..." James 5:16

#### TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	\$8,298	\$7,957	\$341
YEAR TO DATE	\$428,279	\$381,912	\$46,367

