

**8:30 am Worship Ministry (Traditional, Sanctuary)**

**Welcome Desk Greeter:** Deacon Steve Connlain

**Greeters:** Elder Mike Baker; Trustee Adrienne Barr; Stephen Minister Jim Clinton

**Ushers:** David Rebuck, Paul Delaney, Gene Williams, Tom Samuel, Barry Leatherman, Brett Couvillion

**Sound Technician:** Harris Ransom

**Pulpit Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Karen Mason

**11:00 am Worship Ministry (Contemporary, Miller Commons)**

**Worship Leader:** Martin Bass

**Greeters:** Elder Jenny Revucky; Deacon Nancy Meyers

**Nursery Care** is available in the Preschool area for those with young children (birth-age 4). The David Room (back of the Sanctuary) is available for parents with infants/toddlers. The worship service can be viewed via TV monitor.

**Members and Guests:** Please take a moment to sign the Friendship pads in the pews so we can accurately record worship attendance and welcome visitors.



Kids (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade): Don't forget to pick up your **worship bags** and check for your worship mission.

**Special Congregational Meeting** will be held on TODAY after the 8:30 a.m. Service for the purpose of electing Officers to fill two vacancies.

Pick up a copy of **Connections**, which contains the Covenant of Prayer, from the narthex, Welcome Desk, Miller Commons, or the church office.

There are also large-print bulletins available.

**Next Sunday, December 22:** Sermon title: "*Jesus is* – A Service of Lessons and Carols.

**Christmas Eve Services:** 4:00-Family; 6:00-Family; 8:30 Communion; 10:45 Lessons & Carols. *All are candlelight services.*

**Christmas Day Service:** 9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

*Save the Date!* Please join us for our annual Epiphany Concert. A **Moravian Love Feast** will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff

Kelly LePenske, Pastoral Associate

**Please Join Us for Worship**

8:30 am Traditional (*Sanctuary*)

11:00 am Contemporary (*Miller Commons*)

**GATHERING THOUGHT**

**THE FPCM WAY OF THE WEEK**

**24. TELL YOUR STORY.** God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

*“No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you.” So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.” (Luke 8:39)*

*“Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies.” (Psalm 107:2)*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 am Sanctuary

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Beadle:

Elder Stephanie Mann

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Do You See a Star?

Chapel Choir

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Shackley

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Horn Family

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Elder Mann

Rejoice and be glad in the Lord always!

Let’s say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to everyone you know.

The Lord is near because Jesus is here with us today.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ’s coming.

Let us worship God with heart and soul and mind and voice.

Glory to God in the highest heavens! Peace be upon us today. Let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 156\*

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

PRAYER OF ADORATION\*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\* (The Apostles’ Creed)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Spencer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You are always with us, and You are always coming to us. We confess that we do not know how to prepare to welcome Jesus. We have lost the ability to hope in Your miracle-working power; we have ignored the promise of Your Kingdom; we are distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God, for forgetting You. Grant to us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph. We ask these things in the powerful name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

Time for personal prayers of confession before God

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The incredible news of this Advent season is the certainty of God’s forgiveness of our wrongs and the gift of new life. Let us, then, keep Christmas by believing this Good News and by sharing it through our words and actions each day.

Thanks be to our faithful God Who comes to be with us and to set us free so that we can love and serve. Amen.

RESPONSE NO. 805\*

Glory Be to the Father

SHARING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Kelly LePenske

ANTHEM

Lullay My Liking

Adult Choir/Janet Wilkie-Soprano, Frank Mitchell-Bass, Fernando Mancillas-Tenor, Joyce Michelfelder-Mezzo-soprano

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (‘debts’)

Rev. Spencer

WAY OF THE WEEK

ANTHEM

Myn Lyking

Adult & Chapel Choirs

Sofia Giannetto, Cali Barton, Grace Rykaczewski, Janet Wilkie, Soloists

R. R. Terry

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:26-33 (pg. 59 NT, Pew Bible)

SERMON

Simeon’s Song

Sermon Series: The Songs of Christmas

Rev. Spencer

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

(See insert for carols)

Worshippers may bring their gifts forward to the manger. Please join in singing the carols.

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

Noel: “Songs, I Pray Thee”

Joel Krott

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BENEDICTION\*

GREETING\*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

\*Those who are able are invited to stand

\*\*\*Seating interlude

### ***PROCESSING TO THE MANGER***

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;  
*Refrain:* O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. True, God of true God, Light from Light eternal, lo, He shuns not the virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten not created. (*Refrain*)

### **WHAT CHILD IS THIS?**

1. What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping, Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds' watch are keeping?  
*Refrain:* This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.
2. Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear; for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading. (*Refrain*)

### **AWAY IN A MANGER**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay. The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. Be near me, Lord Jesus. I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

### **AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD**

1. As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold. As with joy, they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright, so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.
2. As with joyful steps, they sped to that lowly manger bed. There to bend the knee before Him, Whom heaven and earth adore. So may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts more rare at that manger rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.



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