

Pinelands United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

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Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading

Reader 1: What goes on around the globe and close to home can make us feel afraid, angry, and distressed. The message of Advent reminds us that, even so, we each can bring light and love into our part of the world. Just as a tiny baby born 2,000 years ago illuminated the love God has for us, so also God's love can shine through us and through the people we meet.

Light the HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE candles.

(All 4 Candles)

Reader 2: Hear these words urging us to love from 1 John 4: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Reader 1: Let's receive the immeasurable love of God that casts out fear! Let's abide in God as we love our neighbor.

All: God, help us receive the great love you show us in Jesus. May we let it into our hearts to transform our lives. Let it shine through us to our neighbors near and far. Amen.

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: *In a world craving connection, we gather to celebrate love.*

People: **For love comes from God, and God is love.**

Leader: *Love one another, my friends.*

People: **For God is love in us.**

Leader: *There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.*

People: **We are called to love everyone, for God is love in us.**

Leader: *Let us worship the God who is love and live as a people of love,*

All: **We worship and thank the One who loved us first.**

❖ Gathering Hymn #211 "O come, O come Emmanuel"

Opening Prayer

God, we see your face when love appears. God, we see your face when love is shown by words and actions. Help us to be love to all, even those that we find difficult to love. Help us to love, for when we love you are present. Help us to live in love no matter what and in so doing to live into your presence. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:19-32

2nd Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

❖ Hymn of Preparation

#242 "Love Came Down at Christmas"





3rd Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-56

Sermon ***Gift Exchange: Fear for Love***

❖ Hymn of Celebration #217 “Away in a Manger”

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #219 “What Child is This”

❖ Benediction

God bless you and not let you out of his sight.
God keep and protect you by day and by night.
Let love, understanding be yours evermore.
God’s grace be with you forever more.



KEEP THEM IN PRAYER

Pastor Danny Clark & Family
Kathy Simpkins
Barbara Kurowski
Linda Hirst
Linda Green
Marge Clifton
Tom Rheault
Anna Walker
Denny & Joy O'Shaughnessy
Jerry
Sandra Allebach
Brian Plasket
Robin Green
Paul Cowan
Stephen Lister
Ciara McCarthy Burke
Kaitlin DeLucca (US Air Force)
Tiernan James (US Coast Guard)
Max Lister (US Army)
Dave Dixon
Little Jack
Joanne Wunsch
Brenda Malave
John Mascio IV

Frances Ernwood
Wilma Brown
Ed Rabush
Sean Plasket
McCartney Family
John Mascio Jr.
Margie Cochran
David & Emily Elkin
Denise
Larry Acker
Evelyn Roland
John Allebach Sr
Nicholas Cellini
Lou Massey
Melodee Ashby
Courtney Warner
Billy Cheatham (US Marines)
Riley James (US Marines)
Jarrad Moscicki (US NAVY)
Robert S.
Carol Petitt
Lorraine Roe
Robyn & Kent Grohne



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS w/ PASTOR DANNY

Monday Evenings: By Appointment Only
Wednesday Evenings: By Appointment Only
Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

Pinelands United Methodist Church will offer three Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Experiences for the whole family! We will gather in **Batsto Church at 5:00 pm**, **Green Bank Church at 7:00 pm** and **Nesco Church at 11:00 pm** where Communion will be offered to all.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Danny along with Pastor John Johnson will be leading the final **Advent Study at Atco United Methodist Church tonight from 6:30 - 8:30 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a friend or neighbor. Christmas dinner is planned.



PINELANDS UMC FISHING CLUB

Did you know Pinelands United Methodist Church as a **fishing club** that meets once a month at a local home. The fishing club is open to everyone and **the first meeting in January will be on the 8th**. Consider getting involved.



PINELANDS CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

9:00 am ~ BATSTO CHURCH ~ 4200 Nesco Rd
10:30 am ~ GREEN BANK CHURCH ~ 1081 River Rd

FOOD PANTRY

4:00-7:00 pm ~ NESCO CHURCH ~ Mondays

ADVENT SERIES: GIFT EXCHANGE

DECEMBER 22 ~ Fear for Love ~ Dress in Christmas Best

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ Darkness for Light

DECEMBER 29 ~ Meaninglessness for Purpose



CHRISTMAS EVE by CANDLELIGHT **Tuesday ~ December 24th**

5:00 pm ~ Batsto Church Building
7:00 pm ~ Green Bank Church Building
11:00 pm ~ Nesco Church Building
(Communion)

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