



**Order of Worship
November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent**

Advent Carol Sing

Bob Conner, Song Leader

Light the Candles & Ring the Bells

Welcome & Announcements

New Advent Song..... “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”.....#85
(vs.1, sung twice)

Lighting of the Advent Candle(s)

Pat Anthony & Gadsby Family

Advent Hymn.....”From Generation to Generation”.....[vs.1]

Call to Confession.....Pat Anthony

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, “Bring your full self. There’s room for you here.”

People: But we say, “Our lives are too messy.”

Liturgist: You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.”

People: But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”

Liturgist: You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”

People: But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”

Liturgist: God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.

People: Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Liturgist: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

People: There's room for every story. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Time with Children

The Sacrament of Baptism

Stirling Paul, Abigail Jean, & Emmelyn Ann Gadsby

Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe & Elder Rose Wales, presiding

Profession of Faith.....The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptismal Hymn....."Take Me To the Water".....#480

Prayer for Illumination

Special Music/Anthem....."Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming".....UPC Choir

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 1:1-17 (The Inclusive Bible)

Sermon....."The Heart of Redemption's Story".....Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering.....Pat Anthony

Prayer of Dedication.....Pat Anthony

***Sending Song....."People Look East".....#105**

***Benediction**

Postlude....."People Look East".....[arr. L. Larson]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
-- GADSBY TRIPLETS BAPTISM 11:00 AM Service
~ [Advent Devotional Booklets](#) available to those who requested copies
~ *Last day* to make reservation for UPW Luncheon
~Womanspace Gift tree available in narthex.

SUNDAY, DEC 4 – SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR & INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT
CRAFT 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
~ UPW LUNCHEON 12:30 PM at Town & Country Diner
~ NEW HYMNAL SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT due today

FRIDAY, DEC 9 – YOUNG FAMILIES ADVENT GATHERING 6-7:30pm
in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DEC 11 – SPECIAL MUSIC – A special service of worship, poetry, and
music presented by the UPC Choir.
Dedication of new Hymnals will take place.
~ FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 12:15 pm in Manse Lounge

SUNDAY, DEC 18 – SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR (Hot Chocolate Bar) &
INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT CRAFT! 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
-YOUTH GROUP Christmas Pizza Party 6:30-8:00 PM

TUESDAY, DEC 20 – SESSION MEETING 7:00 PM in the lounge

SATURDAY, DEC 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:30 PM – FAMILY SERVICE
7:00 PM – TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

SUNDAY, DEC 25 – THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES THAT DAY

Thank you to this week's greeter: Camille Nami

This Month's Mission: Trenton Rescue Mission

*Today's flower bouquet is presented by Pat Anthony
in Memory of Loved Ones*

CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC ON DEC. 11TH

SUNDAY, NOV. 27 – 12:15 PM

THURSDAY, DEC 1 – 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 3 – 10:30 AM

**** SUNDAY, DEC. 11 – SPECIAL MUSIC ****

LOOK FOR THESE FLYERS IN THE NARTHEX:

<i>Special flyer</i>	<i>Deadline Date</i>	<i>What is due</i>
UPW Luncheon (12/4)	Sunday, Nov. 27	Notify Lois Dixon or Gloria Hanewald if you plan to attend
GTG (Glory to God) Hymnal Sponsorship	Sunday, Dec. 4	Order form and money to office
Poinsettia Sale	Sunday, Dec. 11	Order form and money to office
Womanspace Tree gifts	Sunday, Dec 11	Unwrapped gifts as per tags

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Advent for UPC Families

1. November 27th | 1st Sunday of Advent | Advent Family devotionals available

We will also have some battery operated advent votive candles (our gift to your family) and a few copies of various children's bibles that you can borrow to help tell the bible stories that go along with the Advent devotional.

2. December 4th | 2nd Sunday of Advent | Intergenerational Advent Craft | 10-11am

Come to the Fellowship Hall for snacks and a special craft (we'll be making ornaments). Then, stay for our new **Kids First Sunday**, which is a special 45 minute communion worship service centered around children and families with lots of interaction and focus on engaging children/youth in worship. If you came for the Blessings of the Backpacks service, you will know what to expect. Come for prizes, learning, and new ways to engage in the worship service. We'll do this the 1st Sunday of each month, so we hope that you will mark your calendars now and plan to join us for these special Kids First Sunday services.

3. December 9th | Young Families Gathering | 6:00pm | UPC Fellowship Hall

Come for a soup/bread supper. We'll read a Christmas story together "A Christmas tree for Jesus", and have a special craft to do together.

4. December 18th | 4th Sunday of Advent | Intergenerational Advent Craft | 10-11am

We'll have a special Hot Chocolate Bar and intergenerational craft activity in the Fellowship Hall. Come make special luminaries to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve and then take the luminary home with you after the Christmas Eve service.

5. December 24th | Christmas Eve | 5:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service

We will have candlelight, a special interactive Christmas story book reading and singing our favorite Christmas hymns. This 45 minute service will be engaging and interactive for all ages. Invite your friends and family to join us!