



**Welcome,** we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. We would like you to know that:

- Nursery services are available upon request. The nursery is located on the second floor.
- An asterisk (\*) located before an event means that we invite you to rise in body or in spirit.
- You are invited to join us for refreshments in the lounge after the service.
- The pastor is available to meet with you to answer any questions or address any concerns about the church you might have, and for pastoral counseling or conversation, and visits.
- We hope to see you again!

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

10:00 am

### **Words of Reflection**

**"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap."  
words of Jesus from Luke 21: 34 NIV**

**Words of Welcome/Announcements:**

Pastor Heidi Reinker

**Prelude**

Organist/pianist Jeff Burke

### **Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Today the season of Advent begins.

**People:** **We are counting down to the celebration of Christ's birth.**

**Leader:** As we wait and prepare for Christmas, we are also awaiting Christ's return in glory.

**All:** **Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts, and change our lives and our world.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

# 213

**The Old Testament Lesson:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

### **Opening Prayer: based on I Thessalonians 3: 9-13**

Gracious God, please reign and rule our unruly hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to rejoice in your presence. Supply, O God, what is lacking in our faith. Make our love increase and overflow for You and for one another. Strengthen our hearts so that we will be blameless and holy in Your presence, our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes to earth again with all his holy angels to gather up his people. Amen.

### **Wreath Lighting:**

**Hymn: (you may remain seated)**

"Advent Song"

verse 1 only FWS # 2090

### **Prayers of the People**

What joys or concerns do you want to take to God in prayer?

Do you have a story to share as to how God has worked in your life recently?

### **Pastoral Prayer leading into 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.

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 21: 5-36

Response to the Gospel Lesson

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God, for which people say:

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" verses 1, 2, and 4 only # 211

**Sermon** "Expecting Jesus" Rev. Heidi Reinker

**\*Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 196

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology** "What Child Is This" v.1 and 3 only # 219

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*(Everyone is welcome to the Lord's table who seeks to know and love the Lord, you do not have to be a member of this denomination or congregation. The ushers will direct you to the front, and you can take a piece of bread and a small cup of grape juice. You may pray at the altar rail after receiving the elements, if you so desire.)*

**\*Benediction**

*It is our tradition to form a circle around the perimeter of the church after the benediction to sing "Let There Be Peace on Earth" while holding hands. If you are uncomfortable with this, you may proceed directly to the fellowship hall for refreshments!*

**Closing Hymn** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" # 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**\*Postlude**

Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Margaret Creekmore in honor of her son Johnathan Creekmore

**Coffee Hour:** Cheryl Byrd

**Liturgist:** Paulette Wilson

**Greeter:** Ruth Kasenow & Nina Barnsdale

**Liturgical Resources:**

**Call to Worship-**

**Opening Prayer-**

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

### Those who are hospitalized:

#### Those who are home:

- *Sandi Brewer*– Ruth Ann Brewer
- *Debbie Moffitt Botta* –Greg Moffitt
- *Cahalan Family*– Joe & Paulette Wilson
- *Kathy Callicoat*
- *Robb Clarkson-Lee & Jan Wynn Cousin*
- *Don Dameron-Lee & Jan Wynn*  
brother-in-law
- *Mardell Hull*
- *Jo Kampschoer*
- *Ruth Kasenow*
- *Sherry Lang-Kathy Myers*
- *Lindsey Liedke*-Betty Lozo daughter
- *Betty Lozo*
- *Pat Menatac*
- *Stan & Betty Miller*
- *Kathy Myers*
- *Alex Nicol*– Ruth Ann Brewer
- *Morris Prater*– Father of Tom Prater
- *Shannon Prater-Lee* and Jan Wynn's daughter
- *Ryan Randazzo*– Betty and Stan Miller-grandson
- *Joe Wilson*
- *Janet Wolfe*-Ruth Kasenow's daughter
- *Jeff Wynn*– Lee and Jan Wynn son
- *Lee Wynn*

### Those serving our country:

- *Sergeant Bradley Cookson* (Army) - grandson of Faith Cookson
- *Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel Davis* (Army, New York)
- *CPT Charles Dvorak* (Army) - brother of Emily Neubauer

## Trenton First UMC Announcements



### Breakfast & Devotion

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, great company and a brief devotion, then come join us at the diner.

The next breakfast will be  
December 3, 8 am at  
Mom's Restaurant.

### Baptism and Potluck on Sunday, December 9th

Adam Whitten's baptism will be on Sunday, December 9th with a potluck afterwards to celebrate. The Whitten family will provide ham, baked beans, cole slaw, and cake. There is a sign up sheet on the piano to let us know what you're bringing. Hope you can make it to worship and stay after to celebrate this happy event with the family.

### Sock it to Us

New socks for the homeless. Please donate NEW (prefer white) adult crew length socks to help keep somebody's feet warm and dry this winter. We are also collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves.

**All donated items will go to the ChristNet  
Warming Center in Taylor, MI.**



### Adult Bible Study-

We will gather some Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so to study the scriptures together with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study. All are invited to attend. We are studying King David's life in II Samuel.

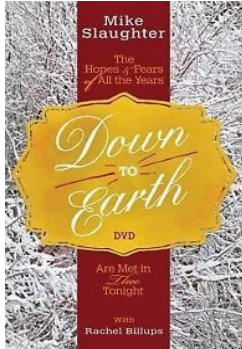
All are welcome!

### Envelope Tree

Please remember our home-bound at Christmas time. Please take a red or green envelope off the tree. The envelope has a mailing label with their name and address inside and send them a card.



## Trenton First UMC and Community Announcements Continued



**Down to Earth: The Hope  
and Fears of All the Years  
are Met in Thee Tonight.**

**By Mike Slaughter &  
Rachel Billups**

**Our Advent-study will be at 7 pm in the  
lounge on the following days:**

Wednesday, November 28  
Monday, December 3  
Wednesday, December 12  
Wednesday, December 19

Please let Pastor Heidi know if you would like  
to buy a book. They are \$10.00 a copy.

She has ordered 10 , and will get them to out  
to you as soon as they come in.



12/01– Jeffrey Wynn  
12/02– Maureen Burr  
12/04– Jonathan Creekmoore  
12/08– Lisa Hyder  
—Cheryl Pettitt  
12/10– Beverly Partch  
12/12– Theresa Nowland  
12/16– Shelby Haack  
12/18– Barbara Ward

**CHRIST**NET

ChristNet/Overnight  
December 9-16, 2018

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockwood will  
be hosting ChristNet overnights here at our  
church during this week.



**Christmas Open  
House  
at the Parsonage  
2604 Lenox**

On Friday, December 28  
from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**All Are Welcome  
Just bring yourself & family!  
No gifts please**

### Office Closed for Holidays

The church office will be closed this year from  
Friday, December 21 through  
Tuesday, January 1 for the holidays..

If you need to speak to Pastor Heidi,  
please call her directly day or night at  
734-407-9515. She will not be on vacation.

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## December

- Sunday: 12/02:** 10 am First Sunday of Advent worship with holy communion  
**Monday: 12/03:** 8 am breakfast & devotions at Mom's Restaurant; 7 pm Advent study  
**Tuesday: 12/04:** 1 pm Bible study on David's Life-II Samuel ch.16 ff  
**Thursday: 12/06:** 7 pm Choir; 8 pm Praise band
- Sunday: 12/09:** 10 am Second Sunday of Advent; Adam Whitten baptism with potluck  
ChristNet week begins-St Mary's Catholic Church is hosting here Dec 9-16  
**Tuesday: 12/11:** No Bible study  
**Wednesday: 12/12:** 7 pm Advent Study-"Down to Earth"  
**Thursday: 12/13:** 7 pm Choir; 8 pm Praise band  
**Saturday: 12/15:** 10 am Soup kitchen in Wyandotte
- Sunday: 12/16:** 10 am Third Sunday of Advent worship; Cookie Sunday.  
**Monday: 12/17:** 8 am breakfast & devotions at Mom's Restaurant  
**Tuesday: 12/18:** 1 pm Bible study on David's Life-II Samuel ch. 16 ff  
**Wednesday: 12/19:** 7 pm Advent Study-"Down to Earth"  
**Thursday: 12/20:** 6 pm Choir; 8 pm Praise band; 7 pm Blue Christmas worship service
- Sunday: 12/23:** 10 am Fourth Sunday of Advent worship;  
**Monday: 12/24:** 7 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

**December 21through January 1-church office will be closed**



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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**