



**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!

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

10:00 am

### **Words of Reflection**

**"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1: 4-6 NIV**

**Words of Welcome/Announcements:**

Pastor Heidi Reinker

**Prelude**

Organist/pianist Jeff Burke

#### **Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Like the Israelites who praised you in the midst of preparations to leave Egypt,

**People:** Like Jesus and the disciples, who celebrated their oneness with you in the midst of crisis,

**Leader:** We turn to you , O God, in the midst of our lives this Advent.

**People** We lay our hopes and fears before you, in joyful anticipation of the future you are bringing into being.

**All:** Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence with us now and always.

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

# 203

**The Old Testament Lesson:**

Malachi 3: 1-4

**Opening Prayer: (based on Philippians 1: 6-11)** Lord Jesus, help us to partner with you in sharing the gospel joyfully. We trust that You who have begun working in us to remake us in your image will someday finish the job. Help our love to abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight. Help us to be able to discern what is best for us, and to choose that.

Enable us by your grace to be pure and blameless in your sight when you come again, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes from living our lives in union with You, and with full faith in You, to the glory and praise of God. We pray in your name and by your power. Amen.

#### **The lighting of the Advent Wreath**

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

"Spirit of the Living God"

# 393

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism- baptismal liturgy**

Adam Stanley Whitten- born 7-3-18  
son of Aaron and Michelle Whitten

**\*Hymn** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" # 611

**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 3: 1-6

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.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 1: 68-79

**\*Hymn** "Blessed Be the God of Israel" # 209

**Sermon** "Preparing for Christ" Rev. Heidi Reinker

**\*Hymn** "When Christmas Morn Is Dawning" # 232

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Prayer**

**Special Music** "God Claims You" FWS # 2249 sung by the choir

**Offertory Music**

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

**\*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.

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Our symphony to Jackie Hull and her family on the death of her mother Mardell Hull on Saturday, December 1st.

Mardell was a beloved long-time member of this congregation.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Brace Pentoney in loving memory of his wife Carol.

**Coffee Hour:** Betty Miller

**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
- *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 17, 8 am at  
Mom's Restaurant.

### Baptism and Potluck

Join us after the worship to celebrate  
Adam Whitten's baptism today.  
The Whitten family is providing the ham,  
baked beans, cole slaw, and cake.

Hope you can stay and 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 collect-  
ing 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.

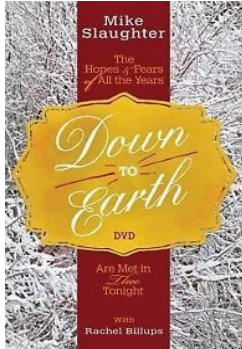
All are welcome!

### 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, December 12

Wednesday, December 19

Please let Pastor Heidi know if you would like  
to buy a book. They are discounted  
to \$5 a book!.



**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**

# CHRISTNET

ChristNet/Overnight

December 9-16, 2018

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockwood will  
be hosting ChristNet overnight 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: 12/09:** 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; Christmas Cookie Sunday coffee hour

**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. 20 ff

**Wednesday: 12/19:** 7 pm Advent Study-"Down to Earth"

**Thursday: 12/20:** 6 pm Choir; 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. Invite your friends & family

**Tuesday: 12/25:** Christmas Day- Merry Christmas

**Friday: 12/28:** 3-8 pm Christmas Open House at the parsonage.

**Sunday: 12/30:** 10 am worship

**The Church Office will be closed from December 21st— January 1st**



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