

*"I baptize you with water, but one who
is more powerful than I is coming . . .
He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit
and fire."*



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3rd Sunday of Advent - Luke 3:16

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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!

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

10:00 am

Words of Reflection

"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." Luke 3: 8

Words of Welcome/Announcements:

Pastor Heidi Reinker

Prelude

Organist/pianist Jeff Burke

Call to Worship: most of Isaiah 12: 2-6

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

People: **The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense. He has become my salvation.**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

People **Give praise to the Lord , make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

All: **Sing to the Lord for he has done glorious things. Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.**

***Opening Hymn**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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The Old Testament Lesson:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Opening Prayer: (based on Philippians 4: 4-7) Lord, give us your joy this day and season, even as we move toward the darkest day of the year, even though we may struggle with losses and disappointments in our lives. Help us to always rejoice in You, no matter what. Help us not to be anxious about anything, but instead help us to choose to go to You in prayer, giving thanks to you for what You have done, and asking for what we yet need or desire, while we trust that You will decide what is actually best for us to have. Focus our thoughts on the truest, noblest, purest, loveliest and most admirable things that we can think of, and help us put your words into practice in our lives. In Christ's name we humbly pray. Amen

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn: (you may remain seated)

"He is Born"

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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: 7-18

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** "Love Came Down at Christmas" # 242

Sermon "Changing for Christ" Rev. Heidi Reinker

***Hymn** "That Boy-Child of Mary" # 241

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Special Music

Offertory Music

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

***Benediction**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. " So go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

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:

Coffee Hour: Karen Roberts

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
tomorrow, at 8 am
at Mom's Restaurant.
2691 Fort St, Trenton



**Come Celebrate
Advent
And Christmas with
us!**

Blue Christmas Worship Service:

December 20 at 7 pm

(This is a service geared towards those
struggling during the holiday season.)

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:

December 24 at 7 pm

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.

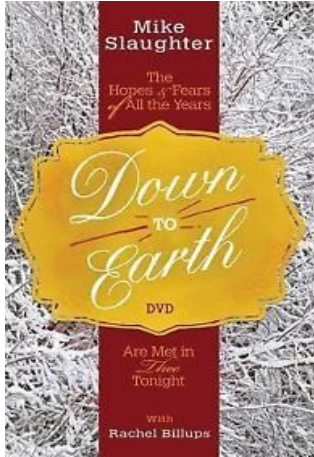
All are welcome!



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 To-
night.**

**By Mike Slaughter
&
Rachel Billups**

Our last Advent-study will be
Wednesday, December 19
7 pm



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

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

**All Are Welcome
Just bring yourself & your family**

No gifts please!



December

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



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: 12/16: 10 am Third Sunday of Advent worship; Christmas Cookie Sunday today!

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" - Last class

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

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