



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Sunday, December 4, 2022

CHARLTON CHURCH

Where Faith Meets Life

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE

WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING

CAROL

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (#229)

Polish carol

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

BAPTISM

Martin Alden Arenas

* CAROL

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (#238)

French carol

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

* UNISON PRAYER

Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1: 26-38

ADVENT REFLECTION

Rev. Barry Robison

"Attuned to the Will of God"

RESPONSE

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION and OFFERTORY

* ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

"In the Bleak Midwinter" (#221)

Christina G. Rossetti | Gustav Holst

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

* BENEDICTION

CHARLTON CHURCH: *Where Faith Meets Life*

WELCOME

Whether you're visiting or looking for a new church, we're glad that you are with us for worship today. Whatever your circumstances, no matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here!

COVID GUIDELINES

Though the pandemic may be winding down, now is not the time to get complacent in our actions. Please remember to observe social distancing whenever possible. If you have not been fully vaccinated, we highly encourage you to wear a mask. If you do not feel well, please stay home. There is a designated mask area in the rear of the sanctuary, for those who choose to be extra diligent. Thank you for your cooperation as we care for one another.

CONNECT WITH US

Be sure to fill out your Connection Card today and place it in the offering plate. This is the best way for our members and friends to stay connected with the ministry and mission of Charlton Church.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Charlton Church is a 'Safe Sanctuary', with procedures in place for the safety of all children and youth. A nursery is available during the worship service and is located at the end of the hallway opposite the sanctuary. KIDs Club, for children age 3 thru grade 5, meets during the 9:00 am worship service.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT CHARLTON CHURCH

Monday, Dec 5	6:00 pm	Jingle Ball making
Tuesday, Dec 6	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
Wednesday, Dec 7	10:30 am	Cardio, Strength, Balance Class
	4:00 pm	Giving Grace/Helping Hands
	6:30 pm	Pickleball
Thursday, Dec 8	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
	12:00 pm	Men's and Women's Luncheons
Friday, Dec 9	6:30 pm	Kid's Night Out Living Nativity
Saturday, Dec 10	4-7 pm	Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner

WORSHIP INFO

ALTAR NATIVITY

Our new nativity on the altar is a gift in loving memory of Jean and Chuck Huff.

WELCOME TO CHARLTON

We welcome Rev. Barry Robison, Susquehanna Conference Superintendent, who is offering the message today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests should be written into the Prayer Journal, located outside the sanctuary doors.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Don't forget to sign up for this month's fellowship programs.

JINGLE BALL SALES

Our new Jingle Balls are sold out! They will be available again later this week.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

The address for Sig Sunday in the newsletter was incorrect. It should be as follows:
Country Meadows Bldg 4 #321
4837 E Trindle Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

SERVICE INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

We are in need of toilet paper for our outreach distribution.

MONTHLY MISSION

This month's mission is Bethesda Mission, an outreach to the homeless of Harrisburg.

ACT OF KINDNESS CARDS

We have \$5 Karns gift cards available for purchase at the Welcome Desk to distribute as acts of kindness this holy-day season.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Everyone is invited to join us as we go Christmas caroling next Sunday, December 11, at 5 pm.

HARVEST HOME COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Home fund. Because our Giving Grace program serves families of many cultures, we will distribute a Karns gift card or voucher to the RGS Market (across the street from the church) so that families can purchase the foods that are a part of their diet.

A STEWARSHIP NOTE

As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of our time, talents and treasure. Here are three suggestions to help you make the most of this Advent season:

Stewards of our TIME: Instead of sitting down to sign your name on a bunch of Christmas cards, take the time to personalize two or three cards a day, sharing kind words with the persons reading those cards.

Stewards of our TALENTS: Consider how you can use your talent to benefit another person. Are you a good cook or baker? Make a meal or dessert and deliver it to someone who needs encouragement. Are you a wood-worker? Make a small gift for a neighbor. Do you excel at cleaning? Offer your services for an elder in your family ... or put those skills to work at church. There's always a way to use your talents to serve others!

Stewards of our TREASURE: In this season of gift-giving, consider what financial gift you can make to support the mission and ministry of Charlton Church as the year draws to an end. Join your Charlton family as we GIVE hope, love, joy and peace in these holy days.

And beyond our time, talents and treasure, we should also be good stewards of our PRAYERS! As you drive over icy streets or navigate through a crowded store, take time to pray for those around you and for those who struggle with much less. Become aware of people around you and lift them in prayer.



Stewardship Report for November 27, 2022

Attendance in Worship –	108
General Fund:	\$ 6,225.52
Debt Reduction	\$ 125.00
Mission Offering:	\$ 409.00

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For detailed info on how to give, go to www.CharltonChurch.org/give

Prayer Requests for Sunday, December 4, 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

The people of Ukraine and Russia, the leaders of all nations; Merle Lebo, Joy Morris, Emelia Evans, Jamie Lynn Knepp, Meyers family, Yingst family.

PREVIOUSLY:

Gloria Chmiola, Rick and Sue Ebert, Tony Chmiola, Leo George, Rylee Monahan; Amanda and Jon Eshenour, Irene Kaufmann, Sue Kelly, Andrea Petricone, Karson, Cathy Fornta, Karen; Wendy Johnson, Gail Miller, Nancy Tingley; Rick Ebert, Jeff Garber, Judy McMillen.

WE CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR:

- All those who are affected by the coronavirus
- Charlton Church, its staff and leadership,
- Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi, District Superintendent Rev. Barry Robison
- Our World Vision families: Dieulene in Haiti and Narek in Armenia

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