



Fairhill Manor Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

351 Montgomery Ave.
724-225-8610

Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Minister

Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor

Elders: Linda Reese, Bread

Jody Mullis, Cup

December 14, 2025 - 10:15am

Prelude Sam Johnson, organist

Welcome Pastor Gena

Call to Worship Linda Reese

Leader: Wait for the Lord: God is coming to save us.

People: The eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will hear once more.

Leader: Wait for the Lord: Christ is coming to heal us.

People: The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.

Leader: Wait for the Lord: The Spirit is coming to renew us.

People: All things will be made new.

All: Come! Let us worship.

*Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #119 vs 1-3

Lighting of the Third candle of Advent – Joy Connor Gatten and
James, Cara, Deacon & Margot Hritz

Leader: A flickering candle lights our path to joy.

People: Let us encourage one another so that we can stay brave and press on to see God revealed to us!

Leader: May we delight in the Advent adventure we are on together.

People: Let us enjoy connecting to God and all people along our journey to Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Gena

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.

*Song of Response "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #134

First Scripture Reading **Isaiah 35:1-10** Linda Reese
(Holy Bible pg. 578 - Lg print pg. 875)

Anthem "Away in a Manger," by J.E. Spelman Choir

Children's Message Pastor Gena
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, colors varied dark and light, they are precious in His sight; Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Second Scripture Reading **Matthew 11:2-11** Rev. Stillwell
(Holy Bible pg. 792 - Lg print New Testament pg. 18)

Rev. Stillwell: The Word of God, for the people of God...

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "A Prickly Faith"
Rev. Chris Stillwell

Call to Offering Gene Sheller

*The Doxology #46
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Offering Prayer Rev. Stillwell

Invitation to Communion Rev. Stillwell

Communion Hymn *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"* #153

Prayer for the Bread & Cup Linda Reese

Words of Institution Rev. Stillwell

Sharing Holy Communion

You will receive the bread and cup together. Please hold them; we will take each together as one body. Disciples of Christ believe in an Open Table. All who profess Christ and follow Him are welcome to share His meal. Gluten free wafers are available in the Narthex.

Call to Discipleship Rev. Stillwell

*Closing Hymn *"One Candle Is Lit"* #128 vs 1, 2 & 5

*Benediction Rev. Stillwell

*stand if you are able

Please continue to pray for all those listed on the **Prayer List** included in the Manor Minutes. If you are not receiving the Manor Minutes (our weekly newsletter) and would like to, please contact the church office at (724) 225-8610.

Green Prayer Request slips can be found in the pew-back pockets and at the prayer station podium in the Narthex. We will collect these slips at the end of the Announcements time. At any time during the week, you can always ask for prayer through our website or by contacting Rev. Chris, Pastor Gena, an Elder or the Church Office.

Please take a minute to fill out your name on the **attendance pad**. If you are a visitor, please include your address and phone number. After filling it out, remove the sheet from the pad and place on the pew for collection. Thank you for helping us care for you.

Please help us recycle by placing your **bulletin** (if you do not wish to take it home with you) and **communion cup** in the designated containers in the Narthex.

Today:

The **Disciples Mission Fund** Christmas special offering is being collected today. Please consider contributing to support the ministries in our Region as we continue to demonstrate God's love among us. You can take part in the DMF Christmas Offering by donating directly to the Disciples Mission Fund at www.disciplesmissionfund.org/give, through Fairhill Manor on the Givelify app, or by writing a check to Fairhill Manor and noting "Christmas Offering" in the memo line.

All children age 4 - Grade 5 are welcome to participate in **Children Worship & Wonder**, an age-appropriate, Montessori-based worship experience. Join the CW&W Greeter at the back of the Sanctuary after the Children's Message. Parents are encouraged to accompany their child(ren) on their first visit. All Fairhill adults working with children have required clearances on file, have been selected through a rigorous screening process, and undergo frequent training on abuse awareness and prevention.

Elders: Linda Reese, bread/prayer Jody Mullis, cup
Deacons: Karla Glover, Tom Glover, Jill Throckmorton*,
Candy Wasalasky

Greeters: Dave and Carol Davis Usher: Louie Skariot

Sound: Charlotte Stillwell, Video: Tom Ulery

CW&W: *The Shepherds Show the Way to Bethlehem*

Greeter: Reita Melvin, Storyteller: Rita Puskarich

This Week:

December 15 NA 7pm

December 16 Dartball 7pm @ Home

December 17 Blue Christmas, 7pm

NA 6:45pm

December 18 Choir Practice 6:30pm

NA 7:30pm

December 19 Bethany Class Christmas Party, Noon

Upcoming:

December 21 – Breakfast at the Manger, 9am, sign-up sheet in Narthex

December 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7pm

Attendance December 7, 2025

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