

ACOLYTE: Noah Pearce

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Darlene & Carlos Mocelo and family on the death of her mother, Dorothy Anderson.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Doug Nemeth (son of Dot Nemeth), John Chwastyk, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Heather Oman (niece of The Youse/Mack Family), Richard Thompson (brother of Doris Gager), Bill (father-in-law of Sandra Handel's son), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller), Tina Tesch (niece of Linda Wanagas), Penny McClellan (cousin of Linda Wanagas), Sheryl Moon (former South Valley Elementary School teacher), Carolyn Myers, Mary Raroha, Carol Heller, Mary Berner.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

<https://www.instagram.com/fumc.moorestown> <https://www.facebook.com/fumcmoorestown>



December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 A.M.

A United Methodist Community in Moorestown, New Jersey

"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions."

PRELUDE

Christmas Joy

Dobrinski

Adult Handbell Choir

WELCOME

Pastor Jess

***HYMN #202**

People, Look East

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Jess

L: Walking toward Bethlehem, listening every step of the way--

P: For the sound of our name, for the sound of joy, peace and hope.

L: We journey toward Bethlehem, watching every step of the way

P: For a new star in the sky, for guidance in our daily lives.

L: Walking toward Bethlehem, sensing we are not alone,

P: Angels are all around us, singing of God's Love coming alive again,

L: We journey toward Bethlehem,

P: Hoping we shall find a baby in a manger:

L: A simple sign that God loves us always

All: And reason enough to sing God's praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Jess

Wondrous God of Light and Love, during this busy holiday season it's so easy for us to lose sight of what real love is. Your love is more than just holiday presents, tasty desserts and warm fuzzy feelings. Of all the gifts we may give or receive, none is more overlooked or more precious than the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ—real Love that comes at Christmas. Help our hearts grow three sizes bigger as we share the gift of Love to all we meet. Amen

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The Owens Family

Congregational Sung Response TFWS# 2095 (vs 1 & 5)**Star Child****YOUNG DISCIPLE'S TIME**

Pastor Jess

*A fun learning time with the Pastor for all kids.***SCRIPTURE READING****Psalm 136:1-4**

Pastor Jess

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever.

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gina

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

PRAYER RESPONSE # 408 (vs 3) The Gift of Love**MINISTRY OF MUSIC****Advent Celebration**

Adult Choir

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

Pastor Gina

We welcome all who worship with us this morning. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FUMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering and the Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have in the offering basket located in the worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #242 Love Came Down at Christmas*SCRIPTURE READING****Luke 2:1-7**

Pastor Gina

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

MESSAGE:**The Grinch: Finding Love**

Pastor Gina

CLOSING HYMN WS #3059 Love Has Come**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Gina

POSTLUDE**THE PEOPLE STAND**