

# ~ Welcome ~

December 23, 2018

## WE GATHER

Prelude "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"  
*Berry*

Welcome & Announcements  
\*Greeting

## WE PRAISE

\*Opening Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 220

\*Call to Worship

*Leader: God has done great things for us!*

**People: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.**

*Leader: Holy is God's name!*

**People: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.**

*Leader: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.*

**All: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.**

\*Morning Prayer

**Lord, be with us this morning as we encounter the Shepherds and hear of the wondrous news that they received. Remind us that each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Phyllis Flaugh & Eunice Merritt

Congregational Response

"A Candle Is Burning" (Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger") See Screen

## WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time "A Child Is Born" Millie Frambaugh

*At the conclusion of Children's Time all children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School. Nursery care for younger children is also available.*

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be:*

*World without end! Amen, Amen!*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Reading	Micah 5:2-5a	p. 857
	Hebrews 10:5-10	p. 1113
	Luke 2:8-20	p. 945

Video Message "The Joy Dilemma of the Shepherds"

Message "Christ Has Come"

Sung by: Sharon Center UMC Adult Choir

Narrator: Charlie Tramel

*"Celebrate the Child" with "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" with "Come, Thou Great Redeemer"*

*"Because a Baby Came" with "O Holy Night"*

*"Christ Has Come"*

*"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" with "Offering"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering "Celebrate the Child" with "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all Creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Offertory Prayer

## WE GO FORTH

\*Closing Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

\*Benediction

*God asks us if we will be God's people. Our hearts want to shout yes! Go into the world, feeling God's healing presence in your lives. Tell others about God's love. Do not be afraid! God is truly with you. Amen.*

\*Postlude "Shepherd Medley with "In the Silence of the Night", "Come All Ye Shepherds" and "O Come Away, Ye Shepherds"

\*Indicates congregation to stand

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Pastor Jane Piehl	Pastor
Millie Frambaugh	Music Director
Dave Piehl	Lay Speaker
Bill Baldwin, Mason Brosch	Greeters
Maykenzie, Danielle, Chad Lahoski	Acolytes

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Join us for refreshments following the service in Fellowship Hall.

## Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

WELCOME TO SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! Please make sure to sign the attendance pad as it is passed during the service and let us know your contact information. We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon! At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

[www.sharoncenterumc.org](http://www.sharoncenterumc.org)

### SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

Church Office: (330) 239-1616

SharonCenterUMCsecretary@gmail.com

Church hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p

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Pastor Jane Piehl

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Norma Bates  
Phil Bernhard  
Anne Gavinesky

Warren & Jean Geitgey  
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Guy & Wanda Quick  
Jeannette Swires

Mary Jane Winters  
Gavinesky Family

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