

MOUNTAIN VIEW FELLOWSHIP

Wayne Pence, Pastor Everyone, Ministers
December 20, 2020

GATHERING SONG Praise Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Tayanovskyy family

We celebrate the birth of Jesus this week. News of his birth brings great joy to our hearts and to our world. Yet our preparations are not finished. We must prepare our hearts and make ready to receive this precious gift. Let us seek the Lord while he may be found.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:6-11

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of Christ into our darkness. With the coming of this light there is joy. The angels proclaimed, "Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people. For to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

PRAYER

O God, as Christmas approaches there is a sense of excitement in the air. We can all feel joy in our hearts and see it in the hearts and lives of those around us. Still, for some this is a sad time because of suffering and losses we have experienced and memories we carry with us. Give us your joy even in the midst of sorrow, and help us to share your joy with a suffering world. We pray in the name of the One who was born on that first Christmas. Amen.

SONGS FOR WORSHIP Praise Team

CHILDREN'S TIME Kim Mickelson

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS FOLLOWED BY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:13-18

MESSAGE Is the Church the Hope of the World? Wayne Pence

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Those who have made a commitment to Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to come forward and partake of the bread and cup, symbols of Christ's gift of his very life for us.)

CLOSING SONG Praise Team

CLOSING WORDS *(Paul to the church at Philippi: Phil. 4:8-9)*

Finally, Brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Amen.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE A PART OF OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEK, WHETHER PHYSICALLY OR REMOTELY PRESENT. OUR PRAYERS ARE EXTENDED TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND TO ALL PEOPLE AS WE CONTINUE TO BE ENDANGERED BY THE CORONAVIRUS.

Thanks to the Tayanovskyy family for being worship leaders today.

Today, December 20 9:45 Indoor worship service with social distancing

Today, December 20 11:30 Zoom Sunday school class

Thursday, December 24 7:00 Our Virtual Christmas Eve Service will be shown on church Facebook page. Candles are available for you to light during the service. Worship bulletins for the service are on the table for you to take with you.

Our Outreach Team and Leadership Team invite you to give to the following organizations through our church: The Salvation Army, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, and/or Brethren Woods.

LAST WEEK Regular offering \$5,907.00 Brethren Woods \$500.00
Renewal & Replace \$140.00 Elkton Area United Services \$500.00
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank \$600.00 Salvation Army \$650.00
Memorial gifts: Ray Caplinger \$150.00 Betty Reniker \$100.00

OFFERINGS If not attending worship you are invited to mail in or drop off your financial contributions. The church address is 8601 McGaheysville Road, McGaheysville, VA 22840

PRAYER LIST Write these down and remember in prayer this week.
