

# *Circleville Church*

*of North Huntingdon, PA*



**GLOBAL**  
**METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

**Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor**

**December 17, 2023**

***Our mission is to share Christ with the world through worship,  
service and witness.***

## THE DIVINE EXCHANGE

1. Jesus was punished...  
**...that I might be forgiven. (Isaiah 53:4)**
2. Jesus was wounded...  
**...that I might be healed. (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; 1Peter 2:24)**
3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness...  
**...that I might be made righteous with His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21)**
4. Jesus died our death...  
**...that I might receive His life (Hebrews 2:9).**
5. Jesus was made a curse...  
**...that I might enter into the blessing (Galatians 3:13)**
6. Jesus endured our poverty...  
**...that I might share His abundance (2 Corinthians 8:9).**
7. Jesus bore our shame...  
**...that I might share His glory (Hebrews 12:2)**
8. Jesus endured our rejection...  
**... that I might have His acceptance with the Father (Ephesians 1:5-6).**
9. Jesus was cut off by death...  
**...that I might be joined to God eternally (Isaiah 53:8)**
10. Our old man was put to death in Him...  
**...that the new man might come to life in me (Colossians 3:9-10)**

**\*Indicates for you to stand if able**

**Third Sunday in Advent – Joy  
Teacher Recognition Sunday**

Prelude... Selected Christmas Songs Fred King, Jr., Accompanist

Welcome and Announcements John Simpson, Worship Leader

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Ringing of the Bells

\* Lighting of the Third Candle of Advent John Simpson, Worship Leader

This morning we light three candles, the candle of hope, peace, and Joy. This candle reminds us that we have reason to be joyful, even in the midst of strife. We remember that the angel proclaimed Christ’s birth as “Good news of great joy to all people.” We celebrate today with joyful hearts and commit ourselves to spreading that joy to the world around us.

\* Call to Worship:

Leader: When the Lord restores our fortunes,

**People: we are like those who dream.**

Leader: Our mouths are filled with laughter;

**People: our hearts sing with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Worship the Lord our salvation

**People: Worship the Lord!**

\* The Holy Invocation Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor

\* Hymn of Praise #216 (Hymnal) *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

Sunday School Teacher Recognition – Kathy Irely, Sunday School Superintendent

Teachers:	Tyrone Zerbe
Phyllis Dempsey	Nancy Zerbe
Marsha Morozowich	Nancy Goodish
Pastor Gloria Jun	

Prayer Moment: Nancy Zerbe

Prayers and Praises of the People

After the Joys we say, “Thanks be to God”

After the Concerns we say, “In the Name of Jesus”, Amen.

The Apostles Creed #881 (Hymnal)

**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.**

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory... *"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

- \* Offertory Response #95 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*  
**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.**

- \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message... *"The Lost Sheep"* Brandon Dempsey  
(Video from Saddleback Kids)

- \* Congregations Anthem #242 (Hymnal) *"Love Came Down at Christmas"*  
Scripture Lesson - John 10:7-10 (NKJV) John Simpson, Worship Leader  
Message... *"The Son of God – The Door of the Sheep"* (Advent sermon Series 2)

- \* Hymn of Dedication #153 vs. 1, 2, & 3 *"Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose"*

- \* Benediction

- \* Postlude... Selected Christmas Songs

### **Memory Verses:**

**This Week:** "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9 (NKJV)

**Last Week:** "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)

## Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126 (UMH 847)

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

<b>Ongoing Prayer Needs:</b>	<b>Barb &amp; George Petro</b>	<b>Cora Jean Qualey</b>
<b>Kathy Irey</b>	<b>Pat Lydon</b>	<b>Jessie Roycroft</b>
<b>Jane Jancisin</b>	<b>Greg Clark</b>	<b>Joyce &amp; Rick Frischolz</b>
<b>Barb Douglas</b>	<b>Abbey McCoy</b>	
<b>Mike Heckert</b>	<b>Carolyn Kalina</b>	

**Statistics:** Attendance last Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 65; No Sunday School because of the luncheon.

**Homebound:** Mr. and Mrs. George Petro, 11291 Joseph Street, No. Huntingdon, PA 15642

**Birthday:** **December 17**, Jim McConville & Ginny O'Rourke; **December 22**, Ron Gongaware

**Anniversary:** George and Barb Petro

### Received December 10, 2023

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 3,505.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,411.00</b>	<b>-\$ 2,094.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$ 175,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 131,424.37</b>	<b>-\$ 43,825.63</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 190.00</b>	<b>\$ 189.20</b>	<b>-\$ 0.80</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,450.90</b>	<b>+\$ 8,950.90</b>

### This Week

Sunday	Third Sunday in Advent - Joy Teacher Recognition Sunday We have begun to accept your Christmas cards. See information under Notes of Interest.
Tuesday	Church Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Leaders' Class meeting, 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Blue Service, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	AA meeting, 8:00 p.m.

## Looking Ahead:

December 24	Christmas Eve – regular church service at 9:30 a.m., followed by Sunday School. Candlelighting service at 7:00 p.m.
December 28	Girl Scouts will not meet.

## Notes of Interest:

**Please Note:** We will be locking the front door around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you need to leave and come back in, please let someone know so they can open the door for you.

**The December newsletter** is in a box on the gift table. Please pick up yours and sign your name on the sheet provided.

**When making out your offering checks**, please make it payable to Circleville Church.

**Christmas Card Delivery:** We will once again have our Christmas card delivery. For those who are new to Circleville, you address your cards to members in the congregation and then the cards are hand delivered to that person for .25 per card. A list of current, active members will be provided. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks are to be made out to Circleville Church and in the memo line “Christmas Cards”. We began accepting cards on November 26<sup>th</sup> and delivery will begin on December 10<sup>th</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please remember, we do not mail any cards. Money received will go to the church roof.

**What is a Blue Service?** A Blue Service is for those hurting during the holidays. It’s often offered December 21<sup>st</sup>, the longest night of the year. Some come because they are mourning the loss of a loved one. Some are far from home. Some suffer from illness, addiction or estrangement. Some are lonely, struggling financially, or in conflict with another. Some hurt because of the great pain, need, and violence in our nation and world. The reasons for coming are many. We gather in the midst of suffering to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near. We are not alone, and we have every reason to hold on to hope.

**The Food Pantry** – These are items still needed to keep the pantry full.

Velveeta Shells and Cheese	Idaho Potato mix	Ramen Noodles
Chef Boyardee Pastas	Gravy	Salmon
Jelly	Noodles	Spaghetti Noodles
Lipton Rice or Noodle mixes	Applesauce	Canned Potatoes
Regular noodles	Peanut Butter	Tuna
Regular boxes of cereal	Chicken Noodle or Rice Soup	Instant Oatmeal – packets
Instant or regular rice	Pop-Tarts	Spaghetti Sauce
Tomato Sauce	Cream of Chicken Soup	

## Band Meeting Questions

Each week Methodists would meet together in groups of three to five people of the same gender (known as bands), and ask each person the following four questions:

1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
2. What temptations have you met with?
3. How were you delivered?
4. What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?

## Class Meeting Questions

They also had small group meetings so-called class meeting consisted of 12 people with a series of questions.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass onto another what was told me in confidence? Can I be trusted?
4. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
5. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
6. Did the Bible live in me today?
7. Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
8. Am I enjoying prayer?
9. When did I last speak to someone about my faith?
10. Do I pray about the money I spend?
11. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
12. Do I disobey God in anything?
13. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
14. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
15. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
16. How do I spend my spare time?
17. Am I proud?
18. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisee who despised the publican?
19. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I going to do about it?
20. Do I grumble and complain constantly?
21. Is Christ real to me?

# GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH'S BELIEFS & GOVERNANCE

There are nine parts: Doctrine, Social Witness, Local Church, The Ministry of the Called, The Superintendency, Conferences, Connectional Organization, Judicial Administration, Property. Each week we will review one part until finished. There is more detail in each of these sections, which can be found at <https://globalmethodist.org>

## PART THREE | LOCAL CHURCH

### 308. THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

The church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the world. The local church is a strategic base from which Christians move out to the structures of society, providing the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs. It is a community of true believers under the Lordship of Christ. It is the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by persons divinely called and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit, the church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, and the redemption of the world. The function of the local church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is to help people to accept and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to live their daily lives in light of their relationship with God. Therefore, the local church is to minister to persons in the community where the church is located, to provide appropriate training and nurture to all, to cooperate in ministry with other local churches, to defend God's creation and live as an ecologically responsible community, and to participate in the worldwide mission of the church, as minimal expectations of an authentic church. Each local church shall have a definite evangelistic, nurture, and witness responsibility for its members and the surrounding area and a missional outreach responsibility to the local and global community. It shall be responsible for ministering to all its members, wherever they live, and for persons who choose it as their church. Such a society of believers, being within the denomination and subject to its discipline, is also an inherent part of the church universal, which is composed of all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



# Message of Salvation

*Are you saved?*

*Are you confident that you would go to heaven if you die at this moment?*

*Here is the good news for you.*

## **Everyone dies because of sin, and after that ...**

You will die someday because of sin. You cannot avoid death, and death is not the end, but the beginning of an eternal life. What's important is where and how you will live eternally. With eternal happiness in heaven or eternal suffering in hell? If you deal with your sin, you can enter the heaven and live there eternally. How?

## **Jesus Christ has redeemed your sin.**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world and bore the cross shedding his blood to redeem your sin and triumphed in his resurrection. Through his sacrifice, Christ paid off your sin and purchased a place for you in heaven, which he offers as a free gift.

## **If you want for your sins to be forgiven and to be saved ...**

1. Accept Christ's invitation by repenting your sins by asking,  
"Lord, I repent of all my sins. Please forgive all of my iniquities I have committed, and lead me to your kingdom."
2. Confess, "Jesus Christ is my Savior," by praying,  
"Lord, I confess that You are my Savior who can deliver me from the eternal damnation of sin and death. Come into my heart and be my master for my entire life."
3. Rejoice, you are forgiven and given an eternal life without condemnation.
4. Congratulations! You become a child of God and a citizen of Heaven.

## **What's next?**

1. Read the Bible, the Word of God, in which you will find Truth and Peace.
2. Join a local church where you will grow in faith
3. Do good works as much as you can. Sharing God's love for others is a form of worship.

If you, having read this, trusted Jesus for eternal salvation, please let us know. We would like to help you to grow spiritually.

Please contact Pastor Gloria Jun at 724-864-1581 or 410-302-4477.

## Sermon Notes:

Scripture John 10:7-10 (NKJV)

Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who *ever* came <sup>[a]</sup>before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.