

# *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 24, 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**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent – Love  
Christmas Eve Service**

Prelude... “*O Holy Night*” by Adam  
“*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” by Scott

Mary Jane Clark, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Nancy Goodish, Worship Leader

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Ringing of the Bells

\* Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent

Nancy Goodish, Worship Leader

This morning we light four candles, the candle of hope, peace, and joy and today’s candle - love. This candle reminds us that God so loved the world that He sent His only son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have life everlasting. Today we celebrate God’s gift of love and remember that we have been commanded to love others as God loves us.

\* Call to Worship:

Leader: Relatives conceive—one a barren woman, the other a young girl who has not been with a man.

**People: How can this be?**

Leader: With God, all things are possible.

**People: Our hearts beat with laughter. Our lips sing of God’s glory.**

Leader: Let us magnify the Lord as we worship God this day.

\* The Holy Invocation

Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor

\* Hymn of Praise #238 vs. 1, 3, & 4 (Hymnal)

“*O Come, All Ye Faithful*”

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 Divine Exchange

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jun & Congregation

**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... *“Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep”* by Ritter

\* 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 Story of Christmas” Jesus is Born* Brandon Dempsey  
(Video from Saddleback Kids)

Anthem ... *“Once in Royal David’s City”* Ladies’ Ensemble

Scripture Lesson - John 8:12-19 (NKJV) Nancy Goodish, Worship Leader

Message... *“The Son of God – The Door of the Sheep”* (Advent sermon Series 2)

\* Hymn of Dedication #249 vs. 1, 3, & 4 *“There’s a Song in the Air”*

\* Benediction

\* Postlude... *“Rejoice and Be Merry”* by Kendall

### Memory Verses:

**This Week:** “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” John 8:12-19 (NKJV)

**Last 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)

### Lectionary Readings:

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**  
**Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)**  
**Romans 16:25-27**  
**Luke 1:26-38**

<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>	

**Statistics:** Attendance last Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 47; Sunday School, 3.

**Homebound:** Mrs. Jane Jancisin, 10552 Roseway Boulevard, No. Huntingdon, PA 15642

**Birthday:** **December 25**, Dutch Shick; **December 26**, Carol Proctor

**Received December 17, 2023**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 3,505.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,113.00</b>	<b>-\$ 1,391.70</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$ 178,755.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,537.67</b>	<b>-\$ 45,217.33</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 190.00</b>	<b>\$ 231.50</b>	<b>+\$ 41.50</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$ 9,690.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,682.40</b>	<b>+\$ 8,992.40</b>

**This Week**

Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Advent - Love Christmas Eve candlelighting service, 7:00 p.m. Please remember to check the table for your Christmas cards.
Monday	Merry Christmas
Tuesday	Office closed
Thursday	Girl Scouts will not meet.
Saturday	AA meeting, 8:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead:**

December 31	Pastor Lee will be using the sanctuary this afternoon.
January 1	Happy New Year

**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.

**Our Christian love and sympathy** to the following:

The family and friends of Aileen Lewis who passed away on December 10, 2023.

The family and friends of Betty Gossar who passed away on December 17, 2023.

The Kalina family: Ken, Tom and Kathy, on the passing of their mother, Carolyn Kalina on December 20, 2023. There is no viewing but there will be a memorial service in February. They thank the congregation for the prayers and cards that were sent over the years.

**A thank you note** from Wreaths Across American has been received and is posted on the bulletin board.

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

**Christmas Card Delivery:** We began accepting cards on November 26<sup>th</sup> and delivery began on December 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please remember, we do not mail any cards. Money received will go to the church roof. Please check the table for cards.

**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**

#### **309. DEFINITION OF A PASTORAL CHARGE**

1. A pastoral charge shall consist of one or more churches that are organized under and subject to the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church, with a charge conference, and to which a pastor is appointed to serve.
2. A pastoral charge of two or more churches may be designated a circuit or a cooperative parish.
3. When a pastoral charge is not able to be served by an ordained or licensed minister, the bishop, upon recommendation of the cabinet, may assign a qualified and trained layperson to do the work of ministry in that charge. The layperson is accountable to the presiding elder (district superintendent) or another ordained minister appointed to oversee the charge, who will make provision for sacramental ministry. If the assignment is to continue longer than one year, the layperson will begin the process of becoming a certified candidate for ministry, coming under the care of the conference Board of Ministry. The layperson assigned is also accountable to the policies and procedures of the annual conference where assigned.

# 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 8:12-19 (NKJV)

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

### Jesus Defends His Self-Witness

The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not <sup>[a]</sup>true.”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me. It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”

Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?”

Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”

# Merry Christmas!



“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.”

– John 1:14

Please join us on Sunday, Christmas Eve, for our regular worship service at 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School.

Our candlelighting Christmas Eve service with scripture and carols will be at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Gloria Jun and Circleville Leadership