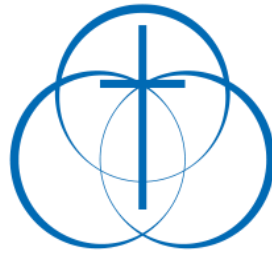


# *Circleville Church*

## *of North Huntingdon, PA*



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Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

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

**December 7, 2025**

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

## THE CONFIDENT DECLARATION OF THE DIVINE EXCHANGE

1. Jesus was punished...  
... **that I am forgiven. (Isaiah 53:5)**
2. Jesus was wounded...  
... **that I am healed. (Isaiah 53:5)**
3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness...  
... **that I have been made righteous with His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 3:9)**
4. Jesus died our death...  
... **that we share His life (Hebrews 2:9, John 10:10)**
5. Jesus was made a curse...  
... **that I have entered into spiritual blessings (Galatians 3:13)**
6. Jesus became poor on our behalf...  
... **that I have become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9, John 10:10)**
7. Jesus bore our shame...  
... **that I share His glory (Hebrews 12:2)**
8. Jesus endured our rejection...  
... **that I have His acceptance (Ephesians 1:5-6)**
9. Our old self died in Jesus...  
... **that I have become a new creation (Colossians 3:10)**

(\*Please stand, if able)

Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

**Second Sunday in Advent  
Service of Holy Communion**

Prelude... *"Various Christmas Hymns"*

Fred King, Jr., Accompanist

Welcome and Announcements

John Simpson, Worship Leader

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Ringing of the Bells

\* Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent - Peace

Janine Opfer

This morning we light two candles, the candle of Hope and the candle of Peace. This candle reminds us that Christ came into our world to restore peace, and that only through trust in God's word and His promises can we find our own inner peace. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace who taught us that through simple acts of love and forgiveness peace is spread throughout the world.

\* Call to Worship:

Leader: People of God, Christ has invited us here!

**People: We gather to praise God, who brings justice and righteousness to all.**

Leader: We gather to give thanks to God for hope and peace.

**People: Blessed be the Lord, who has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Let us praise God together!

\* Holy Invocation

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\* Hymn of Praise #234 vs. 1 & 3 (Hymnal)

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Praises and Prayers

Nancy Zerbe

(The 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.**

**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 and ChangeFor Good

The Offertory... *"Away in a Manger"* by Murray

\* Offertory Response #95

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flo*

**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

Song of Invitation for Children #2233 (TFWS)

*“Where Children Belong”*

**This, this is where children belong,  
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song  
This is where children belong.**

Children’s Message...Saddleback Kids’ Videos

\* Congregational Anthem #238 vs. 1 & 4 (Hymnal)

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

Scripture... Luke 2:8-14 (NKJV)

Message... “Peace: His Great Gift”

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Holy Communion

\* Hymn of Dedication #431 (Hymnal)

*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

\* Postlude... *“Joy to the World”* by Handel

**Memory Verses:**

**This Week:** “Glory to God in the highest, and earth peace, goodwill toward men!”  
Luke 2:14 (NKJV)

**Last Week:** “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him  
Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

<b>Ongoing Prayer Needs:</b>	<b>Greg Clark</b>	
<b>Kathy Irey</b>	<b>Cora Jean Qualey</b>	
<b>Jane Jancisin</b>	<b>Jessie Roycroft</b>	
<b>Joyce &amp; Rick Frischolz</b>	<b>Ginny O’Rourke</b>	

**Statistics: Attendance last Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. 49; Sunday School, 8

**Homebound:** Mrs. Jane Jancisin, Westmoreland Manor, 2480 S. Grande Blvd., Greensburg,  
PA 15601

**Birthdays: December 10,** Korri Ray

**Received November 30, 2025**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 3,367.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,636.00</b>	<b>-\$ 731.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$ 161,616.00</b>	<b>\$ 134,242.00</b>	<b>-\$ 27,374.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 385.00</b>	<b>\$ 235.00</b>	<b>-\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$ 18,480.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,471.00</b>	<b>+\$ 12,991.00</b>

### **This Week**

Sunday	Second Sunday in Advent Service of Holy Communion ChangeForGood for the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa on October 28 and 29 <sup>th</sup> in Jamaica & Cubs
Monday	Prayer Group, 6:30 p.m. Dartball is away, playing Norwin Alliance, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Cookie Exchange, 10:00 a.m. See Notes of Interest Bible Reading on the Gospel of John, 10:00 a.m.-Noon Private use of the Fellowship Hall, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

### **Looking Ahead:**

December 14	Friends and Family Sunday Teacher Recognition Sunday
December 16	Church Council, 7 p.m. (Tentatively scheduled)
December 21	Christmas play "What Makes This Baby So Special?", 9:30 a.m. Christmas party following the service. Please see the sign-up sheet and indicate how many are coming and what you will bring. Blue Christmas service, 7:00 p.m.

### **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.

**Christmas Card Delivery** – Once again we will have our in-church Christmas Card Delivery. For our new church members, you address your cards to members in the congregation and then the cards are hand delivered for .25 cents per card. A list of current members is provided on the table in the narthex. **Please note that we do not mail any of the cards.** We will start accepting cards on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a Christmas box to put your cards in.

You may include your donation with the cards, or you may place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Christmas Card Delivery" and your name. Checks can be made out to Circleville Church and mark in the memo line, "Christmas Cards."

**Christmas Cookie Time**, Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. This is not for women only. We have many great men bakers. This is not just for our church members, if you have a relative or neighbor who wants to participate, sign them up!

The rules are easy: Bring 1 dozen homemade cookies for each person who signs up (including your name). So, the amount you will need to bake depends on how many sign up. **Your dozen of cookies will be for AA.** Have the cookies packaged in bags of one dozen each. Bring your recipe to share. We will have a small brunch at 10, so please plan on spending some time to fellowship along with exchanging cookies. Deadline to sign up will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Christmas party** will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2025 following the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet so you can indicate how many will be attending and what covered dish you will bring. The church will supply the chicken and the drinks. We will have games, and we are asking you to bring a \$10 grab-bag gift if you want to be part of the gift exchange. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

**As we enter the Advent season**, we invite you to join a special four-week Scripture reading program held on Saturday mornings (December 6, 13, 20, 27) from 10 am to noon. During this time, we will listen to and follow along with the four Gospels using an audio Bible, allowing God's Word to speak deeply into our hearts.

**The December newsletter** is on the table in the narthex. Please sign your name when you take your copy.

**Our Daily Bread** for December, January and February is in the rack above the greeter's stand. We have noticed that out of the 15 copies we ordered, only three or four copies have been taken. If there is not a better response for the next three months, we will discontinue ordering.

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the Applebee's fundraiser on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Just for going out and doing nothing but eating, we made \$209.34.

## **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 meetings consisting 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?

### Sermon Notes:

Luke 2:8-14 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup>Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup>Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

### Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus *is* peace, not just the giver of peace?
2. In what moments of our life have you clearly experienced His peace?
3. Where in your life do you feel a lack of peace right now?

4. Is there a relationship in your life where you need Christ's peace to bring reconciliation or restoration?
5. How could you share Christ's peace with someone who feels far from God?
6. What step can you take this Advent season to seek Christ's peace intentionally?

## **Message of Salvation**

*Are you saved?*

*Are you confident that you would go to heaven if you died 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 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.

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