



4th Sunday of Advent
“Which Nativity Character Are You?”

College Drive Presbyterian Church

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Service of Worship

10:30 a.m.

TOWER CHIMES

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & SHARING IN THE LIFE

December 20, 2020

Greg Adams

Rev. Dr. Will Mullins

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

“In Thee is Gladness”

arranged by Dale Wood

Norma Adams-organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 85)**

Tracy Grywalski

One: Let us hear what the Lord will speak,

Many: for God will speak peace to his people,

The faithful who turn to him in their hearts.

One: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God,

Many: that his glory may dwell in our land.

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Many: righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

One: Righteousness will go before the Lord,

Many: and will make a path for his steps.

***Hymn 24**

“Away in a Manger”

**V1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**V2. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

(Congregation may hum along.)

A SERVICE OF CONTRITION

Call to Confession: (from Isaiah 40:3)

One: A voice cries:

Many: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

One: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Many: Let us prepare by confessing our sins,

One: that we may observe an Advent of prayer

Many: and waiting.

Prayer of Confession (offered by Pastor)

Silent Prayer

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS (choir only)**

Hymn 28

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**V2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

***SIGNING OF THE PEACE (Sign Language style. Stay in place, please.)**

LEADERSHIP OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES
Lighting of Advent Wreath

ANTHEM

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” arranged by Gilbert M. Martin
Norma Adams- organ, Suzanne Burg-piano
Gerald Burg, Emily Heagen, Helen Richey-handbells

PRAYER OF DEDICATION for TITHES AND OFFERING

***Doxology (choir only)**

Hymn 40

“Joy to the World!”

**V4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove.
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING **John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE **“Which Nativity Character Are You?”** Pastor Will Mullins
Various Passages of Scripture Recounting Jesus’ Birth from the Gospels

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Christmas Carol Themes”

arranged by N. Adams

*Congregation Stands (physically or in spirit)

WELCOME...

We would like to welcome all of you to our service, and we pray that you will feel the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We would also like to share some thoughts with you about our worship service during this COVID time

- Please refrain from singing
- Masks are required throughout the entire service (unless medical reason dictates otherwise)
- Please observe social distancing (whenever possible)
- Please remain seated through the Postlude
- When exiting the service, again please maintain social distancing

We would love to share events and keep in touch with you. Please send us an email to be included in our calendar or stop by the office with your preferred contact information. The church office is open (see schedule for times). Church phone is 740.826.4036

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FACEBOOK Devotions Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Keith Taylor!

www.facebook.com/collegedrivepresbyterian

Sunday Worship Services at College Drive Church

As we return to church to worship on Sunday mornings, we realize that there are those who must choose to stay at home for health or for other reasons. We are pleased to now offer some alternatives for those who are not able to attend in person!

Live Facebook Stream	Sunday	<u>10:30a.m.</u>	<u>www.facebook.com/collegedrivepresbyterian</u>
Radio Rebroadcast	Sunday	<u>7:00p.m.</u>	WMCO 90.7FM Radio or stream at <u>www.orbitmediaonline.com/wmco-90-7/listen-live/</u>
CDPC Website link w/recorded service		Updated Monday	<u>http://www.collegedrive.org/</u>
News and updates			Like our FB page to see what is happening through the week. <u>facebook.com/collegedrivepresbyterian</u>

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday	12/20	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Worship- Pastor Will Mullins Live Facebook Stream Radio Rebroadcast
Monday	12/21	11:00am-3:00pm	Office Open
Tuesday	12/22	5:00pm-9:00pm 7:00 pm	Office Hours by Appointment Facebook Devotions
Wednesday	12/23	10:00am-2:00pm 3:30pm-5:30pm	Office Open Food Pantry Open
Thursday	12/24	7:30pm	Office Closed Christmas Eve Service
Friday	12/25		Office Closed-Merry Christmas
Saturday	12/26		
Sunday	12/27	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Worship- Pastor Will Mullins Live Facebook Stream Radio Rebroadcast

WINTER WEATHER: SNOW LEVEL 2 ALERT

If a LEVEL 2 SNOW EMERGENCY ALERT is issued by 8:00a.m. Sunday morning, there will be no in-person service that day. Instead, a Facebook devotional service will be offered by our pastor at 10:30a.m. (www.facebook.com/collegedrivepresbyterian)

LEVEL 4 CORONAVIRUS ALERT

If a LEVEL 4 CORONAVIRUS ALERT is active for Muskingum County on a Sunday, there will be no in-person service that day. Instead, a Facebook devotional service will be offered by our pastor at 10:30a.m. (www.facebook.com/collegedrivepresbyterian)

MITTEN TREE

The mitten tree has been set up in the corner of the sanctuary. Please bring in mittens, gloves, scarves & hats to be shared with those in need. (5-12yrs of age)

CRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve Service will be held on December 24th with music beginning at 7:15pm and the service at 7:30pm. All are welcome!!

CHURCH ADDRESS

The church has now obtained a post office box for the collection of our mail. Please start using the following address when sending items by mail:

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2 West Hight St.
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END OF YEAR GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, many of you may be wondering how you might be able to help the church and yourself with a contribution that could possibly help your tax situation. Here is some information that has changed for the 2020 tax year with the Cares Act.

Non-Itemizers can Reduce Their Taxable Income by \$300

If you take the standard deduction, the CARES Act allows you to reduce your taxable income in 2020 by up to \$300 for cash contributions to charities and other local nonprofits, using an “above the line adjustment”. This means the adjustment is made prior to calculating your adjusted gross income.

Itemizers also Benefit

For those who do itemize their deductions, the new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities to be deducted up to 100% of their adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.

*Ordinarily, the income tax charitable deduction for cash gifts is limited to 60% of your income. This 100% limit allows donors to reduce their 2020 federal income tax to zero. Your charitable deductions in 2020 cannot exceed 100% of your income, but you may be able to carry unused charitable deductions forward to future years. **Note:** Since federal income tax rates are progressive, it may not be the tax-wise choice to deduct 100% of your cash contributions in 2020. Check with your financial or other advisors to determine whether the 100% deduction makes sense for your specific circumstances.*

PRAYER REPORT

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power”

- † For the Jodi Bricker family
- † For Paul Bricker.
- † For Benny Price
- † For Jim Bradshaw Family
- † For Barbara Mock
- † For Terri Anders
- † For Jim Pontius & Family
- † For James Russell
- † For Cole Michael Casey
- † For those who are especially high-risk to COVID, that they may make healthy personal choices.
- † Helen Purcell: Vivian McCall
- † Beckett House: Donna Adams
- † Cardinal House: Roger Bates
- † Primrose: Lou Cunningham
- † Primrose: Lura Griest
- † Church Leadership: Our Pastor and Ministry Coordinator, Staff, Session
- † For Strong Marriages and Families
- † For members of our church family who are fighting cancer.
- † For families with members serving in the military: The Conn family, the McNutt family, the Miller family, the Duncan family, the Price family, the Reed family, the Mullins family.
- † For those who serve on our Police, Fire & EMS
- † For our Nation and all Leaders
- † For those who are traveling

Would you like your name or family member to be on our Prayer Report? Please contact Keith Taylor, or the leave a message at the church office. **We need your help to know who needs special prayers.** Blessings to you!