

# Hope Lutheran Church

4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, PA 18035-030

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

God keeps the promise made to David, to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jami Possinger	ext. #12
Assistant Pastor	Rev. Brian Rajcok	ext. #13
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Clark W. Kuntz II	
Administrative Manager	Jennifer Sommers	ext. #10
Director of Music	David Ziegler	ext. #11
Treasurer	Trudy Mertz	
Sexton	Bonnie Zmyewski	
Financial Secretary	Deb Gardner	
Communications Specialist	Nina Weiss	ext. #20

## SERVICE

### PARTICIPANTS 9:00 am

Acolytes	Anna Bealer
Crucifers	Sam Koplin
Greeters	Judy Dieter
Lectors	Bob Small
Nursery	Holly & Penny Fasching
Ushers	Brenda & Jeffrey Lehr and Pat & Daryl Amey
AV Assistant	Jerry Mraz
Communion Assistants	Betty Rock, Vicki Steiner, Brenda Lehr
Altar Guild December	Team 2: Weil, Zimmermann, Schimaneck, Christman; Team 3: Steiner, Green, Burns
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer

\*please stand if you are able

# Holy Communion

9:00 AM

## Setting Two

### Gathering *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

- Prelude
- Announcements
- \* Confession and Forgiveness p 116
- \* **Gathering Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 257**
- \* Greeting/Kyrie p 120
- \* Prayer of the Day

### Word *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

- Advent Hymn/Lighting of Advent Wreath
- "He Came Down" # 253**
- First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
- Anthem "Song of Mary"..... *Senior Choir*
- ..... *Virginia Smith, Soprano*
- Second Reading Romans 16:25-27
- \* Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia..." p 124
- \* Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55
- Sermon
- \* **Hymn of the Day "My Soul Cries Out..." # 723**
- \* Apostles' Creed p 127
- \* Prayers of Intercession

**Leader:** *Lord, in your mercy.* **Cong.:** *Hear our prayer.*

- \* Peace

### Meal *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

Offering/Offertory "Of the Father's Love Begotten" . . . *Orchestra*  
 . . . . . *Robert Carpeny, piccolo*

- \* **Offertory Response "Let the Vineyards..." Hymn # 181**
- \* Great Thanksgiving p 129
- \* Holy, Holy, Holy p 130
- \* The Lord's Prayer p 134
- Communion (*intinction*)
- "Lamb of God..." p 135
- \* **Post Communion Canticle "Praise to You..." # 208**
- \* Prayer

### Sending *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

- \* Blessing
- \* **Sending Song "Awake! Awake and Greet..." # 242**
- \* Dismissal

## GLORY TO GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** ☩ In Honor of Children & Grandchildren, by Doris Zellers; ☩ In Celebration of Roxanne Marunich's Birthday, from Dennis, Payton, Jacob and Mom

**BULLETINS:** ☩ In Memory of my Father, Ronald Smith, with love, Sandra Glassic and Family; ☩ In Celebration of Amelia's Birthday, love Grandma and Grandpa Tretiak; ☩ In Memory of Delores Derhammer, with love Diane Silfies and Family; ☩ In Celebration of our grandson, Ethan's, Birthday, love Nanna & Grandpa; ☩ In Memory of son, Doug Gable, with love Ron & Shirley Gable; ☩ In Loving Memory of my dear friend, Delores Derhammer on her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday (12/29), by Linda Sidor; ☩ In Memory of Delores Derhammer, with love Diane Silfies & Family

**THE PRESS:** ☩ In Memory of loved ones.

**IN PRAYER TODAY:** Holy Trinity, Slatedale, The Rev. Virginia A. Goodwin

**STATISTICS:** Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00am service – 142/ 10:30 am service 85; **Total offering - \$8955.32;** (includes **\$652.00** for the building fund; **\$139.00** for Sunday School). Evening Advent Service: Attendance 36/7:00 pm; **Total offering \$309.00.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:** 1st Holy Communion Classes will begin January 7th. Holy Communion classes are open to current 5th grade students and any student in 6th, or 7th grade who did not receive the Communion Preparedness Classes. Classes will be held each week from January 7, 2018 through March 4, 2018. There are nine Sundays to get the children prepared, they must attend at least six times. Make-up work will be required for any missed classes. 1st Holy Communion will be on March 11, 2018 at the 10:30 service. There will be a reception with cake and beverages following the service. Rehearsal will be held March 10, 2018 at 9:30 until 11:00 in the sanctuary. There is a \$15.00 donation requested for each student to help defray material cost and can be given to the teachers.

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**CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

*People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...*

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK** – The Congregational Council is encouraging all our members to grow in their spirituality through a regular Prayer Life. One way of doing this is by lifting up in prayer one family from our church each day of the year. This week's families are:

12/24/17	Thomas, Carol, Sarah, David Galloway and family
12/25/17	Happy Birthday Jesus
12/26/17	Aidan Gmitter and family
12/27/17	Jamie, Laura, Jordyn, Raelynn Gregson and family
12/28/17	Frank, Carol Groller and family
12/29/17	Alena Gross, Claudia Pereira and family
12/30/17	Beverly Goll and family

**COUNCIL INSTALLATION:** We will be installing our new Council at both worship services on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

**BLOOD DRIVE:** We are hosting a Miller Blood Drive on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. You will be able to sign-up after worship services on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. You can also sign-up online!

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING**

In this season of thanksgiving and gift giving, we hope you will also consider an additional gift to your church. It is through the contributions of every member that we are able to fulfill our mission. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. Help us achieve a more consistent level of funding by setting up a recurring giving plan. Please remember that envelope packs include a special envelope for Christmas. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving Page.



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**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of Hope Church, please invite him or her to our new member classes, which will begin in January 2018. Classes will be held from 9:15 - 10:15 am on the following Sundays; January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. New members will be received during worship services on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATES:** Please note there **will be** Sunday School & Confirmation Class on December 31, 2017 at 9:15 am.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Put names with faces and be a part of our new church family directory. We are partnering with Lifetouch to tell our story. These very convenient photographs will be taken at the church. The directory will not be complete without you! Portrait dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:
  - 2 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>: 2 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 5 pm

**APPOINTMENTS:** visit our online link to make an appointment:  
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7jpqtvq/>

**GIVING:** Please catch up with your 2017 commitment or intended giving by the end of December or give an extra gift before the end of the year. Let's keep Hope's ministries strong! All 2017 offerings must be received or postmarked on or before today, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 to receive credit for this year. Any offerings received on or after January 1, 2018 MUST be credited as 2018 contributions.

**DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?** Did you complete the hospitality pad indicating you received Holy Communion? If you didn't or you're not sure, please complete the Hope hospitality pad today. Our constitution requires active members to receive communion once per year.

**IS THERE CHURCH:** If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday, and you are wondering if Sunday Church School, worship services, or evening activities are cancelled, please check WFMZ either online or TV or check our website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org).

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CLEAN-UP:** Please come out on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 am to help put away the Christmas decorations. Any help is greatly appreciated.

**COFFEE WITH COUNCIL:** Will be held on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in Kuntz Hall. Members are invited to meet with Council representatives for questions and conversation.

**WELCA NEWS:** WELCA will be hosting Robin Morrison to hear the second part of her presentation on her trip to India. This will be held in Kuntz Hall at 10:00 am on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This presentation will be followed with a light lunch. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the Narthex.

**SPONSORSHIP CHARTS:** Please note the Sponsorship Charts for 2018 are up and located in the Narthex. Please take a moment to select your sponsorship dates for Flowers, Bulletins and The Press. Should you have any questions, please contact Jennifer in the Church Office at 610-767-7203 or email [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org).



## REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<b>Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brance Shoenberger	Aiden Carrion
<b>Crucifer</b>	Noah Wolfel	Felicia Paly
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	John Bednar, Deb Gardner & Lori Kerper	Karen Wolfe, Sharon Kratzer, Linda Mery
<b>Greeter</b>	Dolores Reenok	Chip Hunsicker
<b>Lector</b>	Michelle Costanzo	Allison Lockard
<b>Nursery</b>	Reece & Jean Anderson	Bianca & Stephanie Carrion
<b>Ushers</b>	Kurinec Team	Leibenguth Team
<b>AV Assistants</b>	Jerry Mraz	Jerry Mraz
<b>December Altar Guild</b>	Team 2: Weil, Zimmermann, Schimaneck, Christman Team 3: Steiner, Green Burns	
<b>Dec. Sign Changers</b>	Betty Rock	

**CALENDAR OF THE WEEK:** For complete rehearsal schedules, see the online calendar at [calendar.hopecherryville.org](http://calendar.hopecherryville.org):

<b>Today</b>	Fourth Sunday of Advent Service Christmas Eve Services Family Service Communion & Service of Lights Communion & Service of Lights with Orchestra	9:00 am 4:00 & 6:00 pm 8:30 & 11:00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Church Office Closed	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Church Office Closed Pictorial Directory Sitzings – Kuntz Hall	2:00 – 9:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pictorial Directory Sitzings – Kuntz Hall	2:00 – 9:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Decorating Crew –Sanctuary Pictorial Directory Sitzings – Kuntz Hall	8:00 am 2:00 – 9:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Pictorial Directory Sitzings – Kuntz Hall	2:00 – 9:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Pictorial Directory Sitzings – Kuntz Hall	10:00 – 5:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Lessons, Carols & Communion Sunday School Confirmation Class	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:15 am