

Newville First Church of God
December 11th, 2022
8:30 am & 10:30 am

Musical Prelude – *A Time of Preparing to Worship*

Songs of Praise and Worship

8:30 a.m. Services

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

Hymn #277

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn #278

10:30 a.m. Services

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

"Worthy of It All"

Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

(Glory To God, Pastor Ron and Kevin Miller, 8:30 Service)

Advent Reading

8:30 – Wade and Erica Reall Family

10:30 - Dan and Deanna Rhinehart Family

Hands of Hope – Connection Youth

Hearing from God's Word

Series: The Heart of Christmas

Message: The Heart of Christmas Brings Love

Text: Galations 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:3-14; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Musical Postlude – *A Time of Reflection*

Send a "Thinking of You" greeting card. A few individuals who could use some encouragement this week are:

*Frances Kennedy – Providence Place, 2085 Wayne Road
Chambersburg PA 17201*

Barbara Witter – 347 Franklin Way Shippensburg PA

Norma Dexter – Chambers Point, Menno Haven, ATTN:

*Norma Dexter, 1425 Philadelphia Ave
Chambersburg PA 17201*

**NO Connection Groups will be held at the church on Wednesday
December 21st.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES!

**Beginning on JANUARY 8, 2023 our Sunday Worship
services will begin at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45
a.m. Connection Classes will meet at 9:30 a.m.**

Take time between services to enjoy a cup of coffee and share in fellowship with others. Parents, please monitor your children in the Connection Center lobby until the doors are opened to the classroom area.

A **Mitten Tree** will be placed in the church this year by the Women's Ministry for donations of gloves, hats and socks. The donations will be given to the Big Spring Area Food Bank. Hats, mittens, and socks may be placed on the tree or in the back in the entryway. Donations brought in will be going to the foodbank.

We have an **IMMEDIATE NEED** for teachers for our children's ministry Sunday mornings. If you love children, or have a talent teaching, we are requesting you use your gifts to volunteer some Sundays to help our children. **Please contact Katie Kane (717) 448-9218 or Pastor Wayne (717) 448-6994 to volunteer.**

The Genesis Friendship Sunday School class invites you to join them beginning January 8 for a 12 week study led by Pastor Ron focusing on the main characters of the final week of Jesus' earthly life.

Dear Church Family,

Jeff and I wanted to thank each of you for your many prayers, text messages, phone calls, food and visits since my surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Wayne for his visit. We have an awesome God and he had everything under control! We are beyond grateful! Thank you again and much love to you all!

- Jeff + Mona Holtry

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

December 18th: Kristy Warren & Kathy Johnson (8:30 service)
December 18th: Stephanie & Gary Wall (9:30 Sunday School)
December 18th: Kathy Biscuit & Alee Long (10:30 service)

December 25th: Nursery open for family use but not staffed (8:30 service)
December 25th: Nursery open for family use but not staffed (9:30 Sunday School)
December 25th: Nursery open for family use but not staffed (10:30 service)

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 18th:

8:30 Jr Church
Check In: Mark & Sarah Long
Junior Church: Linda Webber & Amanda Webber
9:30 Sunday School
Check In: Brandi & Tobey Lay
Teacher: Angie Anderson & Barb Hoover
10:30 Jr Church
Check In: Deanna Rhinehart
Toddler Church: Stacie Nickel & Delaney Rhinehart
Junior Church: Katie Kane & Yovonne Shannon

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 25th:

8:30 Jr Church
Check In: NO TODDLER CHURCH
Junior Church:
9:30 Sunday School
Check In: NO TODDLER CHURCH
Teacher:
10:30 Jr Church
Check In: NO TODDLER CHURCH
Toddler Church:
Junior Church:

Our Advent Worship Service times:

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day Worship,
Combined Worship Service – 10:00 am (No Connection Groups)
Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day Worship, **Combined Worship Service** – 10:00 am (No Connection Groups)

These three dates will be Family Worship Services. Children will join the worship service in the main sanctuary. The nursery will be open for nursery needs, but not staffed.



December 18th: The Heart of Christmas is **LOVE**
Galatians 4:4-5

December 25th: **JESUS** is the Heart of Christmas
John 3:16

Service times: 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday mornings
Christmas Eve Service: 6:00 & 8:00 pm
Christmas Day Service: 10:00 am Combined Worship



**The Search Committee for the ERC Executive Director asks
you to join in a season of prayer and fasting:
www.ERCprayandfast.com**

1. Give Thanks! We have seen God do mighty things. Give thanks for our previous ERC conference leaders: John Winebrenner, Ken Boldosser, Gail Dunn, Edward Rosenberry, Debra Bender, Jack Selcher, Tom Lucas, Jim Moss Sr. Kevin Richardson, Chuck Frank, Nick DiFrancesco, etc. Give thanks for all the leaders who have blessed our life. Those who have taught you, protected you, & challenged you. 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Ps 100; Phil. 4:4-9
2. Pray that God will raise up a leader for the Conference after **His own heart**, one who loves God, one who is characterized by godly love for others, one who is obedient to the faith, one of great integrity, one who has a spirit of humility and a heart for service. **Mark 12:30-31, Acts 20:19; 2 Cor 5:15**
3. Pray for converts and a culture of discipleship. Pray that saved souls are experiencing growth in Christian maturity and discipline others. **Matt 28:19**
4. Pray that God blesses the search committee with spiritual wisdom and discernment. Pray for God's guidance throughout the process of finding a new Director. **James 1:5**
5. Pray for unity in the Spirit in the bond of peace amid a time of potential divisiveness and separation. We are better together, we need each other. **Ephesians 4:3**
6. Pray for repentance throughout our churches. May we truly look inward and fall on our faces before God confessing out sins and unfaithfulness. May we seek forgiveness, repair relationships and be humble in spirit. We are all sinners saved by grace. Thanks be to God for his glorious grace. **Revelation Chapters 2-3**
7. Pray that the churches of the conference will be awakened, revived and active in building churches patterned after God's design, loving all people as God has loved us. **Colossians 3:12-13; John 13:34**



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THINK: At just the right time, Jesus came into the world. He came to free us from the crushing weight of the law. We could never be good enough to earn salvation, so Jesus lived a perfect life on our behalf. **Think how there is no love that compares to the love of our Heavenly Father.**

FEEL: I don't have to be good enough to receive God's love. He gave it to me through his Son Jesus.

1. God's Gift Was Right On Time

 **Galatians 4:4-5**

2. We Are Accepted Into The Family Through Love

 **Ephesians 1:3-14**

3. LOVE Freely Received is LOVE Freely Given

 **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

DO: Stop striving to gain God's approval. You are invited into his family by his grace and love. Share his love with others around you.

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