

Prayer List:

Jennie, Kelly, Georgie, Tom Foody, Dorothy, Garrett, Elizabeth,
Kalee (travel), Barb, Rich & Ronald

Family & Friends of Art Koepp
Richard Monyahan

Calendar of Events:

- Heavenly Quilters - Tuesday's @ 9:30 a.m.
- A/A Meetings - Wednesday's @ 6 p.m.
- SFC Choir practice - Sunday's before & after service
(for the winter)
- Food Pantry - each Saturday from 9-11
- Christmas Eve Service - 12/24/19 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Men's Breakfast Meeting - 1/5/20 @ 8:00 a.m.
- General Committee Meeting 1/7/20 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Meeting - 1/19/20 - following church service
- Sonshiner's Breakfast - 1/19/20 @ 8:00 a.m.

Financial Stewardship:

- Offering 12/15/19 - \$2,061.12
 - Door Fund - \$2.00
 - Flowers/C. & D. French - \$30.00
 - Flowers/Secor - \$20.00
- Offering 12/8/19 - \$678.00
 - Door Donation - \$10.00
- Offering 12/1/19 - \$1,606.00
 - Methodist Apportionment - \$320.00

\$1,370.00/week is needed in order to meet our budget

Code for Hymnals:

(P) - Methodist Hymnal (Purple) (B) - In Faith We Sing (Black)
(G) - Worship & Song (Green) (PH) - Presbyterian Hymnal



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Stephentown Federated Church
Sunday, December 22, 2019
4th Sunday in Advent
Welcome!

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
BELL CALLS US TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME
Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 24:7-10)

One: Lift up your heads, O gates!

All: And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

One: That the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is the King of glory?

One: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

All: Lift up your heads, O gates!

One: And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

All: That the King of glory may come in.

One: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

***HYMN #242 (P)** Love Came Down at Christmas

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, when we go our own way, get ourselves into trouble, and then wonder where you are. Forgive us when we put ultimate trust in people, ideas, visions, and things other than you. Forgive us when we ask you for a sign that you are there - when you have been there all along, patiently waiting for us to turn to you to help guide us throughout life's twists and turns. Forgive us, merciful God. Open our eyes and ears, our minds and hearts to trust and follow you today and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Praise Response #204 (P)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

ANTHEM

Did the Stars hold their Breath?

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-56

SERMON

Bursting with God news

***HYMN #240 (P)**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

PASTORAL PRAYERS:

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Prayer Response #3022 (G)

Peace of Our Praying (vs 3)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (for offering)

***Response #95 (P)**

Praise God . . .

***HYMN #245 (P)**

The First Noel (vs 1-3)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Sending Forth & Blessing

Response - #3048 (B)

View the Present through the
Promise (vs 1)

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able . . .thank you

Pastor/Speaker Rev. Bob Lowenthal (Thank you for your service)

Bev Westfall - Choir Director/Organist

Please join us for a time of refreshment and Fellowship in
Pierce Hall following worship."God bless you."

Please note: We do not take a formal offering. There are
offering plates at the doors which you may use if you are able to make a donation.