

Calendar of Events

- Heavenly Quilters - Tuesday's @ 9:30 a.m.
- A/A Meetings - Wednesdays @ 6 p.m.
- SFC Choir practice - Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.
 - before/after church for the winter
- Food Pantry, each Saturday from 9-11
- Men's Breakfast Meeting - 1/5/20 @ 8:00 a.m.
- Sonshiner's Breakfast - 1/19/20 @ 8:00 a.m.
- Annual Meeting - 1/19/20 - following church service
- General Committee Meeting 12/21/19 @7:00 p.m

Financial Stewardship:

- Offering 12/8/19 - \$678.00
 - Door Donation
- Offering 12/1/19 - \$1,606.00
 - Methodist Apportionment - \$320.00
- Offering 11/24/19 - \$707.50
 - Door Fund - \$6.00

\$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

*Merry
Christmas!*



Stephentown Federated Church
December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve Service
Welcome!



Advent wreath was donated in loving memory of
Alinda French Shank

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

BELL CALLS US TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Procession

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Carol Sing

Hymn #213 - Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates vs. 1 & 2

Hymn #230 - O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1 & 3

Call to Worship

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth.

Many: Sing to the Lord, bless his name: tell of his salvation from day to day.

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Many: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

Many: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.

One: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace.

Many: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Anthem (Choir)

The Angel Gabriel

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come to you not as we ought, but as we are, with hearts unprepared for your coming and lives dusty with need. And yet you are born among us anyway. Strengthen us with hope through the birth of your Son. Grant us the eyes to see him born among us today in our

neighbor. Give us strength to give gifts that truly matter this Christmas. May the God of grace empower us and give us peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Time for Young Christians

Birds & Snowflakes

Hymn #431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Reading

Colossians 3:12-15

Anthem (Choir)

Christmastime

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8-18; Matthew 2:1-2; 9b-11; 2:2

Christmas Message

One in Christ

Hymn: #217

Away in a Manger

Prayer and Blessing

Closing - Lighting of Candles

* Hymn #239

Silent Night

Benediction

Pastor - Rev. Bonnie Bates (Thank you for your service)

Bev Westfall - Choir Director/Organist

* Please stand if you are able - thank 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.

~ Thank you! ~