

# ORDER OF SERVICE - GATHERING

November 26, 2017

Bell Quartet

*"We Gather Together"*

\*Call to Worship

Elder Kathy Barto

**Leader:** Lord, I'm thankful; Thankful for the name of Jesus; Thankful for the blood that cleanses us. Lord, I am thankful for You every day.

**People:** Every day, I'm thankful; Thankful for the Spirit's leading; Thankful that in You there's healing. Lord, I'm thankful for You.

**Leader:** O Let my spirit soar in worship to Your Name. My life is not the same by the power of Your blood!

**People:** And every moment that I breathe, Your spirit leads, and meets my every need of walking in the Light of You.

**ALL:** I'm thankful. So very thankful for all You are to me.

\*Hymn

*"To God be the Glory"*

Hymnal #66

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, I will love You always. Not just for the things You've done for me. I will praise You all my days, not just for the change You made in me. I'll praise You for You are Holy. I will lift up my hand, but You are worthy of so much more. You are awesome, God of all nations, Lion of Judah, Rock of Ages, Alpha, Omega. You are worthy of ALL praise. I will do more than lift up my hands. I will live a life of praise.**

*\*Assurance of God's Grace*

\*Praise Song

*"How Great is Our God" with chorus "How Great Thou Art"*

Infant Baptism

Rev. Dr. Heather G. Shortlidge

*Adeline Marie Johnson*

Born February 10, 2016

Parents: Meg Shortlidge & Patrick Johnson

Great Grandmother: Christine Trostle

Song

*"Masterpiece"*

Testimonies of the People

\*Praise Song

*"Thank You Lord"*

\*Greet one another with "The Peace of Christ be with you!"

Scripture Readings

*Colossians 3:12-17*

Message

*"Grace and Gratitude"*

Rev. Dr. Heather G. Shortlidge

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology & Prayer

Announcements

\*Invitation to the Prayer Room (located on the right as you exit the Sanctuary)

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

Hymnal #426

\*(Please stand, if able)



*The flowers today have been given by  
Wilson and Beverly Lysle  
in Memory of  
Isabel Strobe*



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*Welcome to Avondale Presbyterian Church*

THANK YOU  
*Lord*

Joined together as a lifeline between  
Christ and community,  
*Avondale Presbyterian Church*  
exists to connect people  
to the Lord Jesus Christ,  
to contribute to growth in His body,  
and to commit to serving Christ  
in the world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

**TO OUR GUESTS:** Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you! Please sign our friendship book and call the church office 610-268-2919 if we can be of service to you in any way. Have a blessed day today!

**UPPER PARKING LOT:** Please save the upper parking lot for those who need handicap parking, please use lower lot for all others unless you have or need handicap parking. Thank you so much!

**YOUTH GROUP:** will not be meeting tonight. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

**2018 CALENDARS:** if you receive any 2018 calendars that you don't need please bring to APC and place in the donation box at the main entrance. We give these calendars to the residents at Twin Pines.

**THE FOOD PANTRY AT THE BRIDGE:** *is in urgent need of soup, canned tomatoes, tuna & beans.* Donated items can be placed in the donation box in the lobby. They will be taken to the bridge on Tuesday.



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER:** all ladies are invited to the Oxford Presbyterian Women's annual ladies Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Carolyn DiCecco by December 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will arrange carpooling.

**"FESTIVAL OF 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS"** will be on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM. Please join us and invite a friend to celebrate the Christmas story in scripture and song!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

## THIS WEEK AT AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<i>TODAY</i> Sunday 11/26	9:15 AM 11:00 AM -----	Worship- <i>Pastor Dave Bergstrom</i> My Special Worship Service No Youth Group tonight
Monday 11/27		
Tuesday 11/28		
Wednesday 11/29	8:30 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Church Office Open</i> Ladies Bible Study today CE Team Meeting
Thursday 11/30	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	AvonBells Choir
Friday 12/1	6:00 PM	Youth Group departs for Retreat at Black Rock
Saturday 12/2	10:00 AM -----	<i>Healing Prayer Ministry</i> Youth Retreat at Black Rock
<i>Next Sunday</i> 12/3 <i>First Sunday</i> <i>in Advent</i>	9:15 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:30 PM -----	Worship - <i>Pastor Dave Bergstrom</i> My Special Worship Service Youth Group Returns Exploring Christianity Bible Study at Pastor Dave's home No Youth Group tonight



**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT:** Elders Betsy Eastburn and Kathy Barto are accepting your financial contributions for the Staff Christmas Gift. (Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Organist-Choir Director & Youth Director). Deadline is Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> for gifts to be given on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to APC. In the memo line of the check please earmark for staff gift.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE...9:15 AM

<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Ray Greenhalgh
<i>Next Week</i> 9:15AM	<i>Marge Pickel</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Please let an usher know if you need the nursery</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	Can you help with this ministry?
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Tim Swisher & Margie Greenhalgh
<i>Next Week</i>	<i>Dee Loux &amp; John Stoltz</i>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Elder Kathy Barto
<i>Next Week</i>	<i>Elder Betsy Eastburn</i>



### CHRISTMAS COOKIE COFFEE HOUR

After "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
in the Great Hall



#### For the Coffee Hour

Please sign-up to bake & bring 3 dozen cookies  
Cookies will be served and additional cookies will  
be bagged for you to take with you to share with  
a friend.

## Christmastide 2017

Avondale Presbyterian Church

PO Box 446, 420 Pennsylvania Avenue 19311

*All are Welcome!*



### Advent begins

Sunday, December 3rd  
Worship 9:15 AM  
My Special Worship 11:00 AM



### 2nd Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 10th  
"Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" 9:15 AM  
My Special Worship 11:00 AM



### Avondale Borough Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 14th, 6:30 PM  
At Serv-Pro (Old Fire Hall) across from  
Post Office



### 3rd Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 17th  
Worship 9:15 AM  
My Special Worship 11:00 AM



### 4th Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 24th  
Worship 9:15 AM  
My Special Worship 11:00 AM



### CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th  
Candlelight Family Worship  
6:30 PM



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**

### Happy New Year!

Sunday, December 31st  
Worship 9:15 AM  
My Special Worship 11:00 AM