

ORDER OF SERVICE - GATHERING

December 3, 2017

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Dana Lysle Family

*Hymn “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*” Hymnal #131 (vs 1,2,4)

*Prayer of Confession

Son of God, You are the shaper of the stars. You alone dwell in my heart. Son of God, You are the Father’s gift to us. You alone were broken on the altar of love. Our freedom is in Your blood. Son of God, You were prophesied of old. You alone are the redeemer of my soul. Come again and lead Your people home. This is our hope that You will come again and lead us home. We are ready for Your return to lead us home.

**Assurance of God’s Grace*

*Hymn “*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*” Hymnal #124

Anthem

“The Yearning”

Music by Craig Courtney, Words by Susan Bentall Boersma

Prayers of the People

*Greet one another with “The Peace of Christ be with you!”

Message

“Who is This Child?”

Pastor Dave

*Hymn “*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*” Hymnal # 127 (vs 1,4)

Invitation to Communion

The Lord’s Supper

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

*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
Tom and Judy Young
in Memory of Marcy*





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Welcome to Avondale Presbyterian Church



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!

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

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

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

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. 17th for gifts to be given on Dec. 24th. Please make checks payable to APC. In the memo line of the check please earmark for staff gift.

THIS WEEK AT AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY Sunday 12/3 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	9:15 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 6:30 PM -----	Worship-Pastor Dave Bergstrom <i>Communion</i> My Special Worship Service Youth Group Returns Twin Pines Exploring Christianity Bible Study at Pastor Dave's home No Youth Group tonight
Monday 12/4		
Tuesday 12/5		
Wednesday 12/6	8:30 AM 1:00 PM	<i>Church Office Open</i> Ladies Bible Study today
Thursday 12/7	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	AvonBells Choir
Friday 12/8		
Saturday 12/9		
<i>Next Sunday</i> 12/10 <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i>	9:15 AM 10:15 AM 11:00 AM 6:00-8:30 PM	Worship --" <i>Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols</i> " <i>Coffee Hour following worship</i> My Special Worship Service Youth Group tonight

WORSHIP SCHEDULE...9:15 AM

Prayer Ministry	Marge Pickel
<i>Next Week</i> 9:15AM	<i>Barbara Hart</i>
Nursery	<i>Please let an usher know if you need the nursery</i>
Communion Servers	Rick & Sue Hanson, Betsy Eastburn & Janet Wilson
Offering Counters	Dee Loux & John Stoltz
<i>Next Week</i>	<i>Bonnie Smith & Margie Greenhalgh</i>
Worship Leader	Elder Betsy Eastburn
<i>Next Week</i>	<i>Elder Kathy Barto</i>

CHRISTMAS COOKIE COFFEE HOUR

After "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"
Sunday, December 10th
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