THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

TODAY:11:00 — Virtual Video Worship ServiceTHURS:6:30 — Re-scheduled Session w/ Deacon's &
Trustee presidents. New officer interviews &
consults. (Zoom Mtg / details to follow)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Session and the Deacon's & Trustee presidents have moved us back to virtual-only services and meetings for the next two weeks in an attempt to protect our ability to meet together for Christmas Eve, if at all possible. We have had three positive or expectedpositive COVID test results returned in this week. When taken in tandem with the current super-spike in cases, we do this out of an abundance of caution and for the good of the body.

The Governor's new restrictions on public meetings & How this wil impact the schedule for worship will be decided. More information to follow.

Remember to check the The Church Website weekly for new material and for the worship videos: <u>http://northlibertypc.org</u>

The Worship Service videos are being loaded weekly to Pastor Rusty'sYouTube channel (Albert Stuart), and to the Church's channel (North Liberty).

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the North Liberty Presbyterian Church is to *serve Christ*. We seek to *introduce Jesus* as the Christ and *become disciples* so that together we are enabled to *love one another* and *share His love* with those around us.

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The Reverend Albert Rhodes Stuart

Michele Bonnici, pianist Josiah Stuart, Solist

The Lord's Day 3rd Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS:

\bigstar \bigstar Preparing to Hear the Word of God \bigstar

PRELUDE:

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

Scripture	Reading:	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	
Reader:	We w	O Come,	
	O Co	me Emmanuel!	

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verse 3) # 245

Prayer:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

- Pastor: You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, and You comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation."
- People: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known His deeds among the nations; proclaim that His Name is exalted."
- Unison: Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

HYMN:"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"# 251

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Unison: Eternal God, in Whom we live, move and have our being; Whose face is hidden from us because of our sins, and Whose mercy we have forgotten in the blindness of our hearts; Cleanse us, we pray, from all of our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires which we have nurtured deep within us. Grant that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to You, and that in confessing our faults and clinging to Your grace, we might find our true refuge through Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

* GLORIA PATRI:

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

John 1:6 - 8 & 19 - 28 I Thessalonians 5:16 - 24

ANTHEM:

SERMON: "Crying Out in the Wilderness: Prepare the Way of the Lord!" The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

 $\Phi \Phi$ Responding to the Word of God $\Phi \Phi$

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Hymn:	"Hark, the Herald Angels Sang"	# 277

* ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE: (Jude 24-25)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: "He Comes! Messiah Comes"

PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospitalized

Johnny Hubel -TBI (in HS Football game)

Upcoming Surgery

Recuperating

Evelyn Koprivnikar David Dunkerely Joan Dickey Nancy Baker Paul Rizza Jack Hemmerlin Sue Black (probable COVID) Bill & Brenda Martin & Amanda Petroff (Bill recovering / Brenda has COVID) Betty Holmes (Amanda Lucco's mother — broken ankle w/ surgery) Sherrie Young - Dana Uber's niece Mark & Michele Bonnici (COVID)

Cancer Warriors

Evelyn Koprivnikar Lisa Boesch John Petrack (Sue Black's brother-inlaw)

Health and Other Concerns

Bob Barger Gwen Best (Nina's sister) Brandy Brown Pat Burns (Anne Treanor's Sis-in-law) Ed Buchert Nancy Clark Thomas Cooper (Dorry's nephew) Kay Dannels (friend of Beth Black) Jesse Duncan John Duncan Martha Dunlap

Ray Hoagland

(Marianne McCreight's father) Carter Kerr (Carolyn Rizza's Cousin) Linda Knight John Koprivnikar **Tony Nicoletto** Virginia Palmer David O'Planik (Denny Youshock's Cousin) Theresa & Stephanie Snyder (Joyce Youshock's cousins) Avery Reynolds (Friend of Marie Duncan) Kaitlyn Spinoso (Pastor's Bob McCreight's granddaughter) **Olivia Williams** (grandniece of Sue Black) Sam Williamson Dawn Carothers Bill & Helen Sevin Peggy Coulter (Reece's Mother) Gerry & Dorry Sankey (Travel mercies & comfort) Ken & Bonnie Luckock Sarah Watson — (Health concerns) Susan Kredel (All Good Things) Moira Stuart (Rusty's Niece – COVID) Matt Hemmerlin Jr. (COVID)

Bereavement

Husband Family — Both Mr & Mrs Husband have passed Bill Cooper Family Elsie Marie Duncan Family (John Koprivnikar's sister)

Special Prayers

Thanksgiving

Joy

Jessy (Pizor) & Justin Osborne had a little girl, Maeve Rozella at 7 lbs, 3 oz. They are home. She joins brothersMac & Trent. Elated grandparents are Terri & Bob Pizor.

Work & Worship of the Church

Sunday School Teachers CE Liberty Lambs & Lions

<u>Shut-ins</u>

June McClelland Revel Henderson 1525 Wigwam #111 Henderson, NV 89074

Erma Campbell –Rn 502 Orchard Manor 20 Orchard Drive Grove City, PA 16127 Phone #724-264-4229

Joan Dickey

Lakes of Jefferson 7271 W. Market St. Mercer, PA 16137 724-418-4446

Dick Schultz – Room 518 Butler VA Healthcare 353 North Duffy Road Butler, PA 16001

Lillian Jeffrey

Home 2 Me 600 Slippery Rock Road Slippery Rock, PA 16057

<u>Mission</u>

Pecos Valley Hispanic Ministries The Presbyterian Church in North and South Sudan Dominican Republic Mission Partners



Kyle Campbell (Alex's brother) Jake and Jessica Corey (Lockheart) Orman (Erin Stoops' Cousins) Kirby Buchanan

(Tom & Nina Cooper's Grandson)

*** Abbey Novotny requests that anyone who planned to bring donations for the soldier care package can contact her to schedule a pick-up. ***

<u>Poinsettias List</u>

In Honor of:	Presented By:
Sue Black	Evening Circle
Diana Stiles	Evening Circle
Mema (Ginny McClymonds)	Aaron & Lynn / Makayla & Kelsey
Grandchildren (Taylor, Alexis, Steven & Dylan)	Poppy & Grammie
Children & Grandchildren	Grandma Melissa
Sons & Families	Bev Uber
Jeff & Beth	Sue Black
In Memory of:	Presented By:
Sonny	Becky & Dave
Patricia Herrnberger	The Novotny's
Our Parents	Tony & Janice McElhinny
Pop-Pop & Uncle Brad	Amanda
Pappa Patch (McClymonds)	His California Girls
Our Parents	Dennis & Joyce Youshock
Allen MyClymonds	Melissa & Family
Ethel & Buddy Carnuth / Arlene Rizza	Paul & Carolyn Rizza
Ethel & Ralph Greasley	Paul & Carolyn Rizza
Gladys & Leroy Pounds	Beverly Uber
Jim & Frank Pounds	Beverly Uber

Paul R. Black	Sue Black & Family
William K & Olive Mae Gillespie	Sue Black & Family
Florence Priscilla Gough Uber Lightner	Jim & Linda Styers
Edward James Uber	Jim & Linda Styers