

THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

TODAY: 11:00 — Virtual Video Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Session and the Deacon's & Trustee presidents have moved us back to virtual-only services and meetings Until January 3rd. We will be evaluating where we stand with regard to the COVID pandemic. We have at least 4 and possibly 5 or more cases within the congregation in the past three weeks. 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.

While not being overly-dependent upon the Governor's new restrictions on public meetings, we are aware that every county in Western PA has been reporting case numbers in the hundreds for several weeks now, and Allegheny County has been reporting upwards of 1,000 per day. Please check the letter from Session about scheduling that has been sent to the Prayer Chain e-mail list. It will also be attached to this bulletin.

Remember to check the The Church Website weekly for new material and for the worship videos: <http://northlibertypc.org>
The Worship Service videos are being loaded weekly to Pastor Rusty's YouTube 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.

Pastor Rusty can be reached by phone at 724-421-5569 or by email at PrRustyStuart@aol.com. Rev. Stuart's home address is 3328 Beacon Hill Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216.



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Michele Bonnici, pianist
Josiah Stuart, Solist

The Lord's Day
Epiphany Sunday
January 3, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS:

✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: "Brightest & Best"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake the evil way; Call the unrighteous to forsake evil thoughts; and let that one return to the Lord Who will have mercy upon the repentant and abundantly pardon them. Let us worship the Triune Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

HYMNS: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" # 288
1st & Last verses on all hymns

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Unison: Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit the Comforter and Advocate. We ask this through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

* GLORIA PATRI:

✠ ✠ HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1 - 12

HOMILY: "To Worship a King: BRING Yourself!"
The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF A DEACON:

Kathy Schulz

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

Jack Atcheson, Dorry Sankey, Gerry Sankey

✠ ✠ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES:

Tithes and offerings can be sent to Deb Hartman at 422 W Main Street, Grove City Pa 16127. Deacon offerings can be sent to Paul Eperthener North Liberty Plain Grove Rd, Grove City Pa. 16127.

Please also consider Giving to the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign through NLPC. Their annual Kettle Drive has been severely effected by the COVID Pandemic this year

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

HYMN: "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" # 291

CHARGE & BLESSING:

POSTLUDE: "Amen"

*** The Cover photo for this bulletin was taken outside the building during the Outdoor Service of Lights on Christmas Eve.***

PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospitalized

Johnny Hubel -TBI
(in HS Football game)
Jamie McElhinny (Surg.
Complications — AHN West Penn)

Upcoming Surgery

Recuperating

Evelyn Koprivnikar (Awaiting
Treatment Plan)
David Dunkerley
Joan Dickey
Nancy Baker
Paul Rizza
Betty Holmes (Amanda Lucco's mother
— broken ankle w/ surgery)
Sherrie Young - Dana Uber's niece
Shannon Flemming
Garilyn Barlow's sister Janice
(COVID)

Cancer Warriors

Evelyn Koprivnikar
Lisa Boesch
John Petrack (Sue Black's brother-in-
law)
Bill Sevin — Cancer Spread
John Stoops (Next Chemo & PET Scan
on Thurs)

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)
Sarah Watson — (Health concerns)
Matt Hemmerlin Jr. (COVID)
Deb Hartman (Shingles)

Bereavement

Husband Family — Both Mr & Mrs
Husband have passed
Bill Cooper Family
Elsie Marie Duncan Family
(John Koprivnikar's sister)
Ken Luckock Family
Keith Cribbs Family
Tom Holmes Family

Betty Foster Family

Special Prayers

Pastor Bob & Marianne
(Daughter Ken recovery from knee surg &
blood clot)

Thanksgiving

Pastor Bob & Marianne
(50th Anniv & her Dad @ 100 y.o.)

Joy

Work & Worship of the Church

Sunday School Teachers
CE
Liberty Lambs & Lions

Shut-ins

*** New Address ***

June McClelland

1445 Stonelake Cove #5108
Henderson , NV 89074

Erma Campbell —Rm 316B

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

Mission

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)

New Letter from the Session:

December 30, 2020

Dear Family of North Liberty Presbyterian Church,

Grace and peace to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Session would like to share with you some decisions we have made regarding the worship and services at North Liberty. As we all continually adjust our daily lives to the reality of the COVID 19 virus, North Liberty Presbyterian Church will not have on-site indoor worship or programs **through Jan. 9. 2021**. The good news is that Pastor Rusty tested negative for COVID and Tina is improving.

Session will meet weekly to assess when we can open our doors to worship and programs and what are our current needs.

We want to thank those who joined in the outdoor candlelight service on Christmas Eve and for the 60 folks who joined us virtually. We hope you found our Sunday virtual services worthwhile. We thank Mark Bonnici for his behind the camera work in preparing our virtual services.

We have collected \$261.00 for the red kettle campaign for the Grove City Unit of the Salvation Army. Thank you for your support.

As we made the decision to delay returning to on-site programs and services, we wanted to share with you three events that also influenced this decision besides health concerns. First the water tank had a second leak. We are awaiting the water tank replacement. While we wait, we are taking the precaution to not drink the water at the church. Appropriate signs are posted. Second, the urinal in the basement of the education wing malfunctioned and flooded the area bringing black stuff from the well onto that restroom floor. The first Children's classroom(that Greta uses), flooring has to be replaced and the mold and restoration folks are cleaning up the hallway. The carpet there will be replaced. There also appears to be an air bubble in that heating zone which John Hemmerlin and Reece Coulter are working to repair. This makes this area not useable right now.

We decided to delay the auditing of our accounts, but treasurers should turn in ending reports to the office so we can assemble an annual report. We are also the going to use a letter format instead of a

Jan. newsletter our next newsletter will be coming out on the last Sunday of Jan. 2021.

Remember you can access our services from the church webpage or YouTube. If you know of anyone who can benefit from our services please pass our information along. The service for Jan 3 will be virtual and a decision will be made later for Jan. 10, 21. When we return to on-site worship, we will continue to tape these services and upload them following the service.

We would continue to ask you to mail your tithe and offering to Deb Hartman at 422 W Main Street, Grove City Pa 16127. Deacon offering can be sent to Paul Eperthener North Liberty Plain Grove Rd, Grove City Pa. 16127.

Sincerely,

Susan G. Black, Clerk of Session

HYMN LYRICS:

“We Three Kings”

[1] We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

[Refrain] O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

[5] Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

[Refrain] O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

[1] O sing a song of Bethlehem,
Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
The angels sing away.

[4] O sing a song of Calvary,
Its glory and dismay;
Of him who hung upon the tree,
And took our sins away:
For he who died on Calvary
Is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored,
Is mighty now to save.

