



December 10th, 2017

Worship in Song: Hymn # 249 O Come All Ye Faithful
Hymn # 257 Go Tell It on the Mountain
Hymn # 270 Joy to the World

Ministry of Music: Ray Selander

Prayer, Offering, and Offertory – Pastor Dan

“If you are a guest with us today, please accept this service as our gift to you, and please feel free to pass the offering plate by.”

Worship in Song: Hymn # 245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Children ages 3 thru 7 are dismissed on the FIRST verse of this song for Children’s Church.

Ministry of the Word:

"I AM the Good Shepherd" - Jesus Christ - (John 10) Pastor D

Worship in Song: Hymn # 338 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

YOU ARE INVITED to join with us for some light refreshments following the service today.

WHAT A BLESSING it was to see so many folks enjoying our monthly Sunday dinner last week, AND even a greater blessing to see so many new folks helping out with the clean up afterwards. *It is geat to be in a church family where believers want to serve as Jesus has taught us by his own example. "He came to serve, rather than to be served".*

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, will not perish, but has everlasting life" - John 3:16

Have you received the free gift of Eternal Life?

"FAMILY MATTERS"

- Ray and Mary Pat Van Huesen are heading south to visit family members as they prepare for the birth of another grandchild.
- Kimberly Hoff will be taking college courses starting in the Fall, towards a future degree. While she is doing so, she will need to cut back on some of her weekly ministries in the church.
- Joan June will be staying at the Pines Rehab and Nursing Facility for now as the staff and family feel that Joan will benefit the most with 24/7 care. Her husband Don travels daily to see her for lunch. In the spring he would like to sell his present home near Hudson and relocate to Catskill along with his adult daughter who also lives with him.
- Dan and Debbie Benjamin continue to care 24/7 for Debbie's brother, Bob, in their home, as he battles cancer.
- Anthony and Darlene Pedrosa recently chose to join with the church and were confirmed as members by the congregation.
- Emily Gorsuch's husband Tom, was recently treated at ND Hospital.
- Robert and Kathy Hoff have a signed offer on their Woodstock Home.
- Joshua and Rachael Dragula who serve the Lord in Tabernacle Baptist Church in Poughkeepsie, are about to give birth to their third child. This will be Pastor and Crystal's 12th grandchild.
- Carl and Lois Rockhill continue to be active in our church as their health permits. They enjoy your phone calls and visits.
- Louis Fernandez, the father of Elisa Guerriero and Jonathan Fernandez was recently admitted to ND Hospital for treatment.



Christmas Eve Service
5PM



Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to fill out this sheet and to place it in the offering plate, later in the service.

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I am looking for a small group Bible study at this time for fellowship, encouragement, and growth
- I would like to get involved in serving in some way in our church, please give me a call
- I am looking for a church home at this time.
- I want to get baptized or become a member at this time
- I would appreciate a phone call from one of the pastors
- I would request prayer from our pastors for the following:

MISSION POSSIBLE

According to a recent LifeWay Research survey, 98% of professing Christians admit that they do NOT share their faith with others! Think about that!

We see a fierce battle being waged by Christian men and women to stop the erosion of our nation's culture, yet many Christians make no effort to tell others about the saving power of Jesus Christ.

May the Lord help us all to be bold in our witness, especially during the Christmas Season, which is after all, the celebration of the birth of our Saviour!

To help each of us to be a bold and clear witness for Christ, our church provides an assortment of Salvation Tracts, in both English and in Spanish, in the lobby on the Tract Rack.

Please only take a few, and pass them out this week. Then come back next week and take a few more and pass those out. And then do it again and again!

Pastor Jonas and Beth Menezes: (Church Planting) Following their furlough to the U.S., our missionaries, the Menezes' have been back in Brazil for two months now and are waiting for the LORD's direction as to what they should be working on in the future. Presently, they are working on their cell groups, hoping for attendance to increase and for new groups to get started. They are also hoping to start a "daughter" church from an already planted church, (Agape Church) which already has many interested in attending. They ask prayer for young missionaries going out from the local church and for either a plot of land or a place where a new church plant could be established.

Awana Clubs Directors: Missionaries Mark and Pat DeQuoy: Their region has expanded to include Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. They now serve 135 churches and they have connected with most...only three to go! They conducted five conferences in September and October and four new clubs began this fall. Mark & Pat thank us for our prayers and financial support.

Missionary Bible Teacher Nathan Thomas: Nathan reports that things are going great in Nepal. The Modular Bible Institute and the College and Career Bible study are doing quite well. There was a Youth conference on December 3rd. Nathan's language learning is also improving and he hopes to give his testimony in Nepali in a church very soon. Unfortunately, Nathan's visa fell through and he asks for prayer for one of three types of visas. Each type has its own pros and cons.

Nathan has also recently sent out an email asking for funds for tuition for young girls and for winter jackets for children. He included an online link where you can make a donation via your credit card. (Please see our Missionary Notebook in the lobby for more information.) His new email is NathaninNepal@gmail.com. Nathan reminds us to be careful about posting his name or email on the internet or social media, since he works in a country which sometimes opposes the work of missionaries.



**2nd Sunday
in Advent**

First Baptist Church **"Proclaiming Christ to the Hudson Valley and around the World"**

Adult Life Groups and Sunday
School for all Ages: 9:30AM
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30AM
Choir Practice at 8:40AM

Weekly PRAYER Mtg on Wednesdays @ 7:00PM

The following are held during the School Year: (Sept to May)

Kids Praise Club - Ages 5 - 12 on Wed @ 7PM

Friday Night Programs from 7PM - 9PM as follows:

AWANA Clubs for Pre-school - 12 years of age

Teen Youth Ministry (Grades 7-12)

The Lord Jesus Christ - Savior and Shepherd

Thaddeus Dragula, Under Shepherd (Cell # 845-372-4429)

Daniel Drake, Under Shepherd (Cell # 845-372-3165)

Deacons: Ed Casey, Norm Chrystie, Gary Decker, Seth Decker,

Juan Alberto Perez and Ray Selander.

Deacon Emeritus: Ed Madsen and Jim Hagle

Ministry Assistants Also Serving on the Leadership Team:

Dan Benjamin, Jay McCaughey, and Ray Van Heusen

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTIES - will be held in FOUR area homes on THIS **Friday Night, Dec. 15th**, starting around 6:30PM. Please sign up in the lobby & bring a light refreshment to share.

In some homes, the program and activities, will be for *both Children and Adults*. In other other homes, the program and activities will be primarily *adult focused*, **but children are also welcome to attend**. This is a festive time of fun, with the *Main Focus on Fellowship*.

It will include singing Christmas Carols, the reading of Luke Chapter 2, a Christmas Trivia Game, **and the enjoyment of light refreshments that each person brings to share**.

Reminder: No "Used Gift Exchange" this year. We have other festivities planned instead.