

# Looking Ahead

\***Dec 17 Christmas Caroling** from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

\***Dec 19 Session** at 7:00 p.m.

\***Dec 20 Advent Dinner and Study** at 6:30 p.m.

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**The Blue Flower in the chancel this morning is to celebrate Charles David Boucek, son of Rick & Jill Boucek, and brother of Maggie Boucek.**

**The White flower in the chancel this morning denotes the life and faith of Jim Liller, who passed away last week.**

This pageant would not be possible without the help of dozens of people. Every parent and grandparent who helped their child learn songs, listening over & over & over to the CD in the car or at home, made this possible. The Sunday School teachers and Youth Group leaders who rearranged their schedules to allow for rehearsal time - made this possible. Thanks also to the members of the congregation who provided cookies for the fellowship time after the service.

Thanks also to Pastor Nathan's willingness to again make this the message today.

I would especially like to thank Sue Moore and Jackie Kline for their endless help and creative crafts. Our prayer is that everyone here today would join us on this journey through the colors of Christmas and point your hearts towards the life and words of Christ today and always.

*Judy Lipsak*

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## In Service This Week:

**Liturgist:** Nathan Loudon

**Greeter:** Cole & Rochelle Jackson

**Ushers:** Michelle Shepler (**Head**)  
Mary Lou Eonta  
Carol Smith  
Tayvon Creese  
John Shepler

**Wee Worship:** Leigh Vagias

## In Service Next Week:

**Liturgist:** Michelle Shepler

**Greeter:** Barb Paff

**Ushers:** Michelle Shepler (**Head**)  
Mary Lou Eonta  
Carol Smith  
Tayvon Creese  
John Shepler

**Wee Worship:** Hazel Zimmerman

## December 10, 2017

**Attendance Total** - 110  
**Offering Total** - \$2,264.30  
**Capital Fund-** \$ 150.00

(We need \$3,464.00 each week to meet budgeted income)

**North Sewickley  
Presbyterian Church (USA)**



**December 17, 2017  
10:00 a.m.**

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*To know Jesus Christ and make Him known*

**Welcome and Life of the Church** Pastor Nathan Loudon

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

*"Wonderful Counselor"*

*Mark DeWalt*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle(s)**

**Youth Group**

Reading

Lighting of the Joy Candle

Prayer

**\*Opening Hymn** C #269 *"How Great Our Joy!"*

**\*Call To Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You send your Spirit to release us, yet we remain captivated by sin. You stand among us in Christ Jesus, yet we claim we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Make us holy; make us whole. Keep us safe and sound until the day of your coming; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ**

**\*Gloria Patri C# 812**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Children's Message**

*Pastor Nathan*

*(Children 2nd grade and younger may attend Children's Church)*

*I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy...*

## THE WORD

**Prayer For Illumination**  
**Old Testament**  
**New Testament**

**Psalm 126**  
**Luke 1:39-45**

**Children's Christmas Pageant**

*Judy Lipsak, Director*

### **Red-letter Christmas**

Created and Arrange by Luke Gambill

- \* Ding Dong! Merrily on High!
- \* Little Town
- \* Good Christian Men, Rejoice
- \* Away in a Manger
  - \* Nadia, Macy & Addison Paff
  - \* Claire, Emma & Maggie Loudon
- \* Red-Letter Christmas
  - \* Will Loudon
  - \* Anya Martin
- \* Ding Dong! Merrily on High! (Reprise)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** (Debts/Debtors)

**Offertory**            *"Mary's Little Boy Child"*

**\*Doxology #815**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn C #282**    *"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"*

**\*Charge/Benediction**