



Sing for Joy



CHRISTMAS AT FOREST HILLS

December 26, 2021

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

Worship Book No. 189

Special Music: *Joy to the World*

2020 Christmas Choir

Welcome and Passing the Peace

Nina Harnish

Call to Worship and Invocation

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Worship Book No. 206

The First Noel

Worship Book No. 199

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Away in a Manger*

Worship Book No. 194

Children's Time

R E F L E C T I N G

Song: *Go Tell It on The Mountain*

Special Music: *Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Adult Choir

Becky Degan-Director, Sandy Smoker-Piano

Scripture: Romans 8:18-27

Sermon: *Let Earth Receive Her King*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Joy to the World*

Worship Book No. 318

S E N D I N G

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude



CARES & CONCERNS >>>

As the cares and concerns of our congregation come to mind,
please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- ☆ Milt Stoltzfus anticipating and recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.
- ☆ Dale Gamber undergoing tests to determine future treatment options for lung cancer.
- ☆ Gratitude for God's care and provision throughout this past year.
- ☆ God's wisdom, peace, and grace for this coming year.

Milt Stoltzfus is scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery on both arms on Monday, December 27, at Lancaster General Hospital and will recover at home.

"Thanks for the past year of prayers and support. I had a good year. My lung cancer has not improved like I had hoped, so I will soon start more testing and treatments." - Dale Gamber

"Thank you for the cards and prayers throughout these past weeks of our illnesses. We appreciate the support so much." - Dan and Mabel Stoltzfus

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Coffee Fellowship: Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation following today's worship service.

Welcome Guests! We are glad you are with us today. Let us know you're here by filling out the online form with the QR code:



Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, staff hours and availability will be varied this week and the church office will only be open on Thursday, December 30. If you are in need of pastoral care or other assistance and do not initially reach the individual you wish to contact when calling the church office, please try personal phone numbers or email in order to have your need addressed promptly.

Mennonite Central Committee announces their 23rd annual essay and video contest for Anabaptist youth of high school age in the U.S. The contest highlights the perspectives of youth on significant public policy issues and promotes the involvement of young people in faithful witness to government authorities. This year's topics are climate change, immigration, and selective service. The submission deadline is February 25, 2022. Grand prizes of \$250 each will be awarded to the top video and the top essay. Learn more and see full guidelines at www.mcc.org/essay-contest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Are you interested in exploring this question further? Forest Hills is inviting people to wrestle with who Jesus was and what it might mean to follow him. This group will be for people in their twenties through forties, married and single. The group starts on Sunday, January 9, at 9:30 a.m. We envision this as an opportunity to ask questions, share honestly, and build relationships with others. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Nina Harnish (nharnish@foresthillschurch.org) or Jon Carlson (jcarlson@foresthillschurch.org).

“As we near the end of 2021, we are thankful for your generosity and support. Your giving supports important ministries such as missions and outreach, church and conference-wide initiatives, and our own worship and education programs. It also helps pay for the costs of maintaining our facility. We need \$12,110 in the next week to bring our giving up to budget by year-end. If you wish to have your contributions recorded in 2021 for tax purposes, they will need to be in the church office or post-marked by December 31, 2021. “

– Sam Clement, Treasurer

If you would like to host or attend one of our Winter Bible School groups in January, please fill out a form in the church office or use this link to fill out the online response form before January 3: <https://forms.office.com/r/70ELXYj6vJ>.

Forest Hills provides several convenient charitable giving options. Offering envelopes are available from assistant treasurer, Dean Jantzen, and may be placed in the offering plates or mailed to church. Recurring auto-draft donations from a bank account can be set up through the church office. Donations can also be given online through our Facebook page.

Do you have a favorite nonprofit organization that fits the vision, character, and theology of our church? Financial grants are available through our Flex Fund. Priority is given to projects that align with our vision and those in which Forest Hills people are involved. Contact the church office for guidelines and an application. Submit completed applications to Andrew Bodden, Mission and Service Commission Director.

LOOKING AHEAD

☆ **Sunday, January 2** - No Sunday School.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS

- ☆ **January 2** - Grub and Grog.
- ☆ **January 9** - Tacos and games at the Clappers' house.
- ☆ **January 14 -15** - Lock-in at church.

H O S P I T A L I T Y H E L P E R S

- ☆ Head Usher: Larry McJunkin
- ☆ Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Dan Baker, Jim Shannon, Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ☆ Greeters: Mike Rheinheimer
- ☆ Befrienders: Ann & Byron Zimmerman
- ☆ Coffee Fellowship: Cheryl & Larry McJunkin

T O D A Y

- ☆ No scheduled Sunday School.
- ☆ 10:30 a.m. - Worship in-person or online. The service can be streamed on YouTube: www.fhmc.church/youtube or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmenonite.

T H I S W E E K

- ☆ Church office closed Monday-Wednesday.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ☆ No scheduled Sunday School for adults or children.
- ☆ Looking Back Sunday.

WEEKLY REPORT (12/19):

General Fund \$28,197

YTD Income: \$193,687; YTD Budget \$193,769

Attendance : 196

fhmc@foresthillschurch.org ~ www.foresthillschurch.org

100 Quarry Road, Leola, PA 17540 ~ 717-656-6227

Staff and Leadership Teams

Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education

Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation ~ Lauren Krady - Administrator

Becky Bathurst - Youth and Young Adult Director ~ Lesley Wenger - Custodian

Randy Esch, Kay Hurst, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Ruth Ann Martin, Clair and Doris Sauder

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team