



Joyful,  
all ye  
nations  
rise

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

***Ushers and Greeters***  
Michele & James Dermott,  
Elke & John Wright

***Worship Leader***  
Karen Dudgeon

***Liturgists***  
Children & Youth

***Acolytes***

***Flowers***

***Nursery Volunteer***  
Cindy Stout

***Fellowship***  
Kelly Settineri

***Attendance***  
December 4: 118

**Our giving 12/4/16:**

Operations - \$4,509.50  
Missions - \$646.00

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of November 27**

**SUNDAY – December 11**  
10:30 am – Worship  
*Christmas Pageant*  
11:30 am – Church Christmas Party  
(after worship)

**MONDAY – December 12**  
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**TUESDAY – December 13**  
2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship Club  
6:30 pm – Deacons meet  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY – December 14**  
9:30 am – Committee on  
Authorized Ministry (CAM) meets  
6:00 pm – Worship and Music  
Committee meets  
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal  
7:30 pm – Cantata rehearsal

**THURSDAY – December 15**  
Bible Study – 11:30

**FRIDAY – December 16**  
Office Closed

**SUNDAY – December 18**  
8:30 am – Prayer Service  
9:15 am – The Well  
9:30 am – Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship  
*Cantata Performance*  
6:00 pm – Youth Group

## **Service of Worship**

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

10:30 AM

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### ***FOR QUIET MEDITATION***

*Be reconciled: All you who enter here  
Parents and children; husbands and wives;  
Believers and those who cannot believe;  
Christians and their fellow Christians.*

(From the entrance to the Church of Reconciliation  
at the Community of Taize, France).

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\*those who are able, please stand.

## **GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**      *Watcher, Tell Us of The Night*      Whitney

### **CHIMES**

## **THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      *The Advent Candle – “Joy”*

Leader: Today, the third Sunday of Advent, we light the candles of Hope and Peace and remember our longing for God and be with us and to give us peace. (*first two candles lit*)

Leader: Today we light the candle of Joy for all God’s messengers, preparing the way for change and pointing to a new age to come. (*third candle lit*)

**All:** God, as we wait for your promise, give hope,  
give peace, give joy.

**Leader:** A candle burns, the third marker of our Advent journey. As we continue on our journey to Christmas, may we travel joyfully.

**All:** As we continue, God of journeys, guide our footsteps.

\*HYMN # 132 (vs. 3)

*When God is a Child*

\*PRAYER OF JOY (*let us pray together . . .*)

Gracious God, as the third candle of Advent is lit, may we find our journey filled with joy. Help us to let our light of joy shine brightly that all may know of our faith, our peace, our hope, in Christ's name. Amen.

\*MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Glory to God*

Capo 3: ( Bm ) (Em) (A) (D)  
Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*\*May be sung as a canon.*

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## LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**\*HYMN # 164 (vss 1 - 2) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**OFFERING**

**Invitation**

**Anthem** *Our Hope is in Emmanuel* Johnson and Larson

**\*ADVENT DOXOLGY**

Tune: *Veni Emmanuel*

Em G C D7 G D G C G  
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em  
here\_\_\_\_\_ be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em  
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*let us pray together . . .*)

**We bring these gifts to you, O God. May they help to proclaim good news, bring justice and liberty and healing where they are needed, and comfort to those who mourn. And to these same ends we dedicate our lives. Amen.**

# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"Live from WHCC"

\*HYMN # 143 (vs. 1)

*Joy to the World*

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

\*HYMN # 143 ( vss. 2, 3)

*Joy to the World*

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**    *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying*    Manz

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You are invited to continue to celebrate Advent/Christmas  
with our congregation **immediately following worship  
today** with a "**snack/dish**" to share at the gathering; drinks  
are provided by Christian Education Ministry (CEM).

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## **OUR NEW PASTOR!!!**

After a thorough and prayerful search by the Pastor Search Committee, the Reverend Vicki Burtson (Johnson) was overwhelmingly elected last Sunday to serve as the next pastor of the Homer Congregational Church. Praise be to our God! For the last eight years Vicki has been serving as the Executive Director of the Cortland County Council of Churches and Protestant Campus Minister at SUNY Cortland. Prior to that she served in numerous ministry settings and is ideally qualified to lead this congregation into the future. Welcome Pastor Vicki!!!! Copies of her biography are available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

She is scheduled to begin on February 1, 2017. Although she will be in the area, Pastor Vicki will be focused on finishing up with her current ministry among the congregations of Cortland County and students at SUNY Cortland. She has many goodbyes, so prayers are welcomed.

Over the next few weeks you will be learning more about Pastor Vicki and the plans for preparing for her arrival. A big thanks to the Pastor Search Committee for their work in conducting their search and bringing forth such a well-suited and qualified candidate.

## **ECCLESIASTICAL COUNSEL**

Last Sunday, the Susquehanna Association approved our own **Rachel Ditch** ordination. Congratulations to Rachel!

## **FEEDING YOUR SOUL**

An **Advent Devotional booklet** (Voices of Advent), a collection of voices from within the Homer Congregational Community and from beyond our walls, is available at each entrance to the sanctuary as well as Russell Fellowship Room. Enjoy this gift.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**Thanks** to all who have submitted **2017 pledge cards**. Pledges are still being accepted and available in the Russell Fellowship Room. To date \$ 85,965 has been pledged: \$ 74,057 Operating, \$ 11,908 Mission.

## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

This Tuesday, Dec. 13th our newly elected pastor, Vicki Burtson will share Christmas carols with us. Join us at 2:00 PM.

Church Staff and Music Ministry

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters, Interim Minister  
Lisa Clark, Homer Nursery School Director  
Rachel Ditch, Director of Christian Education  
Joseph Ford, Director of Music  
James N. Shultes, Organist  
Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells  
Gary Harrington, Sexton  
Sheila Shea, Church Administrator

Church Office Hours:

Mondays through Thursdays, 9am-Noon, closed Fridays.

Pastor Kathleen's time in the office varies each week, but she is available to visit those with special needs or to meet for any other reason. Please feel free to contact her via email: [pastor@homercc.org](mailto:pastor@homercc.org) or via her cell phone: (315) 380-0744

HCC website - [homercc.com](http://homercc.com)

Follow Homer Congregational Church on Facebook!

Monthly newsletters can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary and online at [homercc.com/resources](http://homercc.com/resources).

Our digital calendar can be viewed at [homercc.com/calendar](http://homercc.com/calendar).

Contact the office to receive our mid-week email, *Weekday Words*.

Welcome - We are glad that you have chosen to join us for worship this morning. If you would like additional information about HCC please speak to the pastor or worship leader and plan to join us for refreshments and community time after the service.

Children - We believe children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. A children's bulletin and "Busy Bags" are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available.

Prayer request sheets are placed at each entrance. Prayers will be offered later in today's service.

Accessibility - Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to any in need. Contact one of the ushers for help.

Miss a Sunday and want to review the bulletin? You can find weekly bulletins at our website: <http://www.homercc.com/resources>. Share with a friend.