



All is  
calm,  
all is.  
bright

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

***Ushers and Greeters***

Bonnie Haaland, Gary Harrington,  
Darci Gumaer, and Anne Wingard

***Worship Leader***  
Karen Dudgeon

***Liturgists***  
Jean Cadwallader

***Acolytes***

***Flowers***

***Nursery Volunteer***

Carli and Sarina will both be in the  
nursery today.

***Fellowship***  
Deacons

***Attendance***  
November 27: 58

**Our giving 11/13/16:**

Operations - \$2,331.50  
Missions - \$233.00

**Our giving 11/20/16:**

Operations - \$1,017.50  
Missions - \$366.00

**Our giving 11/27/16:**

Operations - \$1,140.50  
Missions - \$184.00

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

**SUNDAY – December 4**

10:30 am – Worship

*Holy Communion*

*Candidating Sunday*

11:30 am – Church meeting  
(after worship)

2:00 pm – Brewster House

3:00 – Ecclesiastical Counsel  
for Rachel Ditch

**MONDAY – December 5**

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**TUESDAY – December 6**

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY – December 7**

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

7:30 pm – Cantata rehearsal

**THURSDAY – December 8**

Bible Study – 11:30

**FRIDAY – December 9**

Office Closed

**SUNDAY – December 11**

8:30 am – Prayer Service

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

*Christmas Pageant*

11:30 am – Church Christmas Party

# Service of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

10:30 AM

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The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them. Isaiah 11:6

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\*those who are able, please stand.

## GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      *Once He Came in Blessing*      Walther

### CHIMES

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

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

Leader: We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin. (*first candle lit*)

**All: Hope lives in us and will abide with us.**

Leader: Today we light the candle of Peace. (*second candle lit*)

**All: This light, too, must brave great darkness.**

Leader: In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth stands under the impact of war, we light a candle called peace.

**All: Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all—that is the peace for which we dare to hope.**

Leader: The Christ, the Prince of Peace, comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

**All: In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace.**

\*HYMN # 132 (vs. 2)

*When God Is a Child*

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

**O God, we thank you for the peace that is in our hearts because Christ has revealed your love to us. May the power of your Holy Spirit bless this day and the coming weeks of preparation that we might be ready to receive Christ in our hearts and homes anew, serving Him in all we say and do. Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-8

OT pg. 698

### **ANTHEM**

*Prepare the Way*

by Don Besig

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*(Children through second grade may go to the nursery.)*

\*HYMN #452 (vs. 3)

*Here I Am, Lord*

**SERMON**

*Epiphany in Advent*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### OFFERING

Invitation

(Loose offerings will be used by the Board of Deacons to further our mission and outreach.)

Offertory Anthem

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Holst

### \*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 . . .*)

**God of comfort and new beginnings, we turn back to you again, and bring to you these gifts of money, of creativity, and of ourselves, asking that you bless them, and us. May these gifts bring comfort to many. Amen.**

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*(The Lord's Table is open to all who come seeking the presence and peace of Christ. The cup contains unfermented juice, and we serve gluten-free bread. You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat and return to your seat. The elements can be brought to you if you wish.)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Let us pray together.)*

**Eternal God, we thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice and pray. Amen.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with others.*

**A BLESSING** - Rachel Ditch, Member in Discernment

## GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

**\*HYMN # 450** (vs. 1) *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE** *Come Saviour of the Nations*

Pachelbel

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## **FEEDING YOUR SOUL**

An **Advent Devotional booklet** (Voices of Advent) has been compiled for your enjoyment. The booklet is a collection of voices from within the Homer Congregational Community and from beyond our walls. You'll find your copy of Voices of Advent as well as a family devotional at each entrance to the sanctuary as well as Russell Fellowship Room. Please enjoy this thoughtful gift.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP**

The **HCC Sunday School** will present their **Christmas Pageant** during the **10:30 am service** next Sunday, **December 11**. You are invited to continue to celebrate Advent/Christmas with our congregation immediately following worship with a "**snack/dish**" to share at the gathering; drinks are provided by Christian Education Ministry.

## **CALL FOR OUR NEW PASTOR**

The Board of Trustees is calling a special meeting of the **First Religious Society in the Town of Homer today, immediately following worship service** for the purpose of voting to call the new Minister and Pastor of the Parish of Homer. The Board of Deacons is also calling a formal meeting of the Homer Congregational Church for the purpose of **voting to call the new Pastor of the Homer Congregational Church**, immediately following the First Religious Society meeting. At the meetings, members will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the Pastor Search Committee and to vote on the Call.

## **ECCLESIASTICAL COUNSEL**

The **Committee on Authorized Ministry** of the Susquehanna Association has issued a call to Ecclesiastical Council for our own **Rachel Ditch today at 3pm**, here at Homer Congregational Church. The meeting represents is a significant milestone as Rachel seeks to complete the process for ordination within the United Church of Christ.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**Pledge cards** are still being accepted. Please stop by the Church Office if you need a new one. **Contribution Statements** from 1/1/16 - 9/25/16 are available in the Russell Fellowship Room. Please collect them.

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.