



Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
December 13, 2020
Interim Pastors:
Pastor Linda Lambert & Pastor Bill Caputo
Worship Assistant: Devin Clark

GATHERING MUSIC

Linda Spohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

Unison

O God, we are challenged to be patient during these days of Advent. Yet, we find ourselves growing less patient as we wait in slow retail lines, manage our overfilled calendars, and pack wrapping gifts, online shopping, and home decorating into late night hours. Be patient? Yes, be patient. In this worshipful moment, strengthen our hearts, center our minds, and quiet our bodies, for your coming is near. We pray as your beloved ones. Amen

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION Sleep, Sleep, Sleep

(A German Christmas Lullaby) Linda Spohn

Sleep, sleep, sleep. Tis the eve of our Savior's birth.
 Night is peaceful all around you, Close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep. Tis the eve of our Savior's birth.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Art Frank – Lighting the candle of **JOY**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the **JOY** of all who look forward to His coming.

People: Come Lord and do not delay!

Leader: In **JOY**, we wait for your coming.

People: Come Lord Jesus, Come now and save us.

Leader: Before time began, you shared life with the Father.

People: Come now and save us; redeem the work of your hands.

Leader: You desire all people to live in love in your kingdom.

People: Come now and save us and bring together those who long to see you face to face.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jack Green

***HYMN** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee vs. 1 & 2

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KIDS CHRISTMAS CORNER -
Devin Clark



BLESSING OF GIVING Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-7

MESSAGE

Pastor Bill Caputo

***HYMN** Joy to the World vs. 1 & 4

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***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

Pastor Bill

***POSTLUDE**

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Candle of JOY



The Candy Cane symbolizes multiple things. If you hold it upright...it looks like a shepherd's crook. The shepherds were one of the few people who were able to see the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. If you turn the candy cane upside down...it looks like a "J". Jesus starts with J. The colors of the candy cane are also symbolic. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed for us on the cross and the white represents the purity of Jesus. There are candy canes with three small red stripes running around it. These stripes symbolize the Trinity - God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Who knew that this delicious simple candy was so profoundly symbolic of our Lord Jesus Christ and His simple birth?

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21
