

LEADING WORSHIP: Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor

HELPING IN WORSHIP

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Head Usher Will Cass
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OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY

Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am 3 Worship @ 10:00 am 113
Sunday School – All Ages 18 YouTube & Zoom 51

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our members: Barbara Bates, Cheryl Cass, Will Cass, Janet Cole, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordon, Emily Griess, Betsy Grover, Gwen Higgins, Tom Halloran, Sandra Hansen, Pat Hughes, Dick James, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Betty Longobardi, Julia Miller, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Karla Quinlan, Arnette and Robert Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Jeff Tryon, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

Friends of our church in your prayers: Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Jordan Fidler, Bryan Foy, Lee, Margot Madalengoitia, Edgar Martinez, Adonis Marzan, Hilary McAllister, Joe Pollen, Rob Post, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Robert Thompson-Gee, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Clifford Zier. All the innocents affected by wars and conflicts around the world.

Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers: Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army, Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

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FIRST SUNDAY
OF

Advent

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service
December 1, 2024

December 1st, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude: *“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

Call to Worship

Leader: Gather in all who wait upon the Lord.

All: We come before our Lord to celebrate His coming.

Leader: We come before the Lord to remember that first time of waiting.

All: Waiting for a world far from God. Waiting in a world that needed a Savior.

Leader: Still we wait, but this time for the return of the Christ child.

All: Praise be to God who has not abandoned this world.

Leader: Praise be to Christ, who will return victorious.

All: Praise be to the Holy Spirit, whose power helps us wait.

Leader: Then let the praise of our waiting hearts rejoice in song as we worship our God the first day of Advent.

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise:** *“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”*
“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Soto-White Family

Reader: From deep in the past.....

.....and peace will receive their fulfillment

All: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

***Hymn of Preparation:** *“Blessed Be the God of Israel”*

UMH 209

Sermon

Receiving Holy Communion

Call to Confession

Confession

Holy God, we confess that we are busy with many preparations. We are busy with parties, with feasts, with giving. We are busy cleaning house and wrapping presents. We are busy with the stuff of the holiday. And we confess that our busyness may be misplaced, that we spend more time preparing for things than preparing for You. Draw us back to the center, which is You. Remind us that our hearts and souls have work to do, too. Enable us to let go of that which does not matter, and to see what does matter. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH pg 15

Worship God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *“Emmanuel Will Come”*

Doxology

UMH 94

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Passing the Peace of Christ

***Closing Hymn:** *“Hail to the Lord Anointed”*

UMH 203

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

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***The flowers on the altar are given by Margaret Slomin to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her Mom & Dad.***

## Opportunities for You This Week

### SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 8:00 am | Contemplative Prayer |
| 8:45    | Coffee with Jesus    |
| 10:00   | Worship Service      |
|         | Sunday School        |
| 11:30   | Fellowship           |
|         | Halo Bells           |
| 1:00 pm | Casa de Adoracion    |
| 2:00    | Parkside AA          |
| 4:00    | Youth Group          |

### MONDAY, December 2, 2024

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 9:00 am | Monday Morning Group |
| 10:00   | Exercise             |
| 6:30 pm | Gamblers Anonymous   |

### TUESDAY, December 3, 2024

|          |                     |
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| 10:00 am | Pastor's Book Study |
| 1:00 pm  | Arts & Crafts Group |
| 5:30     | PP AA               |
| 6:00     | Joyful Ringers      |

### WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2024

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 7:30 am | Morning Prayers     |
| 1:00 pm | Nancy's Bible Study |

### THURSDAY, December 5, 2024

|         |       |
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| 5:30 pm | PP AA |
| 7:00    | Choir |

### FRIDAY, December 6, 2024

|          |                   |
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| 10:00 am | Exercise          |
| 6:00 pm  | Casa de Adoracion |

### SATURDAY, December 7, 2024

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 8:30 am | Gambler's Anonymous |
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### SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Advent

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 8:00 am | Contemplative Prayer |
| 8:45    | Coffee with Jesus    |
| 10:00   | Worship Service      |
|         | Sunday School        |
| 11:30   | Fellowship           |
|         | Halo Bells           |
| 1:00 pm | Casa de Adoracion    |
| 2:00    | Parkside AA          |
| 4:00    | Youth Group          |

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**Blessed Be the God of Israel (UMH 209)**  
LYRICS: James Montgomery  
MUSIC: W.H. Monk

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed (UMH 340)**  
LYRICS: Michael Perry  
MUSIC: Hal H. Hobson

*1 Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual  
2024 (p. 28). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.*

**Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church.** We are delighted to have you worship with us today!

**We want to be your family of faith.** We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at [office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org)

## Announcements



The December Fellowship Discovery Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm. After a delicious luncheon, we will have all sing Christmas Carols, accompanied by Debbie Carrier. Please let us know by Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

Our Sunday School has begun practicing for the annual Christmas Pageant, which will take place on Sunday, December 15. There will be a mandatory dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 14 @ 1pm.

**Are you an angel? You are if you find it in your heart to help make a child's wish come true for Christmas.** Time to dust off those wings- although we know you have all been busy providing for others all year. Just stop by The Narthex or Fellowship Hall, pick an ornament from the board, put your name on the tag, **return it into the basket**, take the ornament that accompanies and fill a wish. Return your gifts to Fellowship Hall wrapped and marked with the Angel Tag by **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure to provide only one 'toy' and one clothing item. (Gifts are opened at a party and families find it difficult to explain why some gifts are more extravagant than others consider choosing more than one child if you want to provide more.) If you prefer- I would be glad to shop for you just let me know. Please make checks payable to PUMC. You can give it to me directly or send through the offering marked accordingly. Thank you. For more info call Pam Terwilliger 452-7022 or 845-240-4564. [p\\_terwilliger@hotmail.com](mailto:p_terwilliger@hotmail.com).

**It's time for Christmas caroling!** Join us on Saturday, December 14 as we go a-caroling to visit members of our congregation! Meet in fellowship hall @ 4:30pm for cookies and hot chocolate and warm ups, then leave to visit our church family members at their homes at 5:00pm. Please contact Dale Borchert if interested!

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Journey Deadline
- Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal @ 1pm  
Christmas Caroling @ 4pm
- Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Pageant
- Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Discovery Luncheon @ 12pm
- Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Comfort & Joy Service @ 4pm
- Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service @ 6pm  
Christmas Eve Service with Communion @ 10pm
- Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Merry Christmas!

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

Deadline is Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

- (CHECK ONE)  In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of \_\_\_\_\_



Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be taking your Poinsettia after the last Christmas Eve Service?

(CHECK ONE)  YES  NO

Return this form to the church office or call 452-2933 to order.



**HVBB**  
**WINTER**  
*Ball*

**January 11th, 2025, 6:30-9pm**

Photos 6:30-7pm | Music | Food | Games | Fellowship

RSVP by 12/1 to [jmarrine@gmail.com](mailto:jmarrine@gmail.com)

Bring a personal care item donation for Love INC.  
(ex. Laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels,  
dish soap, etc.)

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