

**LEADING WORSHIP: Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor**

**HELPING IN WORSHIP**

Acolyte            Ana Pardee  
Liturgist         The Delanddro & Bell Family  
Head Usher       Will Cass  
Ushers             Cheryl Cass, Linda McCluskey, Joseph Norman

**OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY**

Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am    4                      Worship @ 10:00 am    145  
Sunday School – All Ages    21                      YouTube & Zoom    88

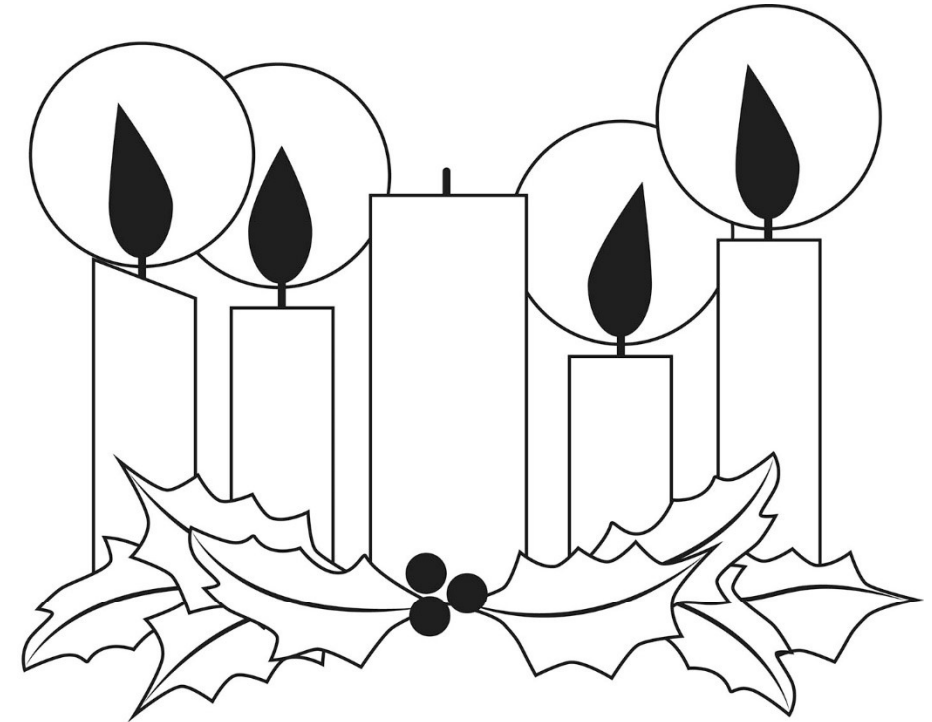
**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Our members:** Barbara Bates, Cheryl Cass, Will Cass, Janet Cole, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordon, Emily Griess, Roy 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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FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

**Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service**  
**December 22, 2024**

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Words of Welcome**

**Life of the Church**

**Prelude:** *“He Shall Feed His Flock”*

Handel

**Call to Worship**

Call: Children of God, the arrival of the Promised One is almost here! We wait as people of God's promise. The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary's womb call to us today.

**Response: We listen as people of God's promise.**

Call: Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God's good news into the world.

**Response: We follow as people of God's promise.**

Call: This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, and the prophets bore that we continue to carry even today—God is with us!

**Response: God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Songs of Praise:** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven”*  
*“Light of the World”*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Delandro & Bell Family

**Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:8-18

**Sermon for the Young & Young at Heart**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *“o Little Town of Bethlehem”*

UMH 230

**Sermon**

**Worship God with Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem:** *“There's a New Song Ringin'! Glory Hallelujah Down in Bethlehem!”*

**Doxology**

UMH 94

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

UMH 220 vs 1-3, 6

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** *“Angels From the Realms of Glory”*

arr. Powell

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*From the Staff. . .*



*Merry Christmas*

*With Peace & Love,*

*Angela, Karyn, Neal, Polly, Stephen, & Pastor Kregg*

## Opportunities for You This Week

### SUNDAY, December 22, 2024

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

### MONDAY, December 23, 2024

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

### TUESDAY, December 24, 2024

#### Christmas Eve

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| 6:00 pm | Worship Service |
| 10:00   | Worship Service |

### WEDNESDAY, December 25, 2024

#### Merry Christmas!

### THURSDAY, December 26, 2024

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

### FRIDAY, December 27, 2024

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| 6:00 pm | Casa de Adoracion |
|---------|-------------------|

### SATURDAY, December 28, 2024

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 8:30 am | Gambler's Anonymous |
|---------|---------------------|

### SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

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

#### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven**

CCLI Song # 7019799

Charles Wesley | Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy | Jason Ingram | Paul Baloche

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#### **Light of the World**

CCLI Song # 7023299

Lauren Daigle | Paul Duncan | Paul Mabury

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#### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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#### **O Come, All Ye Faithful (UMH 224)**

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*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

**Altar Flowers** - There is a new 2025 altar flower sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the church office to order. The price will be \$50 starting January 1.

**The Contemporary Service is Coming!** Our first Contemporary Service is being planned for **Tuesday January 14 @ 7pm**. Miriam Mauro, our Worship Leader and her team of musicians will be helping to lead our service. This will be a blessed event so please plan to attend. Please let John Marrine or anyone on the Way Forward Team know of any questions. Thank you!

**Casa De Adoracion has invited our congregation to their New Year's Event at PUMC on Tuesday December 31, starting at 8pm.** We will pass New Year at church with a small service and a Christian party. Please contact the office ([office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org) or (845)452-2933) with any questions and if you plan to attend.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service @ 6pm

Christmas Eve Service @ 10pm

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Church Council@ 7pm

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - Bridge Builders Winter Ball

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – Worship Committee @ 11:30am

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Contemporary Worship @ 7pm



## The Poinsettias Are

### Given by...

Bonnie Babcock

The Bois Family

Beth & Dale Borchert

Judie Buck

The Carrier Family

Will & Cheryl Cass

Cathy Close

Louise Dalton

Diane & Lorna Davis

The Gabor Family

Doris Hammell

The Harmer & Pardee Family

### In Memory of...

Esther Ryan

Bill & Pat White

Jim Kyle

Barbara Todd

Henry & Barbara Hansen, Joseph Bois,  
Charles & Cora Bois, Virgil Knight,  
Shirley Coughlin

To the Glory of God in Loving Memory  
of our Parents & Grandparents

Loved Ones

Debbie's Parents John & Dolores Beck  
and Sister, Jeanette

Dave's Parents Edsel & Dorothy Carrier

James Ryan Cass

Faith & Tony Krzywicki

Glenn Close

Family Members

LaVerne & Mildred Davis

Laura's Mom, Faye Stacey

Alfred Hammell Sr., 20 yrs in heaven

Karen P. Harmer

Charles E. Pardee

### Given by...

John & Nancy Marrine

Linda McCluskey

The Millham Family

The Nyenime Family

Margaret Niver

Mary Ann Nataro

Ida Oliver

John Oliver, my husband

Ray Polivka

Robert & Arnette Schmidt

Sofia & August Schmidt

Alan & Kaye Schrock

Mary & Cindy Secor

Stephen Siktberg

Margaret, Larry, Emily,

Tatiana & Mia

Margaret Slomin

Darlene Terpstra

Priscilla Bird Wendover

Bill & Debbie Zimmer

Carolyn & Bill Zmyndak

### Given by...

Mary Ann Nataro

Alan & Kaye Schrock

### In Memory of...

Our Parents

Loved Ones

Pete's Parents

Mercy Inyangabia & Deniel Ikpeme

Kervin Niver and My Family & Friends

My Parents, William & Patricia Taylor

Joseph & Helen Kosta, my parents

Joanne Polivka

Pauline & Bill Taylor

Charles & Mary Schrock

Carlton & Marian Freer

Don Secor and Family & Friends

Rev. William & Laura Siktberg

Frances Wilkinson

Adam Slomin

My Beloved Family

Ed Terpstra and Family & Friends

A. David Bird

Mary & Howard Bird

Rebecca Louise Zimmer

Janet & Howard Olson

Sophia & Emil Zmyndak

### In Honor of...

Dearest Friends Debbie & Dave Carrier

Grandgirls Kylie & Madison