

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

**HELPING IN WORSHIP**

Acolyte  
Liturgist           The Harmer & Pardee Family  
Head Usher       Will Cass  
Ushers             Cheryl Cass, Debi McGarvey, Joseph Norman, Priscilla Wendover

**OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY**

Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am   3                    Worship @ 10:00 am 128  
Sunday School – All Ages   16                    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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By Dexter Moreno

**Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service**  
**December 15, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Words of Welcome**

**Life of the Church**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Call: Children of God, our world is full of the fruit of humanity's greed, apathy, and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

**Response: What, then, should we do?**

Call: Our world is also full of the fruit of God's love that wells up all around us, sustaining us, saving us, reviving us to live as the people of God.

**Response: What, then, should we do?**

Call: God encircles us on every side, Love divine present with us in creation, in community, and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel. What then, children of God, should you do?

**Response: We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor, turning away from sin and toward a life with God and one another marked by joy, justice, and mercy. Amen.**

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

**Opening Prayer**

\*Songs of Praise: "A Christmas Alleluia"

*"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"*

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**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Harmer & Pardee Family

**Congregation: Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 3:7-18

**Worship God with Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem: "**

**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.**

***"The Best Old Fashioned Christmas Pageant Ever"***

Our Sunday School

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**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)*

**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!

## Opportunities for You This Week

## Announcements

### SUNDAY, December 15, 2024

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

### MONDAY, December 16, 2024

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

### TUESDAY, December 17, 2024

10:00 am Pastor's Book Study  
 12:00 pm Fellowship Discovery  
 1:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group  
 5:30 PP AA  
 6:00 Joyful Ringers  
 7:00 Social Justice

### WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2024

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

### THURSDAY, December 19, 2024

5:30 pm PP AA  
 7:00 Choir

### FRIDAY, December 20, 2024

8:00 am Collate Journey  
 10:00 Exercise  
 6:00 pm Casa de Adoracion

### SATURDAY, December 21, 2024

8:30 am Gambler's Anonymous  
 4:00 pm Comfort & Joy Service

### 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  
 Halo Bells  
 1:00 pm Casa de Adoracion  
 2:00 Parkside AA  
 4:00 Youth Group

**A Christmas Alleluia**  
 CCLI Song # 7050431  
 Chris Tomlin | Jonas Myrin  
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**The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy**  
 LYRICS: Public Domain  
 MUSIC: John Banard

**Good Christian Friends Rejoice (UMH 224)**  
 LYRICS: John Mason Neale  
 MUSIC: Gary Alan Smith

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

**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.

**Comfort & Joy Service – Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4pm.** Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. This special service provide hope and healing for those who find Advent and Christmas difficult.

**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:**

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Comfort & Joy Service @ 4pm

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

Christmas Eve Service @ 10pm

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Merry Christmas!

## *"The Best Old Fashioned Christmas Pageant Ever"*

*by Richard Shepherd*

#### **Cast**

**Narrator** – Steve  
**Mary** – Kayla  
**Joseph** – Patty  
**Baby Jesus** – Bryce  
**Angels** - Amaris, Celeste, Coraline, Jacob,  
 Juno, Sarah-Grace, Seyla, Thea  
**Shepherds** – Amanda, Dexter, Skyler, Tage  
**Animals** – Dexter, Tobias, Vanessa  
**Wisemen** – Daniel, Dave, Sam

**Sunday School Director:** Angela  
**Music – Adults:** Polly  
**Children:** Laura  
**Costumes:** Kathy, Laura, Pam  
**Set Design:** Barb  
**Assistant:** Anastasia  
**Helpers:** Dale, Dave, Debi, Don,  
 Donna, Mary, Will  
**Bulletin Cover:** Dexter