

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

**HELPING IN WORSHIP**

Acolyte Sarah-Grace White  
Liturgist The Little and Moreno Families  
Head Usher Will Cass  
Ushers Cheryl Cass, Lynne Deverman, Debbie Kudzia, Joseph Norman

**OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY**

Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am 3                      Worship @ 10:00 am 99  
Sunday School – All Ages 16                                      YouTube & Zoom 65

**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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SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

**Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service**  
**December 8, 2024**

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Words of Welcome & Life of the Church**

**Prelude:** “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Halo Bells with Joyful Ringers

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

**People: We come to listen and receive God’s Word among us.**

Leader: Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

**People: We come to listen and prepare to receive God’s Word among us.**

Leader: Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God’s Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God’s love throughout the world.

**People: May God ignite our passion for God’s Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.**

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

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Songs of Praise:** “Adore Him, w/ O Come Let us Adore Him”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Little & Moreno Families

**People: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God’s peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God’s grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God’s love throughout the earth.**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:8-15

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

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** “People, Look East”

UMH 202

**Sermon**

**Worship God with Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem:** “The Holly & the Ivy”

Traditional English Carol

**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:** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH 220

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Anne Bierce to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mom, Gladys.*

**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)

## Opportunities for You This Week

## Announcements

### 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          |

### MONDAY, December 9, 2024

|         |                      |
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| 1:00 pm | Friendship Circle    |
| 6:30    | Gamblers Anonymous   |
| 7:00    | Ted Talk Watch Party |

### TUESDAY, December 10, 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 11, 2024

#### Journey Deadline

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

### THURSDAY, December 12, 2024

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

### FRIDAY, December 13, 2024

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

### SATURDAY, December 14, 2024

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 8:30 am | Gambler's Anonymous |
| 1:00 pm | Pageant Rehearsal   |
| 4:00    | Christmas Caroling  |

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

#### **Adore Him, w/ O Come Let Us Adore Him**

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C. Frederick Oakeley | Don Poythress |  
John Francis Wade | Tony Wood  
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#### **Angels We Have Heard on High**

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#### **People Look East (UMH 202)**

LYRICS: Eleanor Farjeon  
MUSIC: Traditional French Carol

#### **Angels From the Realms of Glory (UMH 220)**

LYRICS: James T. Montgomery  
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart

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

### The January Journey Deadline is Wednesday, December 11



**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.

**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!

**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.

**Friendship Circle will meet tomorrow, December 9 @ 1pm.** Shannon Butler, a library historian will speak on Old Schools and Seminaries of Poughkeepsie. If possible, please bring a package of boxer-briefs, size L or XL, to donate to Cara Mia.

**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.