

A Communion Service of Word and Song

Εκκλησία Παρακλήτε

Ekklesia Paraklete



First United Methodist Church
of Greensburg
December 15, 2018
Third weekend of Advent

The nursery and crib rooms are open and available for parents of children filled with the spirit of self-expression.



*Kneeling at the altar rail at any time
throughout the worship service
is celebrated and encouraged.*

Gathering Music

Come and See the King K. Berg
Angels' Gloria L. Farnell

Welcome and Tidings

Prelude

Masters In This Hall J. Althouse

Opening Prayer

Word of God Philippians 4:4-7

Meditation in Song

A Gift for the King L. Farnell

Homily

Music for Reflection

We Are Lights S. Schwartz

Eucharistic Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Music for Response

The Little Drummer Boy K. Davis

Benediction

Postlude

O Little Town of Bethlehem M. Parks
Adeste Fideles S. Albrecht

Fellowship & Refreshments



Please join us in the hallway beside the sanctuary for a time of table fellowship.

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Schedule of Musicians

Dec. 22 Forrest Moore
Piano & Organ
Dec. 29 Mike Simoncelli, *Piano*
Jan. 5 Jacob Gruss, *Organ*
Jan. 12 Jill & Joy Procida,
Saxophone & Trumpet

The word 'church' in the New Testament is translated from the Greek word **ekklesia**, which comes from two words: *ek* meaning 'out' and *kaleo* meaning 'to call'. An *ekklesia* or 'calling out' was not just an assembly. In Greek, there are many words that can mean assembly. The word *ekklesia* was a political term, not a religious term. Jesus was the King and the Bible used the term *ekklesia* for a good reason. In classical Greek, *ekklesia* meant: an assembly of citizens summoned by the crier; the legislative assembly.

In the Greek New Testament, the word **paraklete** is most prominent in John's writings and may be translated as: counselor; helper; encourager; advocate; or comforter. So, for our use, this is our worship help.

Leading in Tonight's **Ekklesia**:
in addition to the Holy Spirit

Pastor: Rev. Anette Gerber
Musicians: Irwin Male Chorus