

A Communion Service of Word and Song

Εκκλησία Παρακλετε

Ekklesia Paraklete



First United Methodist Church
of Greensburg
December 22, 2018
Fourth 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

Christmas Medley C. Tornquist

Welcome and Tidings

Prelude

The First Noel J. Carter

Opening Prayer

Word of God

Luke 1:39-56

Meditation in Song

Birthday of a King C. Tornquist

Homily

Music for Reflection

Silent Night C. Tornquist

Eucharistic Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Music for Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem C. Tornquist

Benediction

Postlude

He is Born J. Carter

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. 29 Mike Simoncelli, *Piano*
Jan. 5 Jacob Gruss, *Organ*
Jan. 12 Jill & Joy Procida,
Saxophone & Trumpet
Jan. 19 Patricia Fitzpatrick, *Piano*

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: Forrest Moore, Piano