

## Worship

**Welcome** worship guests! You are special because God brought you into our presence. Together, we rejoice and celebrate God's blessings in our lives.

**The chancel flowers** are for the Glory of God.

The congregation is invited to the **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation** time held in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Be a friend, and make a friend as you enjoy the treats provided by the Fellowship Ministry.

## Pray

**Members:** Dick and Iris Thomas, Ray and Marilyn Inman, Ginny Branchfield, Cameron and Betty Johnson **Friends:** Irene R., Gail, Dan B., Nancy L., Joni, Lori, Mary Ann

**Military men and women:** Brian Jacobson, Bryson Boyd, David Wallingford, Georgette Encinia, Patrick Bannon, Chris Hargis, Rosie Mundhenk, Adam Armstrong, Ashley Miller, Alex Durstein, John Albright, Gary Leonard, Jr., Tom Whissel, Nick Lozar, Hillary and Richard Durstein, Samuel Leyford, Tyler Meade

## Church Life

**The congregation welcomes back to our pulpit this morning the Rev. Kenneth "Ken" Gruebel.** In 2013 Ken retired from St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Hudson where he had served as the pastor for twenty-two years.

He has been an active member in our Presbytery and is currently serving on the Commission on Preparation for Ministry, the Commission on Ministry and is chairing an Administrative Commission. He enjoys playing racquetball, collecting crosses, attending Rays, USF football games and the theatre. He and his wife, Gail, have been married for eleven years and have four grown children and three grandsons.

**We celebrate the Sacrament** of the Lord's Supper today. Please celebrate with us as we profess Jesus as Lord and Savior. In the bread basket there is a paper cup with pieces of gluten-free bread.

**Thank You:** Thanks to your gifts, The Christmas Joy Offering is able to help provide financial assistance to individuals and families that have dedicated their lives to the church and also support racial ethnic education and leadership development for students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

**F.E.A.S.T.:** The food for January FEAST is 16 – 18 oz. peanut butter, any kind.

**Bulletin Reminder:** Please submit all of your announcements for the Sunday bulletin by **2pm on Tuesday**.

**2016 Envelopes:** If you requested 2016 envelopes, you may pick them up in the Narthex.

**Office Hours:** Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and will reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Children

**Sunday School:** Each week our elementary age children have the privilege of participating in Sunday School which takes place during the same time as worship. We offer two classes for our elementary age children: Ages 4 - 6 which takes place in room 112 in our Fellowship Hall building, and ages 7 - 11 which takes place in the Library. Children will leave after the children's message for Sunday School. Our hope is that children will learn God's Word and have a set Christian foundation for their future as they grow up in His Word.

**Kid's Ministry Paint Night:** Save the date for Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at PCPH from 6:30-8:30 for a "Kid's Ministry Paint Night"! This night is open to all children four and older, and dinner will be provided. Our hope is to have a time full of fellowship, fun, and creativity for Christ! Wear messy clothes, and be sure to sign up with Malissa Garcia by Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Looking forward to a fun night!

## Youth

**The Gathering,** will take a winter break! We will resume on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and begin our new series "Alpha". We hope to see all middle and high school students on Sunday mornings to begin their new year with Jesus!

**High School Youth Group (Alive) and Middle School Youth Group (Thrive)** - \*Youth Group Winter Break December 25<sup>th</sup>- January 6<sup>th</sup>. Middle School will resume on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and High School will resume on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## PCPH Calendar

Sunday, January 3

- 9:15a \* No Gathering - We will resume Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>
- 9:45a Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Rev Ken Gruebel**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Lib)
- 11:30a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 7:00p \* No Alive - We will resume Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday, January 4

**Office is Closed**

- 6:45p Agape Group (LIB)

Tuesday, January 5

- 10:00a Library Committee (LIB)

Wednesday, January 6

- 2:00p PWCT (LIB)
- 6:30p "Thrive" Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, January 7

- 9:30a Covenant Women (LIB)

Sunday, January 10

- 9:15a Middle & High School Sunday School "The Gathering"
- 9:45a Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Rev Ken Gruebel**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Lib)
- 11:30a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

| <b>Worship Attendance</b> | Dec. 6 | Dec. 13 | Dec. 20 | Dec. 24<br>4pm | Dec. 24<br>6pm | Dec. 27 |
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|                           | 212    | 161     | 198     | 344            | 210            | 118     |

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.  
Jesus of Nazareth (John 12:46)

## GATHER JOYFULLY

**Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission, Quiet Time**

Melanie Haslam

Joy Offering • Bob Walker

**\*Song** (insert/wall) "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Hymn 67

### Call To Worship

Leader From restless sleep and anxious dreams,

**People God calls us to walk toward the light.**

Leader From shadowy fears and gloomy thoughts,

**People God calls us to walk in the light.**

Leader From dark depression and troubled souls,

**People God calls us to walk to the light.**

Leader May the light of God shine brightly as we worship this day.

### \*Prayer of Confession (all read)

Liturgist: Sue Ashcraft

God of light, you brought hope to the world and joy to our lives, yet we confess that darkness still hovers around us and clings to our confidence. Our possessions sometimes pile up and block the light of your Spirit. Our anger and bitterness sometimes overpower the light of gentle words and forgiving hearts. Our despair sometimes casts a shadow of suspicion over the light of faith and our biases sometime overwhelm the light of your truth. Forgive us, we pray, when our possessions, attitudes and feelings get in the way of following the one who is the "Light of the world." Amen

### \*Words of Assurance

Be not afraid of your weaknesses;

God's power is sufficient to remove them.

Be not afraid of your past sins:

God's grace is sufficient to overcome them.

### \*Praise Response (all sing) "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

### Children's Message

(Children will go to Sunday school after the Children's Message.)

Lori Smith

### \*Song (insert/wall)

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

Hymn 68

### Prayer of God's People, Choral Response

### Call for Offering, Offering Prayer

### Scripture

Isaiah 60:1 – 3

Matthew 2: 1 – 2

John 12:46

### Anthem

Choir

### Message

"Praying for Light"

Rev. Kenneth Gruebel

### \*Song (insert/wall)

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

Hymn 63

## CALL TO THE TABLE

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation and Confession of Faith, The Apostles' Creed: (all read)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*(Please hold the bread but partake of the cup as it is passed.)*

#### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## GO FAITHFULLY

### \*Blessing

### \*Response (all sing) "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

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*\*Congregation stands. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.*

Large print bulletins are provided for those with compromised sight.  
Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Listening devices are available for those with hearing issues. Devices are  
located in the center entryway to the sanctuary. A small step-by-step  
instruction page is there to help you to use the device effectively.