

Pilgrim Presbyterian Church

601 Albert Street - Martinsburg, WV 25404

Rev. Dr. Jerry C. Mead, Pastor

December 3, 2017

Let us help one another to **quietly** prepare our hearts for worship.

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Welcome and Announcements

Focusing Our Thoughts on God

Isaiah 11:1-5

RE Daniel Jones

Order of Morning Worship

*Words of our Holy God Call us to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

*In light of such a call, we thankfully respond with our Confession of Sin- All

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

*Salvation through Christ grants to us Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace
Titus 3:4-7 – **Pastor**

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Prayer of Adoration and Aspiration – **Pastor**

*We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God with Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" # 196

*Psalm 96 [to the tune of 'All Hail the Power of Jesus Name' #296] Psalter

*Spiritual Song "O Great God" Insert

The Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Acknowledging God's ownership of all persons and things, and that we are only stewards of life and possessions is carried out through

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Response 'We Give Thee But Thine Own' # 432, Stnz 1

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "From Heaven High I Come to You" # 220

Weekly Activities

Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship including the Lord's Supper
	5:30 PM	Youth Group
	5:30 PM	Men's Bible Study Fellowship
Monday	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting @ Daniel & Elizabeth Jones'
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Pownall's Bistro
	10:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship

Large Print Copies

Large print copies of the hymns, psalter selections and spiritual songs are available on the back table, for those needing larger print.

Sermon Text for 12/10

Matthew 1:18-25

Communion

Today, December 3, 2017, we will be celebrating our spiritual communion with the Lord and with each other as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administer during the worship service. Please take time to prayerfully consider the condition of your relationship with the Lord that you may join in this celebration with a clear conscience regarding the sin in your life and in full confidence of your salvation through Christ. During the final hymn, an offering will be received for the Deacon's Compassion Fund. This fund is used to assist church family members as well as those in the community.

E-mail Prayer Chain

If you wish to be added to Pilgrim's E-mail prayer chain, send request to church@pilgrimca.org.

Christmas Caroling

On Saturday, December 16th, you are invited to gather at the church at 1PM and join in caroling to members of the church throughout the community.

Open House at the Mead's

Jerry and Linda Mead have tentatively scheduled an open house at their new house on December 17th. The address of their home is 9953 Back Creek Valley Road Hedgesville, WV 25427. Lord willing, this will be a time of rich fellowship around God's fresh provision.

Pilgrim Presbyterian Church Officers

The officers' phone number/emails are listed in the church directory.

Session

TE Dr. Jerry Mead, Pastor
RE Daniel Jones

RE Jim Fink, Clerk
RE Rick Wilburn

Deaconate

Randy Underwood-*Head Usher*
Bill Manuel-*Church Treasurer*
Jeff Jones-*Compassion Fund*

Charles Kemp-*Secretary*
Charles Fahnestock
Bob Deweese-*Chairman*

Staff

Youth Director & Pastoral Intern – Greg Mead
Custodian – Rick Wilburn
Church Secretary – Greg Mead

Church Office 304-263-5362

Pastor 304-582-9344

Youth Director 304-268-5745

Church Email: church@pilgrimpc.org
Pastor Email: jmead@pilgrimpc.org
Youth Director Email: youth@pilgrimpc.org

Church Web Page: www.pilgrimpc.org
"includes link to Archived Sermons"

Childcare Helpers – Sunday School and Worship

12-03-17 Susan Zych
12-10-17 Donna & Deanna Hercules
12-17-17 Linda Mead
12-24-17 Mim Mead

Greeters

12-03-17 Greg & Mim Mead
12-10-17 Linda Mead & Marilyn Sauder
12-17-17 Paul & Donna Hercules
12-24-17 Jim & Rita Fink

The preaching of the Word is an ordinance of God for our salvation

Sermon Overshadowed by God's Power

Sermon Text

Luke 1:26-38

[pew Bible p 855]

*Hymn

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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* Profession of Faith

The Apostle' Creed

[Hymnal p 845]

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn

"A Parting Hymn We Sing"

431

Deacons' Compassion Fund Offering

Blessing

Luke 1:35b, 37

Sermon Outline

Introduction:

Only if we are spiritually overshadowed by God himself –

are we able to do what He would have us do.

1. God's favor [vv26-30; 36-37]

2. God's Son [vv31-33]

3. God's work [vv34-35]

4. The Lord's servant [v38]