

Pilgrim Presbyterian Church

601 Albert Street - Martinsburg, WV 25404

Rev. Dr. Jerry C Mead, Pastor

December 10, 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 7:1-14

RE Daniel Jones

Order of Morning Worship

*Words of our Holy God Call us to Worship

Psalms 33:1-3

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

Titus 3:3- All

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

*Salvation through Christ grants to us Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

Titus 3:4-7- **Pastor**

But 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, ...whom 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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 194

*Psalm 18:38-50 [to the tune of 'Sweet Hour of Prayer' #634] Psalter

*Spiritual Song "O Great God" Insert

The Prayer of the Church

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

Weekly Activities

Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship
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
Saturday	1:00 PM	Meet at church for Christmas Caroling
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 12/17

Luke 1:39-45

E-mail Prayer Chain

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

Gift to the Pastor

A gift box is available at the back of the sanctuary for contributions to the Pastor's Christmas gift. It will be presented to Jerry & Linda at the Christmas Eve Service.

Funeral for Libby Manual

Visitation at Rosedale Funeral Home, Sunday evening 6-8 PM

Funeral at Pilgrim, Monday morning 11 AM, A catered lunch will follow.

Christmas Caroling

Next Saturday, December 16th, we invite you to gather at the church at 1PM and join us in caroling to members of the church throughout the community.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting is called in accordance with BCO 23-1, for December 17, 2017, following the morning worship to vote on the dissolution of the relationship between TE Dr. Jerry C Mead and Pilgrim Presbyterian Church to be effective, no later than July 1, 2018 with the stipulation that the dissolution to be approved by Potomac Presbytery, and to elect a pulpit committee which may be composed of members from the congregation at large or the Session, as designated by the congregation.

Open House at the Mead's-POSTPONED

Jerry and Linda Mead have postponed their annual open house to the new year. Look for the new date soon! We look forward to sharing fellowship at their new home when it is ready.

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

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Pastor Email: jmead@pilgrimca.org
Youth Director Email: youth@pilgrimca.org

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

Childcare Helpers – Sunday School and Worship

12-10-17 Donna & Deanna Hercules
12-17-17 Linda Mead
12-24-17 Mim Mead
12-31-17 Becky Deweese

Greeters

12-10-17 Linda Mead & Marilyn Sauder
12-17-17 Paul & Donna Hercules
12-24-17 Jim & Rita Fink
12-31-17 Charles & Georgia Fahnestock

*Hymn "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" # 207

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

Sermon Don't Fear the Lord's Providence

Sermon Text Matthew 1:18-25 [pew Bible p 807]

*Hymn "God Rest You Merry, Gentleman" # 211

Blessing Matthew 1:21

Sermon Outline

In Jesus Christ – God is with his people,
giving the joy of His salvation – and
the appreciation of His will & ways

1. Dealing with uncomfortable circumstances [vv18-19].

2. The Lord knows our circumstances [vv20-21].

3. The Lord knows our circumstances before we do [vv22-23].

4. Dealing with uncomfortable circumstances the Lord's way [vv24-25]