

Pilgrim Presbyterian Church

601 Albert Street - Martinsburg, WV 25404

Rev. Dr. Jerry C. Mead, Pastor

December 17, 2017

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

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7
Welcome and Announcements RE Daniel Jones
Focusing Our Thoughts on God

Order of Morning Worship

**Words of our Holy God* Call us to Worship Psalm 84:1-2, 4

**In light of such a call, we thankfully respond with our* Confession of Sin
Psalm 32:3, 5- All

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Salvation through Christ grants to us* Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace
Psalm 32:1-2, 6- Pastor

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit...

let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

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

**We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God with* Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs
*Hymn "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" # 194
*Psalm 84 "O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely" # 371
*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
 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
Next Sunday **9:15 AM** Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship
 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

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 12/25

Luke 1:46-55

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7PM

Join us for an evening of walking through the Christmas story, Luke 2:1-20, singing Christmas carols together, and celebrating the Lord's Supper, as we rejoice in the birth of Christ.

Gift to the Pastor

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

E-mail Prayer Chain

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

Congregational Meeting (today)

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, due to his intent to retire, 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.

Operation Christmas Child Project

Forty boxes were sent from the Pilgrim congregation through Samaritan's Purse as Christmas presents. Thanks to everyone who contributed!_

Christmas Card Exchange

Funds collected will be sent to missionary Jeff Borden.

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

12-17-17 Linda Mead
12-24-17 Mim Mead
12-31-17 Becky Deweese
1-7-17 Heather Mead

Greeters

12-17-17 Paul & Donna Hercules
12-24-17 Jim & Rita Fink
12-31-17 Charles & Georgia Fahnestock
1-7-17 Randy & Cathy Underwood

*Hymn "To Us a Child of Hope is Born" # 233

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

Sermon

A Carol of Blessing

Sermon Text

Luke 1:39-45

[pew Bible p 856]

*Hymn "See, amid the Winter's Snow" # 199

Blessing

Luke 1:45

Sermon Outline

Introduction:

The conception of the Son of God in the mother of our Lord
was the beginning of blessing in the age of salvation.

1. The atmosphere of blessing [vv41, 44]

2. The attitude of blessing [vv42-43]

3. The anticipation of [more] blessing [vv43, 45]