

*Harvey Memorial United Methodist Church*  
*1120 Arnold Ave., Pt. Pleasant NJ 08742*  
*December 3, 2017*  
*First Sunday of Advent*  
*Holy Communion*

Mission Statement of Harvey UM Church  
**In Christ's name we welcome everyone,  
share faith together and serve the world.**  
adopted at Ad.Bd.on March 20, 2012

GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this holy season of Advent, O God, clear our spirits  
from the concerns over material things,

**People: The trinkets and the tinsel, all that hide from our  
sight the vision of Your Word made flesh,**

Leader: So that like the shepherds we may travel light to  
Bethlehem,

**People: Bringing only the pure and simple devotions of  
faith and hope and love. Amen.**

--Waldo Beach, ed., Christmas Praise (Louisville, Ky.:  
Westminster/John Knox Press, 1991), 34

\*OPENING HYMN

211, verses 1,2,4,7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, as we enter into this Advent season, help us to  
remember what is truly important in our lives. In His "last  
lecture," Jesus instructed us to "Be on guard!" and to "Be  
alert!" Yet we have become complacent and have forgotten  
these admonitions to be aware. Keep our eyes open to Your  
arrival and inspire us to live as if each day were our last  
day. Let our focus be on preparing our hearts and homes  
for Your coming – not on the frenzy of shopping and  
decorating. Help us to slow down and enjoy the simple  
things in life.**

**Let us care for one another, and be mindful of those who enter this season, not with a sense of gladness, but with grief or wistfulness. We lift up, in particular, this morning those who are ill, who mourn the loss of a loved one, who struggle to make peace with painful memories of past Christmas seasons. May their hope be in You and the promise of Your return. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mission Statement Please sign the attendance pads and pass on, also, fill in the blue prayer cards.

PSALTER READING Psalm 80:1-7, 14-19, resp. 1, pg. 801-2

JOYS AND CONCERNS – pass in blue cards.

PRAYER

\*HYMN 213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

\*PASSING THE PEACE

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37, page 50-51

SERMON “Let Jesus Be.....”

Pastor Hyun-Bo Shim

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE 1, pages 9-11

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

The Holy Meal

Prayer after Communion

\*CLOSING HYMN

196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

\*BENEDICTION

**Let us return now to our dwellings in the peace of God. Let us go to our workplace in the strength of the Holy Spirit.**

**Let us go now to our world with the love of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

\*SENDING FORTH

The altar flowers are given in memory of our Uncle Charles Baker, US Navy, by the Bowden family

The greeter this morning is Jill Frevert

The Eternal Light is lit this month by the Maggs family in memory of loved ones.

Assisting the Pastors with Holy Communion this morning are Pete and Jan Peterson.

The Communion offering will support our Conference Appts.

You are invited to remain following the service for Coffee and fellowship in Harvey Hall.

Prayer requests: Marguerite Ruscito, Joe Grippe, Ellen Ferry, Bob Schulz, Tarah Patterson, Jayne Laytham, Ron Mackenzie, those affected by recent disasters, our church, our military and their families, the homeless and unemployed, Peace on Earth.

#### This Week:

Today 4:30 Hispanic Worship Service, dinner  
Mon. 8:00 Bell Choir rehearsal  
Wed. 7:30 Prayer Meeting  
Thu. 6:00 Soup/Sandwich Supper followed by Advent Study  
8:00 Grayce Choir rehearsal  
Fri. 7:00 Pt. Boro Show Choir Christmas Concert  
Sat. 6-10 pm Star Wars Party – movie/costume contest

Advent Study Books, “Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam” are available, there is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the hallway for soup, sandwiches, dessert & beverages. All are welcome to attend – its not too late even though we have already begun.

The Show Choir from Pt. Boro High School will present their annual Christmas Concert in our sanctuary at 7:30 pm on Dec. 8th. All are invited – admission is free, We are blessed to enjoy this wonderful musical evening each year

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Readings for the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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There will not be a UM Women's meeting in December.  
The next regular meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup>. Join us for  
the Christmas Concert by the Pt. Pl. Boro High School Show  
Choir on Dec. 8 at 7:30 pm.

STAR WARS PARTY  
December 9, 6-10 pm  
Costume Contest,  
Prize is two tickets to "The Last Jedi"  
Movie Screening  
Everyone is Welcome

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