

ORDER OF WORSHIP
First United Methodist Church of Schuylkill Haven, PA
December 22, 2024 | 9:00 AM

PRELUDE	“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/Carol of the Bells” ASCAP ISWC T9050304228	Mrs. Cindy McClelland
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Ms. Ellen Marino
CALL TO WORSHIP		Ms. Ellen Marino
OPENING PRAYER		Ms. Ellen Marino
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Blue 277)	The Fisher Family
CAROL SET #1	“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” CCLI# 31982 (Blue 245, Verses. 1,2 4) “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” CCLI# 5533691 (Red 184) “O Little Town of Bethlehem” CCLI# 27879 (Blue 250)	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Revelation 22:1-5	Ms. Ellen Marino
OFFERING	The Ushers will be around to collect the offering this morning or you may give online by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin or clicking the QR code if online.	
OFFERTORY	“Light of the World” CCLI# 7023299	Miss Arielle Dros
DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION	“In the Bleak Midwinter” CCLI# 294736 (Red 221, Verses 2 & 4)	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER		Mr. Dwight Dros
CAROL SET #2	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” CCLI# 162538 (Red 229) “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” CCLI# 31078 (Blue 251, Verses 1, 3, 4) “Do You Hear What I Hear?” CCLI# 75687 (see insert)	
GOSPEL READING	John 15:1-8	Ms. Ellen Marino
CAROL SET #3	“Birthday of a King” CCLI# 5258622 (Blue 284) “Sing We Now of Christmas” T9220605630 (Blue 275) “Deck the Halls” CCLI# 482551 (see insert)	
MESSAGE	“The New Eden Begins Now”	Dr. Fisher
CLOSING WORSHIP	“Go Tell It On the Mountain” CCLI# 29080 (Red 251)	
PRAYER AT THE ALTAR RAIL	Anyone wishing prayer for salvation, healing, surrender, intercession, comfort, or other burdens is welcome to come to the altar rail during this time. Our prayer team is available to pray with you if you would like.	
BENEDICTION, GREETING ONE ANOTHER		
POSTLUDE	“Feliz Navidad”	Mrs. Cindy McClelland

Welcome & Announcements and Liturgist: Ms. Ellen Marino

Acolyte: Mrs. Julie Saunders

Greeters/Ushers: Mr. Jim Eifert & Mr. Al Machamer

Advent Wreath: The Fisher Family

Message: Dr. Fisher

Music Team: Praise Team

Media Team: The Bergen Family

Nursery: Mrs. Kristy Kraft & Mrs. Teri Callaghan

Prayer Team: Rev. & Mrs. Lisi Fisher, Mrs. Suzie Rudiman, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Dros, Mrs. JoAnn Daum

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Highlighted Announcements

1. Thank you to this week's Prayer Warrior(s): Mrs. Marcy Hudock
 2. Please check the tables in the Comfort Room for Christmas cards.
 3. Ann Moyer will be available for blood pressure readings after this morning's worship service.
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Saturday Evening Service

December 21 Doug O'Connell

December 28 Brian Reading

January 4



This is our Church's new QR code for giving. If you would like to give online, this QR Code will take you to our giving portal.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 29 at 10:00 AM – Guest Speaker, Mr. Brian Reading

Sunday, January 5 at 10:00 AM – Covenant Renewal Service

Announcements

1. Altar Flowers: In Celebration of our Lord's Birth!
2. **From the Finance Committee:** Attendance for 12/14 at 6PM was 13. Attendance for 12/15 at 9AM was 84; 11AM was N/A. **\$\$ to Budget:** \$25,344.00. **\$\$ to other programs:** \$14,047.01. **Total:** \$39,741.01. **Needed weekly:** \$8,888 to meet budget.
3. Thank you to all who participated in the first church Christmas letter. It was a blessing to read your messages. I know it will bless others this Christmas season. Jean
4. This letter from Kim & Bob Holzer came this week:

Hello, Church Family, Bob & I would like to thank you for your time in helping us move. We are adjusting to our new home and church, although we miss you all. As we left Schuylkill County, you continued to be my "village", and we will be forever grateful. Prayers that you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and A Happy, Healthy New Year! Blessings, Bob & Kim

If you would like their new address, please contact the Church Office.

5. The box for Christmas cards is in the Narthex. The tables for distribution will be set up in the comfort room on Monday. Please be sure to check the comfort room each week before you leave to pick up your Christmas cards.
6. The 2025 offering envelopes are in the Narthex. If you feel that we have missed you, please contact the Church Office and we will get them to you soon.