

SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK

- Pray:** For the ministry of our congregation that the love of Christ will be shared in the world!
- Pray:** For our country and the President.
- Pray:** For the people of California – out of control fires!
- Pray:** For Mary Tepfenhart’s health.
- Pray:** Jeanne Clark for God’s healing.
- Pray:** Dianne & Jim Lowing. Jim’s mother passed away.
- Pray:** Jean Vander Vort’s grandson, Sean, as he is struggling with the return of cancer
- Pray:** For Eleanor Powell, for healing of pain.
- Pray:** For the family of Mary G. McCleary, Katharine McCleary’s mother, who went to be with the Lord.
- Pray:** For the family of Frances T. McCrink, Patty McCrink’s mother, who went to be with the Lord.
- Pray:** For Fran Hansen recovering from surgery.
- Pray:** For Paul Dupree who is living at Majestic Rehab, 100 Chapin Ave., Red Bank 07701
- Pray:** For Stella Bishop’s friend, Patricia Levy diagnosed with cancer.
- Pray:** For Karen Whitaker’s father for healing.
- Pray:** For Lynn Scott’s sister, Jan, who has Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Pray:** For peace and stability in the World.
Please pray for the families and individuals on **page 7** of our Church Directory this week. Those members and friends are:

- Burke & Carol Mawby
- Carl & Michelle Mayo
- Rev. Carole & Duncan McCallum
- Katharine McCleary
- Patty McCrink & Bruce Whitaker, Anna
- Scott & Paulette Mueller, Cory, Josh
- Stephen Montero
- Gary & Beth Munson, Kent, Sean
- Patricia Naulty
- Beth Newmann
- Mary Sue O’Brien

ATTENDANCE

12/10	24
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GIVING

	Week Ending Dec. 10	Year to Date
Needed for Ministry	\$2,558.26	\$127,912.98
Actually Given 12/10	\$2,435.00	\$105,041.97

More Announcements

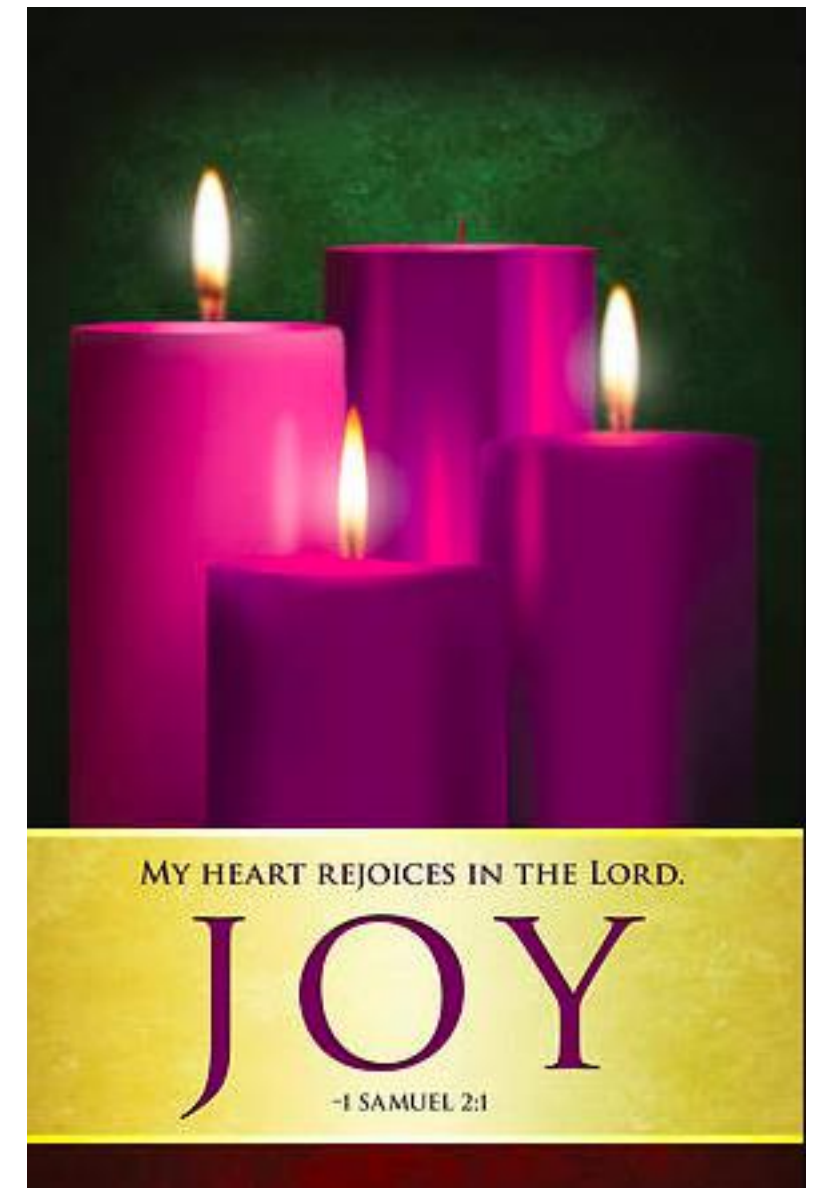
- SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE:** Monday, January 15, 2018, 7:00pm, Embury United Methodist, Rev. Jessica Campbell to preside. The sole purpose is to elect a new Treasurer.
- FLOWER CHART:** The Flower Chart for 2017 is in the Narthex all ready for your “In Honor” and “In Memory” Floral arrangements. **Be sure to sign up soon for your personal date.**
- LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:** We have an Embury Facebook Page. It is “Embury UMC – Little Silver, NJ.” Come visit and join in the conversation.
- PASTOR’S EMAIL & EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:**
hyunhuikim75@gmail.com / 973.879.8663 (cell)
- REQUEST FOR SCRIPTURE READER:** Please speak to Pastor about becoming a Scripture Reader.
- COUNTER NEEDED:** for only one Sunday per month! Please contact Wade Turnock if you could help in this ministry @ 732.747.3113.
- FOOD GIFT CARDS:** If you are interested in food gift cards, please contact the following: Stella Bishop for Acme or Foodtown (732-600-6460). We need more shoppers!!! Thank you.
- EMBURY’S WEBSITE:** Visit our website at www.emburyumc.org for ministry information, our photo library and upcoming events, etc.
- UPPER ROOM** Daily Devotional for **January & February** is now available in the Narthex and Table outside the Office.
- REV. GRACE AND DAN PAK’S NEW ADDRESS:** 18 Mountain View Road, Lopatcong, New Jersey 08865

PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY

- Ushers: Joan & Dianne
- Counters: Jim B. & Wade
- Scripture : Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (pg.739 pew bible) Jim Beardsley
- CHURCH STAFF**
- Rev. Hyun Hui Kim, Pastor
- Pastor Juyeon Lee, Music Director
- Carol Mawby, Church Secretary
- Erik Heinlein, Custodian
- Office Hours: Monday and Thursday
9:00AM – 1:00PM
- Church Phone: 732-741-9708

December 17, 2017

10:00 A.M. Service



At Embury, we are here to know Jesus Christ and to make him known in the world.

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✦ GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE ✦

Prelude Reflection on an Ancient Plainsong arr. Thomas Helmore

Welcome and Announcements

* Passing of the Peace

* Call to Worship

L: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

P: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.

L: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

P: We open our hearts to all God’s children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.

L: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

P: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. AMEN.

Lighting the Advent Candle:

Voice 1: We have lit the candles of Hope and Peace, and relight them now to remind us that our hope is in Christ and that he will come again to bring peace to the world.

Voice 2: Today begins the third week in our Advent journey, and so we light the third candle, the candle of Joy. In ancient times, the prophet Isaiah said, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.” Many suffer from despair, anxiety, or holiday blues. Others experience only the dark side of human nature. Christ’s light has power to overcome all dark places in our society and our souls.

Voice 1: The Psalmist tells us to “make a joyful noise to the LORD, for the Lord is God who made us and whose we are, whose steadfast loves endures forever and faithfulness to all generations.”

Voice 2: Now we light the third candle, the candle of Joy, as we remember the angel’s words to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people.” We light it so that all who reap blue harvests from seeds of sadness may know

the joy of Jesus Christ. We light it in honor of those who show us the joy of following Christ.

* Opening Prayer (in union)

Lord God, as we gather this day, we open our hearts to you, seeking your healing and transforming love. Our world cries for justice for all people, yet the leaders seem intent on bantering with one another, unmindful of the peace-bringers and those who would heal and teach the ways of peace. Be with all of us. Prepare us for this bright light of love which you are sending to us, for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

* Praise “O Come, O Come” by Mercy Me #64 - “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” arr. Lois Myers Emig

✦ LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD ✦

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (pg. 739) Jim Beardsley
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Time for Young Disciples

Message Shout with Joy Rev. HyunHui Kim

✦ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD ✦

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings
(Prayer requests may be placed in the offering plate at this time)

Offertory

* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. Receive these tokens of our blessings and cause them to work in this world which you have loaned to us to make light shine in the darkness and peace an attainable goal in all conflicts. We offer these gifts in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

* Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” #203

* Benediction

* Postlude Te Deum Laudamus” Norman Lester

A single * indicates to stand, if you are able, # refers to the hymnal.
Bold print indicates unison response.

“The altar flowers this morning are In Honor of the Birthdays of Jim Beardsley and grand-daughter, Kendall”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec. 17	Third Sunday of Advent (Poinsettia Ordering Deadline)	10:00am
Thur. Dec. 21	Praise Team Choir	7:30-8pm 8-9pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10:00am
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	4:30pm
Thur. Dec. 28	Praise Team Choir	7:30-8pm 8-9pm

WELCOME TO EMBURY: We welcome our new friends in Christ’s name. We hope that you will be blessed in our worship services as well as in the fellowship with our members. Please sign the registration card in the pew.