

Welcome to Worship at  
**Friedens United Church of Christ**  
**Oley, PA**

*Where together we serve with joy and love!*



*Merry Christmas*

Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 25, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Indicates stand if you are able*

*Congregational responses are in **BOLD***

Gathering Music

Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Christ is born!

**Alleluia!**

Jesus is among us!

**Alleluia!**

Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

**Christ is born!**

\*Opening Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

No. 157

\*Call to Confession

Even on this day of celebration,  
let us come before the Holy One of Israel  
confessing our sins with contrite hearts,  
so that we may not deceive ourselves,  
but instead know the truth of our forgiveness.

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy Incarnate God,**

**by the light of your goodness and mercy,**

**our failing to see your true light is clear:**

**we have not loved you,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**we have not loved ourselves.**

**Our feet have not brought good news to the poor**

**nor have our voices defended Earth and its creatures and plants.**

**Forgive us, blind us with your holy honesty,  
so that we may more clearly see your will,  
and walk with sure steps into the way of wholeness and peace.  
Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

People of God, beloved of the Holy One,  
in Christ Jesus, God has blessed all creation and called you to truth.  
As a minister of the gospel,  
and by the authority of church's witness,  
I proclaim to you forgiveness for all your sins.  
From this day forth, let your lives be given to the light,  
so that all the world will know the power of rebirth  
through Christ, Our Lord.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Christmas Candle Lighting**

**The Conrad Family**

Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us;  
Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.  
It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ  
Candle.

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin  
Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose  
coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He  
deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ,  
our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete;  
and our peace is sealed.

Rejoice, a Savior is born.

**A savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

By the light of the Holy Spirit shining in our midst, open our hearts  
and minds, O God, to your Word, present now and always for the sake  
of your holy name. **Amen.**

Sermon

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 152

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

For the sake of those in need,  
for the care of the church in proclaiming Christ's birth,  
and for all that God calls us to do,  
let us gather our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

\*Offertory Response

Old Hundredth No. 809

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

\*Offertory Prayer

**These gifts, O God, are first from you,  
signs of your bounty meant for all your children.  
We joyously give you thanks for all that we have and are  
and ask your blessing on our offerings.  
Turn our lives to your will as we receive and as we give,  
for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

\*Blessing

Now may the true light shine on you.

**May the Son sent by God be our guide and strength.**

May you go in peace and live in hope,  
in Jesus' name.

\*Closing Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 155

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

No. 820

\*Postlude

WE WISH  
YOU A  
Merry Christmas  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

# WORSHIP NOTES

**Consistory:** Brian Ott, Kay Bertolet, Dolores Johnson

**Guest Musician:** Sandra Paton

**Reader:** Brian Ott

**Bulletin & Altar Flower Sponsor:** The Henne Family in loving memory of David Henne, who passed away on December 30, 2018. You are greatly missed each and every day, dad.

**Prayer List:** Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers: Kathy Weidner, David Adams, Betty Heck, Scott Youse (*son of Linda Youse*), the family of Matthew Miller (*friend of Sue Henne*), Cathy Schaeffer (*friend of Sara McMaster*), Sandy Paton's Aunt Nao in Tokyo, Georgette Bush (*friend of Dawn Bortz*), Gloria Romig, Cindy Hoffman, Larry Kegerise, Sara McMaster, Ray Monyer, Haleigh Ott (*great-niece of Sara McMaster*).

**Military Prayer List:** Please keep all those serving to protect our country in your prayers.

## **Recap from Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Offering Giving: \$4,334

In-Person Attendance: 71

December Electronic Giving: \$2,372

Looking Ahead...

New Year's Day Worship Service, Sunday, January 1, 10:15 am: Start off 2023 with worship and Holy Communion.

Baptism of Christ Worship Service, Sunday, January 8, 10:15 am: Worship service with Children's Message, Installation of Elders and Deacons, and Sunday School.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Save the church postage fees by picking up your envelopes. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January.



Updated copies of the Church Directory containing the name, home address, telephone number and email address of each Friedens UCC member are available in the Narthex or through the church office. If you notice any corrections that need to be made, please contact the church office at 610-987-3536.

The 2023 Reader, Flower Sponsor and Bulletin Sponsor sheets are posted in the Narthex. Sign up for your favorite dates. If you sponsor the flowers (\$40) or bulletins (\$8), please fill out a green sponsor form (found on the shelf under the sponsor sheets) and place it in an offering plate along with your payment.



Clean out your closets of unwanted new or gently used shoes and bring them to church. There is a collection box in the Narthex to drop your shoes into. We will take sneakers, sandals, boots, dress shoes, and slippers. Please pair shoes by tying the laces together or by using a rubber band. Sorry, but no single shoes can be accepted. The Shoe Drive will run through the end of April 2023.

Have you checked out our website [www.friedensuccoley.org](http://www.friedensuccoley.org) lately? In addition to historical information and programs we offer, you will find links to virtual worship, copies of the weekly bulletin, the monthly newsletter and the live church calendar. There is also a link to view the Friedens Digital Cemetery.



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**2022 CONSISTORY**

President: Craig Conrad

Vice President: Brian Ott

Secretary: John Rizzo

Elders: Craig Conrad, Susan Henne, Brian Ott, Shirley Riegel-Ferreri

Deacons: Kay Bertolet, Mark Hoch, Janice Hoffmaster, Dolores Johnson,  
Lisa Kelly, Lee Miller, John Rizzo