



Dixboro Church

Connect. Grow. Serve.

December 2, 2018 • 10:30 AM • 1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome Guests! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

The Dixboro Church family is here to provide a welcoming and loving atmosphere where a child's faith journey can be nurtured, whether here in worship or through our nursery caregivers. If you need directions to the nursery, please ask an usher for help. There are worship bags for kids available in the back of the Sanctuary. Hearing Devices are available upon request; if you need one ask an usher.

GATHERING

Welcome, Friendship Registry, Announcements & Greeting

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

Ringing the Church Bell

Song of Praise

Joyful Noise

Call to Worship

Brooke Burns & Callen Savage

Brooke: Advent is a time of preparation

Callen: We are preparing to celebrate Christ's birth.

Brooke: Advent is a time of beauty

Callen: The sanctuary is decorated with twinkling lights and evergreens

Brooke: Advent is a time to gather with family and friends

Callen: We give thanks for people who love and care for us

Brooke: Advent is a time to give and receive gifts

Callen: Thank you, God for the gifts of Christmas which are hope, peace, love and joy

Both: Let us worship God together!

Song of Praise

Joyful Noise

Unison Prayer

Garron Little

O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with Us -- send your light into our hearts this Advent season. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, touch us. Transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you - both now and forevermore. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Sermon on the Steps

Rev. Mary Hagley

Lighting the Advent Candle

Pat Timberlake-Turk

THE OFFERING

Offertory Invitation

Rev. Cathy Freeman

Offertory

*Doxology

What Child Is This (verse 3 & Chorus)

H #219

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Because of You, Abundant God, we have blessings to offer to others. May You use our gifts to restore hope to the despairing, to feed the hungry, and to fill the empty hearts of the lonely. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Lesson

I Thessalonians 3:6-11
PEW BIBLE PG.902, LG. PRINT PG. 1439

Rev. Tonya

Sermon

And Are We Yet Alive?

Rev. Tonya

Hymn

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H #553

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Rev. Tonya

Great Thanksgiving *from Lectionary Liturgies*

Lord's Prayer

Giving Bread and Cup

THE RESPONSE

*Advent Hymn

People Look East

H #202

*Benediction

Rev. Tonya

We invite you to join us for fellowship & refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

Our sympathies are with Dino Garzaniti and his family as they mourn the death of his mother, Nora Garzaniti.

BEING THE CHURCH TOGETHER

The Annual DUMW Cookie Walk is Coming

We are so blessed to have such great cooks in our congregation, the Cookie Walk is always a great success and we look forward to another one this year. This year we are trying something different. In place of weighing boxes, we are simply asking for donations/box. The funds raised will go toward The Ronald McDonald Toy Collection. We will provide plates of the unbought cookies to folks who can't make it to services on Sunday mornings. Please bring 3-4 dozen holiday cookies or holiday treats to the church kitchen **by 9 AM December 9th**. The cookie walk is at **11:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Meredith Burr or Carole DeSantis.

Christmas Pageant

Next Sunday, we will have "Twas the Opening Night Before Christmas" at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Our children will be the opening act. After the play there will be a pasta dinner.

Ronald McDonald Holiday Toy Shop Drive

We are collecting new and unwrapped toys for infants through 21 years of age starting TODAY. Our last day to collect these items will be Sunday, December 9. All these toys will go to the Ronald McDonald Holiday Toy Shop. Families who stay at the House can shop for Christmas gifts for their sick or injured children who are staying at Motts Children's Hospital.

Service of the Longest Night

Are you having trouble celebrating the holidays this year? Do you need some quiet time in this busy season? You are invited to a Service of the Longest Night, Thursday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. For those who are weary from grief, loss, disappointment, or illness or those who just need some quiet time, it is a worship service of rest, reflection, & renewal with scripture & quiet music.

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

You can help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas and honor a loved one by purchasing a Christmas poinsettia. The Sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office and the cost is \$8. Checks should be made out to DUMC with Altar Guild in the memo line. Please put payment in the offering plate, or the church office at the time you sign up. Order deadline Dec. 16.

Thanksgiving Basket Thank You

We are celebrating a successful Thanksgiving Outreach. With God's help, we fed at least 34 people with 12 large baskets. To God be the glory!

Bake Sale Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with our Choir Bake Sale. We had so many tasty treats, and lots of our congregation came to support and enjoy some of them. We were able to raise \$383.00 to help fund the activities of our Dixboro Music Ministry. It was great to see all of contributions come from outside of our choir members, and the appreciation as well extends from our choir but from the entire congregation.

Worship Attendance

November 25: 85

Coffee Hour Host

Coffee Host(s) Needed

Next Week Coffee Host

DUMW Cookie Walk

THIS WEEK AT DIXBORO CHURCH

Sunday, December 2

Joyful Noise Rehearsal	8:45 AM
Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM
Sunday School for All Ages	9:15 AM
Worship Service	10:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:30 AM
Play Rehearsal	11:45 AM

Monday, December 3

Disciple Fast Track-Brent	7:00 PM
Play Rehearsal	6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 4

<i>Farmer's Market Meeting</i>	8:30 AM
Disciples Fast Track-Rev. Mary	10:30 AM
<i>Indian Dance Class</i>	4:30 PM
VCI Meeting	6:45 PM

Wednesday, December 5

<i>Italian Cooking</i>	6:00 PM
Play Rehearsal	6:30 PM

Italics – Non-DUMC facility rental

**See announcements for more information*

LOOKING AHEAD

December 9	Deadline for Ronald McDonald Toy Drive DUMW Cookie Walk Christmas Pageant and Pasta Dinner
December 16	Dixboro Friend Christmas Gathering Poinsettia Orders Due
December 20	The Longest Night Service
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship 6 & 8 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

On-Going Needs: Betty Mosshart; Janice Clark; Carol Weigel; Harold Tuckett; Glenda Smith; Herma Bargo; Bud & Betty Hunt; Marcy Zinn; Bill Sanford; Elias Mumbaro; Nancy and Morris Durston; Judy Keller; Fred Bauer; Charles Hocking; Jack Snedeker; Betty DeWolf; Dorothy Durston; Martha Ball; and Fay Edsall.

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