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In October of 2010, the Opera Company of Philadelphia brought together over 650 singers to perform a Random Act of Culture in the heart of a busy Macy's store in Philadelphia. Accompanied by the world's largest pipe organ, the Opera Company infiltrated among the many shoppers and burst into an impressive rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" at high noon.

The reactions on the faces of shoppers and salespeople are worth the YouTube visit—which has been viewed over 9 million times. People with shopping bags stop to raise their hands. Phones are pulled out of pockets and purses to record the moment. The busywork of a crowded mall in action otherwise stopped in its tracks by words that make everything else seem so small.

And He shall reign forever and ever,

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Handel, and the masterpiece that still stirs imagination and gratitude, were inseparably inspired by the story of a God who comes near—Emmanuel, God with us.

Just as those talented singers broke into the hustle and bustle of everyday life, God has broken into our everyday world through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The singers dressed like every other shopper until it was time to reveal themselves. Jesus came clothed in our humanity and revealed God to us. To Him belongs all the songs of praise. We must never forget why we celebrate Christmas.

Christmas is the time when we pause to reflect on the significance of what God has done by sharing our humanity in order that we might have the possibility of sharing His eternity. To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Remember to worship with us this advent season as we reflect on the themes of hope, peace, love and joy that are found through Jesus Christ.

Remember also our annual Carols, Candlelight and Communion service on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM.

Carole and I are deeply appreciative of the kind words and well-wishes we have received since I announced my retirement from active pastoral ministry effective at the end of the year. While this will be a stressful transition, I am thankful for our deacons and ministry staff who continue to lead so wonderfully.

Merry Christmas,
 Pastor Brian

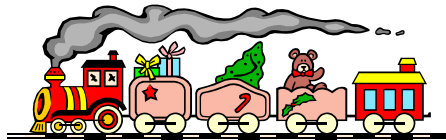


DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kirk Hidalgo	2nd
Wanda Kent	2nd
Natalea Rice	5th
Kay Sutton	6th
Glen Barnes, Jr.	11th
Betty McKinney	11th
Katie Wren	14th
Nancy Dorbandt	15th
Ricky Bumgardner	18th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Tina Spearman	1st
Kevin & Diana Lott	15th
Steve & Kay Sutton	22nd



Charlie's Chats

I'm looking forward to our annual Candlelight, Carols & Communion on Christmas Eve. It is always such a special, worshipful service for the entire family.

Thank you to all who volunteer for the many duties of the church...Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, choir members, computer and sound operators for worship, bulletin folders. You each give selflessly of your time and talents!



A TIME OF REVERENCE AND CELEBRATION WITH YOUR FAMILY

Retirement Luncheon for Dr. Brian Pucey & Carole
Sunday, December 30 After Worship
Bring your favorite covered dish



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
Saturday, December 8th
From 12 to 2 p.m.



Week of Prayer
December 2-9, 2018
Our Church Goal:
\$1,000



FOR 1-3 Grade
Sunday School Teacher and Nursery & Toddler Area Workers during worship

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.

