

Christmas in July - An Ecumenical Community Service
Saturday, July 23, 2022
Zion Lutheran Church,
101 Greenwood Street, Tamaqua, PA

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Richard Clemson, American Primitive Methodist Church
Pastor Darryl Kensinger, Trinity United Church of Christ
Pastor Cindy White, Zion Lutheran Church

PRELUDE – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” The Piano Guys

GATHERING SONG – “O Come All Ye Faithful” *Please stand if you are able*

WELCOME – Pastor White

GATHERING WORDS – Pastor Cindy White

Pastor White: This evening we celebrate the night when angels and shepherds mingled and the birth of a baby changed the world.

All: We come to celebrate with joy and wonder.

Celebrate the light that shines all around us.

We will sing and praise our most wondrous God.

Let us kneel before the Christ child,

who makes God’s promises come true.

WHY CHRISTMAS IN JULY? – Pastor Cindy White

VIDEO: Getting Christmas Right – Journey Box Media

SPECIAL MUSIC – “Mary Did You Know” – Pastor Cindy White

IN THE BEGINNING – A reading from John

Pastor Darryl Kensinger

SONG: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” (Lyrics on screen)

THE BIRTH OF JESUS – A reading from Luke

Pastor Richard Clemson

SONG: “O, Holy Night” (Lyrics on screen)

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS – A reading from Luke

Pastor Darryl Kensinger

SONG: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (Lyrics on screen)

THE SHEPHERDS AT THE MANGER – A reading from Luke

Pastor Richard Clemson

SONG: Silent Night (Lyrics on screen) *Please stand if you are able*

THE BREAD OF LIFE – *Please remain standing*

Pastor Darryl Kensinger

“Our Father Amen”

Please extinguish your candles and be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION - PREPARATION/INVITATION

Song: “I Am the Bread of Life” Suzanne Toolan

THE MEAL

Pastor Cindy White

Communion today is by intinction. Please come forward as directed.

HE CAME INTO THE WORLD – A reading from John

Pastor Richard Clemson

SONG: “Joy to the World” (Lyrics on screen) *Please stand if you are able*

BENEDICTION *Please remain standing*

Pastor Cindy White

**All: Unto us a child is born. Unto us a child is given. Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the Highest! Amen**