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First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Worship 9:00 am

Throughout the service, where you find an asterisk (*) you are invited to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION * BLUE pp. 10-11

SHARING OF THE PEACE *

OPENING HYMN * *Wake, Awake, for Night Is* RED #436

Flying

¹ Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past. The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!" Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

² Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom. Her dear friend comes down all-glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious: her star is risen, her light is come. Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,

and follow to the banquet hall.

³ Gloria! Let heaven adore you! Let saints and angels sing before you, with harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming, lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne. No eye has caught the light, no ear the thundering might of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know! There sweet delight will ever flow.

APOSTOLIC GREETING *

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KYRIE *

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HYMN OF PRAISE *

BLUE pp. 29-30

Glory to God ...

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

See Celebrate

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN * *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

RED #257

(stanza 1)

¹ *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

FIRST READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*)

See Celebrate

PSALM (*Chanted responsively by whole verse.*)

See Celebrate

Psalm Tone #6

RED p. 337

SECOND READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*)

See Celebrate

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (BLUE p. 31) & GOSPEL *

See Celebrate

(*Responses: Glory to you, O Lord. / Praise to you, O Christ.*)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY * *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is*

RED #246

Sounding

¹ Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!"

² Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us
rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

³ See the Lamb, so long expected, come with pardon down from
heaven.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiven;

⁴ So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.

⁵ Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!

NICENE CREED * BLUE pp. 32-33
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION* See
Celebrate

Meal

OFFERTORY VERSE * BLUE p. 35
OFFERING
DOXOLOGY *

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER * BLUE p. 35
GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY * BLUE p. 36
WORDS OF INSTITUTION * BLUE p. 37
LORD'S PRAYER * BLUE p. 39
LAMB OF GOD * BLUE p. 39

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL
*All baptized believers are welcome, including visitors, to the
Table of the Lord! Wine (red) or grape juice (clear) is
available.*

COMMUNION BLESSING * BLUE p. 40
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE * BLUE p. 40
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION * BLUE p. 41

Sending

BLESSING * (*Response: Amen.*)

CLOSING HYMN * *People, Look East*

¹ People, look east. The time is near of the crowning
of the year. Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table. People, look
east, and sing today – Love, the Guest, is on the way.

² Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish. People, look
east, and sing today – Love, the Rose, is on the way.

³ Stars keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together. People, look
east, and sing today – Love, the Star, is on the way.

⁴ Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new
life to earth. Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming. People look
east, and sing today – Love, the Lord, is on the way.

DISMISSAL * (*Response: Thanks be to God.*)
POSTLUDE

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***Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an
individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office
when that individual can be removed. Thank you.***

Linda Freed, Marianne McCann, Shirley Lafferty (Jim Lubrecht's niece), Mike Densmore (Jeanette Logan's cousin), Chuck Walker (friend of Otis & Nadine Martin), Brad Neil, Dan Fleming, Linda Freed, Dennis Hocker, Marian Wilson (Otis's sister), Mick Mortiz (Sandy's father), Jeannette Spencer (Anneke Fleming's friend), Marietje Koning (Anneke Fleming's twin sister), Patsy Bauman, Randy Brittelli (Linda Schreier's son), Adam Mazur (Linda Schreier's godson), Jennifer Dupilka (Linda Schreier's granddaughter's mother), Abby Keith, Betty Nickle, Carol Gerig, Robin & Richard Walker (friends of Margo Whittaker), Betty Hammell, Jason Ziegler (friend of T.J. Johnson), Katherine Keister (friend of Nancy Pinko), Tina Stark (friend of Linda Schreier), Jacqueline Neil (Brad's mother), Nancy Staab (Joan Bateman's sister), Patti Spirk (Logan family friend), Joyce Hrestack (Joel Hain's ex-wife), Grace MacMurtrie (Hope Bowling's mother), Marion Tosheff, Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Robert McCann, Jason Nunez, Reed Pollock, Jack Pollock, Maxwell Reilly, Myles Reilly, George Schreffler, III, & Chris Stevenson.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Linda Freed, Shirley Kaltreider, Dottie Koppenhaver, Miriam Reinard, Pastor John Schaertel, Ed Seneca, Tom Snyder.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the power of the cross, we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called to nourish those who hunger in mind, body, and spirit.

**Susquehanna Chorale to Perform
Traditional *Candlelight Christmas* Concerts**
The Susquehanna Chorale, a nationally acclaimed
adult chamber ensemble of 41 auditioned singers, will



present its *Candlelight Christmas* concert series on Dec. 13-15th, under the direction of Linda L. Tedford.

The series begins on Friday, December 13th at The Church of the Brethren, Elizabethtown, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 14th at The Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts, Messiah University, 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, December 15th, at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, 4 p.m.

This year's *Candlelight Christmas* concerts celebrate the season with holiday music, including settings of traditional carols. To honor the late choral legend, Alice Parker, the Chorale will feature her arrangements of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella*, *The Friendly Beasts*, and *Angels We Have Heard on High*. The program also includes stunning brass accompaniment to Jeffery Ames', *Gloria Fanfare*, Glenn Rudolph's *The Dream Isaiah Saw*, Richard Dirksen's *Welcome All Wonders* and Dan Forrest's sing-along favorite, *Festival First Noel*.

A pre-concert recital by Susquehanna Chorale accompanist, Daniel L. Dorty and guest artists, The Messiah University Brass, will be presented 15 minutes prior to each performance.

For tickets, information about group discounts, and our livestream option, visit www.susquehannachorale.org/performances or call the Messiah University Box Office at 717.691.6036 and choose option 1.

Donations Please!

The Welcome Committee is asking for donations for our 1st Sunday Socials. If you would like to donate baked goods, please sign up on the sheet that is on the Welcome Committee bulletin board directly beside the main entrance door in the Narthex. Thank you!

- **Welcome pads are on the pews** at the center aisle; please sign and pass to your neighbor. Please include any changes.
- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of her mother, Mary Mae Sholly by Marilyn Hocker.

TODAY

9:00 am	Reader	Deb Flage
	Ushers	Penny & John Zimmerman
	Communion Assistants	Jeanette & Herb Logan
	Counters	Penny & John Zimmerman

NEXT SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

9:00 am	Reader	Alice Lubrecht
	Ushers	Alice & Jim Lubrecht
	Communion Assistants	Kathy & Bill Sheetz
	Counters	Herb Logan, Nadine & Otis Martin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	9:00 am	Worship 1 st Sunday Social
Monday, December 2	6:00 pm	Welcome Committee
Sunday, December 8	9:00 am 3:00 pm	Worship InBetweeners Christmas Show

**Pastor Frank's office hours are
Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am to 12 noon.**

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

Social Ministry's Christmas Project



Our Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Christmas Project for the Salvation Army in Harrisburg. Children are ages 0 to 18, so many gift options are needed. You can buy items from the list and simply return them unwrapped to the church **by tomorrow, December 2nd at 5:00 PM.**

The following is a list of some items that are needed.

- Books for ages 1 to 18.
- Fleece sweatpants and sweatshirts.
- Board games and card games.
- Colorful socks and slippers.
- Fleece throw blankets and throw pillows.
- Age-appropriate toys, please include batteries if needed.
- Hats, gloves and scarves.
- New clothes any size.

Any questions, please call Donna Miller, Chairperson at 717-558-066.

Our Reverse Advent Project

In your bulletin today there is a list of food items for our Reverse Advent Project. Starting December 1st, a food item is suggested for members to collect each day. Then on December 24, please bring your collection of food items to the church to be distributed to local food pantries. These items are to replenish the food banks who are hit particularly hard during the holiday season.



In Your Mailbox Today

For those of you who do not have e-mail, or who request a hard copy, your December edition of our newsletter is now in your mailbox.

Also, the key code to unlock the front doors has recently been changed. For security reasons this code is not published in our bulletin or newsletter. Each member has been given the new code, placed on an index card, in their church mailbox.

Mid-Week Advent Services

You are invited to attend Midweek Advent services at Good Shepherd. The series of Midweek services will be held on Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Good Shepherd will begin with a soup supper at 5:30pm followed by worship at 7:00pm, using the Holden Evening Prayer.

Assisting Help Is Still Much Needed!

We need **additional help!** with ushering duties & communion assistants. If we have a few more “teams” then our current assistants would not have to be assigned as often, sometime more than once a month. If you would like to help us with either of these duties, on a rotating basis, please call the church office (717-545-9992) or email Barb at (ossec@comcast.net). Thank you.

Jesus Said, “Let the Little Children Come to Me.”

We will have Children’s Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **The next class will be Sunday, December 15!!!!** Children will be excused for their lesson after the children’s message. Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn!

A Little Reminder

If you use the “Designated Offering” envelopes that are in the pews & on the table in the Narthex for any contribution(s) **PLEASE!!** write your name on the envelope (space to do so is on the back) so they are recorded correctly on your giving statements. **THANK YOU!!**

Manna Food Pantry

Our “2nd Sunday” food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuously rising food prices, food pantries are seeing a greater demand for their services. If you would like to donate you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes “Manna Food Pantry”, and place it with your regular giving envelope.