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Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8, 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 * *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* RED #254

*¹ Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*² Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

APOSTOLIC GREETING * BLUE p. 28

KYRIE * BLUE p. 28

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
(stanzas 1 & 2)

*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.

*²O Come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things
far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.*

Refrain:

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 * *Blessed Be the God of Israel* RED #250

*¹ Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.*

*² With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all,
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.*

(continues on insert)

³ *My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.*

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.) BLUE p. 41

CLOSING HYMN * *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* RED #256

¹ *"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.*

Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.

To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!

Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

² *For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.*

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.

Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble favor.

³ *Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places
plain.*

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,

and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

DISMISSAL * (Response: Thanks be to God.)

POSTLUDE

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.

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!

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 **this 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. Dorthy 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.

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

- **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 honor of peace on earth.

TODAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY, December 15, 2024

9:00 am	Reader	John Zimmerman
	Ushers	Penny & John Zimmerman
	Communion Assistants	Deb Flage
	Counters	Jim Lubrecht, Penny & John Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	9:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	InBetweeners Christmas Show
Monday, December 9		office closed vacation day for Barb
Tuesday, December 10		Committee reports due in the office
Wednesday, December 11	5:30 pm	Soup & Supper
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship both @Good Shepherd
Sunday, December 15	9:00 am	Worship Children's Sunday School January newsletter deadline

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

Today's Psalm

Our Psalm of the day this week is not from the Book of psalms, but from the Gospel of Luke. The Benedictus (also Song of Zechariah) is one of the three canticles in the first two chapters of this Gospel, the other two being the "Magnificat" and the "Nunc dimittis". The Benedictus was the song of thanksgiving uttered by Zechariah on the occasion of the circumcision of his son, John the Baptist. The hymn is addressed to the Israelite people about their long-cherished messianic hopes and to John the Baptist as the prophet and forerunner of the Messiah whose kingdom of peace is about to begin. It was "first introduced into the public worship of the Church about the middle of the sixth century.

Family Promise

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday, evening, January 12 through Sunday morning, January 19, 2025.

Won't you **please** consider providing a meal, driving the van, or sleeping overnight at the Church?

If have any questions, please call me at (717)497-1200.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Thank you! Nadine Martin

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 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 NEXT 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.