

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th, 2019

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 15, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

C Amen.

P Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

C we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, + Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #559 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us. **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR" (VS. 1)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn still-ness lay to hear the angels sing.

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us. **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

FIRST READINGIsaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be

for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM..... 146:5-10 (*responsively*)

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

SECOND READING.....James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient.

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES

* THE VERSE “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” (vs. 3)

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

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

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one "who is coming." John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

* GOSPEL..... Matthew 11:2-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Leister

SERMON

Vicar Leister

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"You Servants of God"

#252 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Prayers read by Worship Leader)

P Hear us O God,

C Your mercy is great.

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

- * SUNG OFFERTORY “Let All Together Praise Our God” (revised wording)

**Let all together praise our God Before his glorious throne;
For he will open heav’n above To give us his own Son, To give us his own Son.**

- * OFFERING PRAYER

P Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

C Amen.

MEAL

- * ADVENT DIALOG

P We have come with great expectation to meet the coming Messiah.

C All creation waits with longing for the Son of God.

P As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord.”

C We prepare a place in our hearts and in the world for his coming.

P O come to us, Emmanuel!

C God, be with us and save us from our sins.

- * EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

DISTRIBUTION

[**"Intinction"** – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

[**Gluten Free?** If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel].

* **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

* **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P God of Abundance,

we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

SENDING

* **BLESSING**

P May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.

The blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

- * SENDING HYMN “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” #54 Green Hymnal
- * DISMISSAL
- P Go in peace. Christ is with you.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

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- NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik
- NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (11/25 to 12/29/19)
- NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Braedon Walton & Hope Miller
- NEXT WEEK’S CRUCIFER – Zeb Berry
- NEXT WEEK’S CRECHE FAMILY – Ehrisman Family
- NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING USHERS – Thea Beward, Slone Smith, Harrison Mummah & Gabby Reed

PRAYER LIST

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PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

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WELCOME TO ALL!

WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah today. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record your visit not only in the Friendship Pads but also in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE WITH US TODAY. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who recognize the Sacrament as the promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's Table at Messiah with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. **Persons who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so, please fold your hands and bow your head when you approach the pastor.**

GLUTEN FREE? If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Diane Hower by family.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshipping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

JUST A THOUGHT – Otto Zockler, German Theologian (1833 – 1906): The wise man is also the just, the pious, the upright, the man who walks in the way of truth.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at mlchurchvicar@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not

“overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at mlchurchvicar@gmail.com.

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year through the end of December to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

LOST AND FOUND – If anyone finds a set of keys, please return them to the church office.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who signed-up for November snacks for Sunday mornings. The December sign-up sheet is now available. Monetary contributions would also be appreciated to purchase plates, napkins, etc.

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, December 22nd during the worship service. Refreshments will follow after the program. If anyone would like to donate cookies, (any kind) would be very much appreciated.

THE NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2020 is now available in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you wish to place flowers on a specific date, please sign-up on the chart.

THE 2020 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2019 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

ALL LOOSE OFFERING AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will go to the Matthew 25 Fund to help those in need throughout the year. You can also donate to the fund by writing Matthew 25 Fund on your regular offering envelope and the amount you wish to contribute.

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 13, 2019 PPC MINUTES, October 20, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, October 27, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, and October 27, 2019 PPC Minutes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael “Doc” Johnston at 436-9209.

ADVENT SEASON AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Annual Children’s Christmas Program.

December 24: 7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service

7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service featuring Justin Aurand, pianist, Christina Martin performing “What Child is This,” Slone Smith and Bob St. Clair doing a saxophone-piano duet “O Holy Night” & Andrea Cameron performing “Ave Maria.”

UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER’S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

- Sunday, January 19th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, February 16th (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly to approve 2019 audit.
- Sunday, March 15th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, April 19th (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly.
- Sunday, May 17th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, June 21st (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly for PPC Election approval.

WEEKLY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR DECEMBER 8, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 61		Benevolence	\$ 75.00
Sunday School – 21		Building Fund	\$ 35.00
		Sunday School	\$ 40.00
Total Offering	\$2,260.20	Disaster Relief	\$ 4.40
Other Funds	<u>\$ 201.20</u>	Flowers	<u>\$ 46.80</u>
General Fund	\$2,059.00	Total	\$ 201.20

MESSIAH’S DOORS will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY

HOLIDAY MEAL NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3 TO 5 LBS.) OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL! (With your help, 274 Thanksgiving meals were distributed to our Juniata County neighbors in need!)

FOOD PANTRY BASIC NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS (ESPECIALLY CREAM CORN), DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, AND OTHER CLEANING SUPPLIES.

COMMUNITY & JOINT LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS CANTATA will be held this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church and will be under the direction of retired JHS Band and Chorus Director, Kevin Cunningham and will feature over 50 voices. This year’s cantata is titled “Sing Joy To All the World!” by Lloyd Larson. Refreshments will follow the performance. Snow date will be Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church (a large parking lot is located behind the newer section of St. Stephen’s and parking is also available across the road from the church). A FREE-WILL offering will benefit the Juniata County Food Pantry.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -3rd Sunday of Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon/Jr. Church.
-2:00 p.m., Christmas Cantata at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.
-6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Quilters Guild in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:** -Church Office closed from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
-1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal
-4:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40400 in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -4th Sunday of Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Christmas Program.