

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024



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**TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:** *Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."*

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM December 22, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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

### \* LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

P The fourth candle on the Advent wreath represents **PEACE**. Like the first and second candles, it is also purple. Often called the “Bethlehem Candle,” the fourth Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this fourth candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of peace.

**C Amen.**

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of mercy,

**C we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

- P God of might,  
**We confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**
- P God in our midst,  
**We confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**
- P A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.
- C Amen.**

## GATHERING

- \* GATHERING HYMN                      *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*                      #87 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

- P Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (spoken)

- 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.**

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

- P Let us pray...
- C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.*

FIRST READING.....Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY.....Luke 1:46b-55 (**responsively**)

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, <sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**<sup>48</sup>for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

**<sup>50</sup>You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**<sup>52</sup>casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

**<sup>54</sup>You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup>the promise made to our forebears,

**to Abraham and his children forever.**

*The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.*

SECOND READING.....Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.*

\* GOSPEL.....Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Reader: Hannah Ehrisman

**Our story begins in the small town of Nazareth where the young and devout, Mary is betrothed to a righteous man named Joseph. This is how the birth of the Messiah came about: His mother, Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they were wed, she found out she was pregnant with the Christ Child.**

**An angel came down from Heaven and said to her,**

“Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.” The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.”

Ella Harris

Duet

*“Mary, Did You Know?”*

Julia & Chris Martin

**It came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. So Joseph and Mary went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Bethlehem the town of David.**

Carol

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

#41 (vs. 1)

In Bethlehem, the city is bustling with travelers, leaving no unoccupied rooms for Mary and Joseph. They found refuge in a humble stable. This is where the Christ child would be born, a lowly feeding trough for his bed.

Carol

*“Away in a Manger”*

#67 (vs. 1)

Now, there was in the same country shepherds living out in the fields and keeping watch over their flocks by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the city of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord!” The heavenly proclamation is met with awe and wonder as a multitude of the heavenly host joins the angel, praising God and declaring, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” So when the angels had left the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Anthem

*“Run, Shepherds!”* - by V. C. Johnson

Choir (Duet: Larry & Diana Wise)

In the East, a great company of the heavenly host guides three wise men to the place where the Christ child lays. The wisemen embark on the journey, guided by the celestial star to bring him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Carol

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

#646 (vs. 1) Blue Hymnal

So, as we prepare to celebrate the Christmas season, let us remember the miraculous events, the prophecies fulfilled, and the divine grace that unfolded in the birth of Jesus. May this simple retelling ring as true in your hearts today as it did the first time – for the message does not change-but continues to change hearts. We wish each and everyone of you the peace of Christmas.

Carol

*“Joy to the World”*

#39 (vs. 1)

PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES (Angel)

\* THE VERSE

*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”* (vs. 4)

Oh, come, blest Day-spring come and cheer Our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.

**Refrain**

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

\* APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy,  
C receive our prayer.

\* PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C And also with you.

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

ANTHEM

*"My Soul Does Magnify the Lord"* – by V. C. Johnson

Choir

\* OFFERING PRESENTATION

\* 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 Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the Advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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.

**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 God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

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



## DISTRIBUTION

["**At the Chancel Rail**"] – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. (Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in your seat for communion)

### \* 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 Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

**C Amen.**

## SENDING

### \* BLESSING

P God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, + bless and keep you now and forever.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

\* SENDING HYMN                      *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*                      #41 (vss. 2-4) Green Hymnal

### \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Marina Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Gabby & Stella Reed

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Olivia Mummah, Nick & Sofia Reed

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Chris Martin & Melissa Ehrisman (12/23/24 – 1/19/25)

CHRISTMAS EVE MANNA BREAD BAKER – Barb Geedey

DECEMBER 29 MANNA BREAD BAKER – Jen Hutchinson

### DECEMBER COLLECTION COUNTERS:

Today: Tammy Brackbill & Nick Beward

24: Slone Smith & Clint Miller

29: Slone Smith & Mary Grimm

## **WELCOME TO ALL!**

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Johnny 'Pop' Beward by the Beward Family.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Pat Cook and family on the passing of her husband, Jerry, on December 16, 2024 at his home. Please keep Pat and family in your prayers. Sympathy is also extended to Kevin Swailes and family on the passing of his grandmother, Gloria Swailes, on December 13, 2024 at William Penn Nursing Home. Please also keep Kevin and family in your prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – Francis Quarles, English Poet (1592 – 1644): True obedience neither procrastinates nor questions.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

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

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

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](mailto: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.

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](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

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

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.

REMINDER: **Please have all information to be placed in the newsletter** to Bob at [stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com) or the church office at [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) by the deadlines which are listed monthly in the newsletter.

DECEMBER'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will go to Shelter Services of Mifflin and Juniata Counties. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Shelter Services so they may continue to serve those in need. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

COPIES OF THE REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

"THE KNITTERS" WILL NOT BE MEETING for the month of December. They will meet again on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior Church Room.

BIBLE STUDY will not be meeting in December. We will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS, please contact Sheree Goss at 717-436-9613 or email her at [msgoss@gmail.com](mailto:msgoss@gmail.com).

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.

#### DECEMBER ADVENT SEASON & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Today:** Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas program will be held during the morning worship service.

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service begins at 7:00 p.m., featuring our in-house musicians, Bob St. Clair and Slone Smith. The Candlelight/Communion Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include the singing of Carols and special anthems by both soloists and the senior choir.

NEW ADDRESS – If anyone would like to send Cheryl Pinkerton a Christmas card, her new address is:

245 Greenfield Estates  
Elizabethville, PA 17023

THE 2025 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2024 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

THE NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 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.

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 donate to the fund by writing Matthew 25 Fund on your regular offering envelope and the amount you wish to contribute.

#### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS are being collected for Shelter Service, Inc. in Lewistown:

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| --Laundry Detergent | --Shaving Cream |
| --Clorox            | --Shampoo       |
| --Dryer Sheets      | --Deodorant     |
| --Dish Soap         | --Body Wash     |

Please place items in the Adult Sunday School Room in the container provided.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

### COMMUNITY

#### **FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS THAT ARE STILL NEEDED**

TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.), TURKEY BREASTS, WHOLE CHICKENS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), INSTANT POTATOES, BOXED STUFFING, TURKEY GRAVY, CANNED SWEET POTatoes, BOXED BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX,  
OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone #: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tuesday 9-12 & 1-5, Saturday 9-12

\*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS.

#### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -Fourth Sunday of Advent.  
-10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion/Annual Christmas Program.  
-6:00 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.
- Monday:** -7:00 p.m. AA in Youth Area.
- Tuesday:** -Christmas Eve – Office Closed.  
-7:00 p.m., Prelude Concert.  
-7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Communion, and Candlelight.
- Wednesday:** -MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Saturday:** -9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.
- Sunday:** -10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion/Service of Healing.

**PRAYER LIST**

Joedy Arnold  
Linda Bahorik  
Melissa Bargo  
Jeremy Barnes  
Ryan Barr  
Donna Barton  
Tony Beward  
Bill Book  
Linda Brouse  
Jim Burdge  
Andrea Cameron  
Evitt Campbell  
Terry Coder  
Kenton Cohenour  
Heather Compton  
Family of Jerry Cook  
Fred & Dot Dowling  
Seth Dowling  
Kim Dumais  
Freda Durio  
Cathy Dysinger  
Renee Dzikowski  
Rev. Jodi Ellis  
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Bentley Fulkroad  
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Molly Ulsh  
George Varner  
Kristy Wagner & family  
Heather Walton  
Roscoe Warner  
Kathy Whitesel  
Mary Jane Williamson  
Jim & Heidi Woltman  
Gary Zeiders  
Paul Zeiders  
George Zimmerman  
Jean Zimmerman  
Linda Zimmerman

**PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

- Jane Marhefka – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Room 221, Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Ray Bramm – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- Ruth Cisney – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 112, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044