

## Sunday Morning Liturgy – ELW Setting 10

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

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Opening Hymn #244 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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Kyrie (spoken in unison)

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Hymn of Praise: “Come, let us join...” (spoken in unison)

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Prayer of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### We Hear God’s Word

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Acclamation (spoken in unison):

**ALLELUIA! LORD AND SAVIOR: OPEN NOW YOUR SAVING WORD.  
LET IT BURN LIKE FIRE WITHIN US; SPEAK UNTIL OUR HEARTS  
ARE STIRRED. ALLELUIA! LORD WE SING FOR THE GOOD NEWS  
THAT YOU BRING. (Pg 205)**

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Sermon

### We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Nicene Creed

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Prayers

Organ Anthem

### We Share in God’s Supper and God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Great Thanksgiving (spoken):

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

P: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAV’N AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA  
IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME  
OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST, HOSANNA IN THE  
HIGHEST. (Pg. 207)**

Eucharistic Prayer (spoken):

P: ...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**C: CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME  
AGAIN. (Pg. 207)**

P: ...be all honor and glory in your Holy Church, now and forever.

**C: AMEN, AMEN, AMEN. (Pg. 207)**

Our Lord’s Prayer – traditional version on right

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Song of Praise – “Lamb of God” (spoken in unison)

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Blessing:

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord’s face shine on us with  
grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us  
peace.

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn #264 “Prepare the Royal Highway”

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Organ Postlude, We Receive Jesus’ Body & Blood, and We Depart to Serve

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## Our Mission

*St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.*

*Adopted December 8, 2013*

## Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.	Pastor
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Organist
Matt Williard	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of December, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts, our support of **Tree 4 Hope**, and our support of one pastor for one month in the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania are all sponsored by Pastor Tom and Ann with love and gratitude to God and to our St. John Congregational Family for another year of faithful ministry accomplished in Jesus' name, shining forth as a Light on the Hill in the darkness of our world!

### Today, Sunday, December 5

9am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)  
9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – Masking and safe distancing are required for everyone present – both adults and young persons – to do our best to protect our (unvaccinated per current guidelines) younger congregational family members!  
9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)  
9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)  
10:15am Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – Masking is required for everyone who is not yet fully vaccinated, as our area continues to remain at the highest level of virus transmission.

### Monday, December 6

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
6pm **Please join us for Book Group Discussion on Zoom!** The topic will be **Snow Falling on Cedars** by David Guterson. Pick up a copy of the book on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer. If those copies are gone, or with any questions, please call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com). Looking ahead to January, for your planning in the new year, the gatherings will be staying on Zoom and shifting a half-hour later for the rest of the winter. Hope to see you there!

### Tuesday, December 7

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
9:30am Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting

### Wednesday, December 8

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study (On Zoom)  
7pm Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 1. for All Educators/Students/Families and 2. for Our Health Professionals (**Please make use of the list of health care professionals at the end of this bulletin information, taking a few minutes to lift each person up to God by name. To add names to the list, please contact Pastor Tom with their information.**)

### Thursday, December 9

**Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East**  
8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, December 10

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Saturday, December 11

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

12pm **THANK YOU** to everyone who sponsored needy young persons through this year's **Angel Tree** ministry! Please be sure to deliver those wrapped gifts to the downstairs conference room, by the window furthest from the door by this deadline, with your angel number clearly marked on your package(s). The angel and its number are a critical link in the process, since all gifts are given anonymously. Please contact Fay Nichols – 717.329.7447 – with any questions.

### Next Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

9am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)  
9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – Masking and safe distancing are required for everyone present – both adults and young persons – to do our best to protect our (unvaccinated per current guidelines) younger congregational family members!  
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11:15am Part One of our Annual Congregational Meeting (In-person and on Zoom. We will take action on the election of five members to our Congregational Council and proposed budgets for 2022. A copy of the main 2022 budgets is included in the December/January **St. John's Epistle**, as well as the names of the Council nominees being proposed by our Nominating Committee. All voting members – those confirmed members who have communed and contributed during 2020 or 2021 – are especially encouraged to attend this brief, but very important, meeting!)  
11:30am Congregational Council Meeting (time approximate – immediately following Congregational Meeting)

## **Next Sunday, December 12 - Continued**

4-5:30pm In-Person Advent/Christmas Congregational Family Event **Next Sunday** will be **Warren Hassinger's** 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, and Gail is asking his congregational family to please shower him with birthday greeting cards – once again someone who in the past almost 21 months has had to deal with a lot, living in a skilled care facility with COVID and its precautions. **Since the Activities Director will be reading Warren's cards to him, it would be a great help to her, in continuing to help him with his memory issues, for each person sending a card to clearly state in the card 1. their name(s) and 2. their relationship to Warren (e.g. member of his congregational family back home or some other past connection you've had).** Thank you!

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**Attention Musicians!!** In the remaining time until our Senior Choir is once again “up and singing” it would be great to share in the musical gifts of the members of our talented congregational family at least one Sunday each month, if not more often. Persons of any age or level of experience, who might be interested in playing any kind of instrument or singing, alone or with a partner, are asked to please speak with Carol Hubler or Judy Ferree.

You are invited to celebrate this Season of Advent with a “Reverse Advent Calendar” thanks to Grayson and Courtney Foreman – please see Miss Laurie's letter in the December/January ***St. John's Epistle*** or pick up a direction sheet upstairs on the usher/bulletin table outside worship for the details!

Three new 2022 sponsor sheets have also been posted on the foyer bulletin board – for continuing ministry support for our ***Celebrate*** bulletin inserts (\$22/month); for ***Tree 4 Hope***, an innovative anti-poverty ministry begun by our neighbors at Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church, Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, and serving those in need in Guatemala, involving an orphanage, mission trips from our area, and, now, a new girls' school called “Hope Academy” - a world mission with a local connection (\$50/month) – and for providing one month of a ***Konde Diocese (in Tanzania, Africa) Pastors Salary*** (\$50/month) . Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board to sponsor any of these three ministries in honor or in memory of loved ones or events. ***Please note that, until we get closer to returning to all of the “normal/regular” details of worship, a sign-up sheet won't be posted for altar flowers. Please stay tuned for updates about when we will be resuming our flower ministry!***

As we look forward to a new bi-annual Congregational Family Directory, which will become available in January with the Annual Congregational Report, there has been a good bit of interest expressed in including best email addresses along with mailing addresses and telephone numbers in the new directory. **If you would like to share your best email address(es) for the upcoming directory, please send that information with your permission to both Rachel and Pastor Tom, and it will be included. Please note that, even though Pastor Tom and/or Miss Laurie might already have your email address(es), they will not share that information for the directory or for any other reason without your further permission, as they agreed when given that information, so please be sure to send this new email if interested!**

Containers are located in the foyer for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please drop off non-perishable food items at any time and, as the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

To make sure that our blessed prayer shawls get to as many folks in need of God's healing touch as possible, it is now possible for anyone from the St. John congregational family to deliver a prayer shawl to a person who is known to them to be hurting in body, mind, and/or spirit, and who would be blessed by receiving one of our shawls. To obtain a shawl, please first contact Pastor Tom, who will help you with the process. ***(Please bear in mind that it is the intention of the prayer shawl ministry that each person receive just one shawl “for life”, to be used in whatever time(s) of brokenness they may face.)***

Please see the bright blue container at the computer desk in the Sunday School Room to recycle your AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and Button Cell batteries in Alkaline, NiMH, NiCAD, Zinc Air and Non-Lithium types, 9 volts and below. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through the efforts of Larry Gessner, batteries that are in especially good condition are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission, while all others for recycling are delivered to Dauphin County Recycling in Harrisburg.

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – on the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethville. Please place your aluminum in the barrel outside of the door. Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

## **Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness**

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Headed to Penn State Hershey Medical Center Tomorrow, 12/6, for Procedure to Repair Her Third Brain Aneurysm
- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #103 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #805, Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehab. Center
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Commonwealth Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Undergoing Weekly Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home

## **Our Faith Active in Worship – November 28, 2021**

### **Current – Budget Goal**

Current – Offerings Received	\$2,545
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$1,789
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$545
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$95
Total Attendance	\$340
	<b>Zoom – 37, In Person – 68</b>

**Medical Professionals in Our Prayers in this Time of COVID-19 (updated 8/23/21)**

- Paulette Warner, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- Jenna Troutman, RN
- Jodi Thompson, CCMA
- Gwen Switzer, RTR
- Payton Stutzman, Hospital Clinical Assistant
- Kristen Spicher, RN
- Sara Shaffer, RN
- Steven Schlegel, Paramedic
- Michelle Scheff\*, MS, CCC/SLP (Speech Therapist in Seattle, WA)
- Joanne Rheem\*, Healthcare Administrator
- David Rheem\*, Healthcare Administrator
- Dr. Todd Peters\* (Chief Medical Officer in Baltimore, MD)
- Joshua Peters, PA-C (Serving in Colorado)
- Dr. Alayna Peters (Doctor of Pharmacy in Hagerstown, MD)
- Courtney Peifer\*, Psych Technician
- Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist
- Bobby Paul, BS
- Angela Paul, PTA
- Cindy Nicholson\*, RN
- Whitney Ney, RN
- Haley Nestor\*, BSN, RN
- Shannon Motter, RN
- Courtney Miller, B.S. R.T(R)(CT)
- Roni Mace, RN
- Heidi Lehman, RT (R)
- Shawnita Latscha, RT (RDMS, RVT)
- Rose Kell, MS (Occupational Therapist in California)
- Nichole Holman\*, RN
- Dr. Tonya Henninger & Dr. Sarah Bork\* (Hospitalists in Seattle, WA)
- Abigail Francisco\*, RN
- Robert Foreman, Paramedic
- Courtney Foreman, RN
- Glenn Fontaine\*, RN (Serving in Michigan)
- Ann Fontaine\*, PA-C (Serving in Michigan)
- Olivia Enders, CNA
- Dr. Seth Eisenberg\* (Anesthesiologist in Atlanta, GA)
- Rachel Denlinger\*, RN (Serving in Charleston, SC)
- Gary Daniels, EMT
- Dr. Timothy Bruner & Dr. Gabrielle Fregeau\* (Doctors of Physical Therapy in Ocean County, NJ)
- Dr. Daniel Bruner & Dr. Richelle Demers\* (Doctors of Chiropractic)
- Dr. Jerrel Boyer\* (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)
- Dr. Brett Bellis\* (Doctor of Chiropractic)
- Chelsea Beard, EFDA

\*denotes someone who is a part of our extended congregational family