

Sunday Morning Liturgy of Lessons & Carols

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

Hymn #300 "The First Noel"

Christmas Dialog:

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.

L: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: WE HAVE BEHELD CHRIST'S GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: IN THE WORD WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE.

Greeting:

P: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

Lessons and Carols:

First Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14
Hymn #294 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Read by Cole Roadcap

Second Lesson: Luke 2:1-20
Hymn #277 "Away in a Manger"

Read by RJ Henry

Third Lesson: Luke 2:21-40
Hymn #289 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Read by Gary Leitzel

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:41-52
Hymn #283 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Read by Gabe Gehring

Fifth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12
Hymn WOV #646 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Read by Madeline Williard

Sixth Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23
Hymn #296 "What Child Is This?"

Read by Aidan Roadcap

Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-18
Hymn #267 "Joy to the World"

Read by Kelsey Henninger

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

A New Creed:

**WE ARE NOT ALONE,
WE LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.**

**WE BELIEVE IN GOD:
WHO HAS CREATED AND IS CREATING,
WHO HAS COME IN JESUS,
THE WORD MADE FLESH,
TO RECONCILE AND MAKE NEW,
WHO WORKS IN US AND OTHERS
BY THE SPIRIT.**

WE TRUST IN GOD.

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:
TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE,
TO LIVE WITH RESPECT IN CREATION,
TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS,
TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL,
TO PROCLAIM JESUS, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN,
OUR JUDGE AND OUR HOPE.**

**IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN LIFE BEYOND DEATH,
GOD IS WITH US.**

**WE ARE NOT ALONE.
THANKS BE TO GOD.**

-The United Church of Canada, 1968

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings and Musical Anthem by Hoyt Schlegel

Prayers

Our Lord's Prayer:

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.

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Blessing:

P: The Maker of all, the Word, made flesh, the Giver of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn #290 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. The Word made Flesh is with us.

C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!

Organ Postlude and Silent Prayer

Looking Ahead

Please join us for upcoming Book Group Discussions! Coming up next - **Monday, January 10, at 6:30 pm on Zoom.** The topic will be *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. 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. Hope to see you there!

Our Winter Session of Midweek Bible Study will hold its first gathering on Zoom on Wednesday, January 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Our Annual Blessing of Our Lectors will take place during worship on Sunday, January 16.

Part Two of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 16, both in-person and on Zoom. We will review reports of our ministry during 2021 and conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Voting members of the congregation – those confirmed members who have communed and contributed during 2020 or 2021 – are especially needed to attend this brief, but important, meeting. ***For everyone from whom Annual Reports are due, please remember to turn them in to Rachel in digital form only please as soon as possible.***

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As our new bi-annual Congregational Family Directory comes out very shortly, there is still time to get in “under the wire” if you would like to share your best email address(es) for inclusion. Please send that information ASAP to both Rachel Henry and Pastor Tom.

2022 offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please stop by the table and take along those of family members and neighbors!

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.

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!

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!

Monday, January 3

6:30-7:30pm Lions Den Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 5

6:30-8pm January Gathering of **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie** (In-Person)

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, January 6

Epiphany of Our Lord

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 8

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, January 9

Baptism of Our Lord

Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East

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 Recognition of Newly-Baptized and 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.

11:15am Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting (In-Person and On Zoom)

2pm Women of the ELCA meeting

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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

James Watson	Leader
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Organist
Youth of Congregation	Lectors
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 Roy and Rachel Henry for our many blessings throughout the year.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer, and please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Today, Sunday, January 2

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 Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)

10:15am Traditional Worship of Lessons & Carols, Led by Jim Watson and Youth Group Readers and 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.

Until Pastor Tom returns to the office on Thursday morning, Pastor Godfred Effisah (pronounced eh-FEE-suh), who serves the Rife/Killinger Parish, is on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care. Should you need to get in touch with him, please call Fay Nichols, our Telephone Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 717-329-7447, who will both place the concern on the prayer chain and contact Pastor Godfred. Or, Pastor Godfred can be reached directly by calling 571-572-0119.

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 4th quarter and year end audit will be held Monday, January 10th at 10:30 a.m. at church. All treasurers please have all your records there and remember to also include the year end report for your account. This should be in the proper format and ready to copy into the bulletin of reports. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Pat Herb

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home
- **Judy Cheatham** – Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Harrisburg, Med/Surg ICU
- **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

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**
- **Whitni 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 Latsha, 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