

## Sunday Morning Liturgy

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on High who guides us into peace.

**C: AMEN.**

P: Let us come before God in confession..

*(brief silence follows)*

P: To you, O God,

**C: WE LIFT UP OUR SOULS. YOU KNOW US THROUGH AND THROUGH;  
WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO YOU. REMEMBER NOT OUR SINS;  
REMEMBER US WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE. SHOW US YOUR  
WAYS; TEACH US YOUR PATHS; AND LEAD US IN JUSTICE AND  
TRUTH, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GOODNESS IN JESUS CHRIST OUR  
SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: our sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; we belong to Christ; we are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

**C: AMEN.**

Opening Hymn #436 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms: 25:1-10

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Organ Anthem

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: May God direct our ways in peace, make us abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen our hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn #257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us.

**C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Organ Postlude and Silent Prayer

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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
The Henry Family	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of November, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin, **Tree 4 Hope** and support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania are in honor of the 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bob & Doris Schaffer and the many blessings in their lives.

### Today, Sunday, November 28

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.

***Our newly improved LED steeple stars will be lighted for the season, beginning this evening.***

### Monday, November 29

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

### Tuesday, November 30

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

***Property Committee will not meet, as is incorrectly shown in the November newsletter calendar.***

### Wednesday, December 1

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

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

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 2

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, December 3

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

### Saturday, December 4

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

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### Looking Ahead

**Please join us for upcoming Book Group Discussions!** Coming up next - **Monday, Dec 6, at 6:00 pm 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!

On Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the WHOLE family is invited to our **"Gingerbread Bash" Advent Event** where we'll be making gingerbread nativity scenes to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Join us from 4:00 – 5:30-ish and help us discover that sometimes the greatest gift comes in the most ordinary box!

**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, no later than 12 noon on December 11, 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.

Part One of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, December 12, both 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!

December 12 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!

Our Annual Advent/Christmas Family Event will be back in-person on Sunday, December 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M. at the church.

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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!**

**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.

If you are not currently comfortable taking part in in-person worship, there are **three** very simple options for giving your tithes and offerings. You are welcome to 1. mail your offering to the church (PO Box 270, Berrysburg, 17005-0270) or 2. drop it by the church and place it in the red plastic tub that is prominently visible in the Sunday School Room, on the table just outside Pastor Tom's office door. In addition, 3. if neither of those is easily done, you may wish to contact your bank about setting up an automatic payment, as some of our congregational family members also have done, whereby the offering you direct is sent by your bank as a check mailed directly to the church. In all cases, Pastor Tom will then see that all offerings received get securely passed along to our counters.

If you are looking for a special Christmas gift or a one-of-a-kind keepsake of our church (which makes a perfect addition to your Christmas decorations), here is your opportunity!! The Youth Group will be having a silent auction during Advent, accepting bids for a St. John's model church which was handmade by our own Bob Weaver. This is the church that used to sit on the old organ in the front of the sanctuary. We will have the church on display in the Sunday School room from November 28, 2021 to December 24, 2021. We will privately notify the highest bidder on Sunday, December 26th. Don't miss the opportunity to own this special replica! If you are unable to make it to church, but would still like to place a bid, call or text Matt Williard at 717-574-0809.

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

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Headed to Penn State Hershey Medical Center on 12/6 for Procedure to Repair Her Third Brain Aneurysm
- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Paul Glace** – Continuing His Recovery at Home
- **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** – Discharged from Penn State Hershey Medical Center on 11/17

**Our Faith Active in Worship – November 21, 2021**

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,545</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,231
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$247
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$60
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$230
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 27, In Person – 62</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