

Liturgy for Zoom and In-Person Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

(brief silence follows)

P: Faithful God,

C: **WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNFAITHFUL TO YOU. LIKE DRY LEAVES AND WITHERED GRASS, OUR LIVES ARE BLOWN ABOUT BY OUR SINS AND THE POWERS OF EVIL AROUND US. RESTORE US, O GOD; LET THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE SHINE ON US, AND WE SHALL BE SAVED. AMEN.**

P: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bring us this good news: We are free from all that imprisons us; our sins are forgiven; God heals our broken hearts. Let us live in peace and harmony as we wait for the day of God.

C: **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn #436 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" (**verses 1 and 3**)

Apostolic Greeting:

P: 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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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 and Share in God's Supper

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

Words of Institution:

P: 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.

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.

We Partake of Our Lord's Supper

Post Communion Blessing:

P: The bodily presence of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

All: **AMEN**

Post Communion Prayer:

P: Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **AMEN**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Benediction:

P: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (**verses 1 and 2**)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Jesus is with us.

C: **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.
Laurie Little
Judy Ferree
The Henry Family
Roy Henry

Pastor
Young Christians Minister
Keyboardist
Lector
Council President

The **November Celebrate Inserts**, **Tree 4 Hope**, and **Konde Diocese Pastor's Salary** ministry gifts are in celebration of Bob and Doris Schaffer's 68th Wedding Anniversary on November 28th and God's many blessings.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary, by Bob and Doris Schaffer

Today, Sunday, November 29

9:00am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study via Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONDay Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)

10:15am Worship (**In-Person and Via Zoom**) Including Holy Communion & Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons (For those who are attending worship in-person, please remember that a mask covering both nose and mouth is required to be worn by every worshipper over the age of two, with no exceptions for any reason at this time. Of course, please do not attend in-person worship if you aren't feeling well for any reason or if you have been exposed any time in the prior 14 days to a person who subsequently develops COVID-19-like symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19.)

Our steeple stars will be lighted for the season, beginning this evening.

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

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

Wednesday, December 2

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study on Zoom

6:30-8pm Monthly Gathering of **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie** In-Person at the Church

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 3

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, December 4

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

Saturday, December 5

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

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4pm Congregational Council Meeting on Zoom

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Up for Book Discussion Group is a gathering via Zoom on **Monday, December 7, at 7:00 P.M.** Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can pick up a copy of the current book on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. (That selection for December, **The Boston Girl** by Anita Diamant, is available there in several different formats, but please let Ann know if we run out of books, and she'll order more. Also, please give her a call if you have any other questions – 717.362.7895.)

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 church by **Friday, December 11**, making sure to include your number on each package. Please place those gifts in the elevator hallway, on the bench or nearby.

Part One of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, December 13. We will take action on the election of four members to our Congregational Council and proposed budgets for 2021. A copy of the main 2021 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 2019 or 2020 – are especially encouraged to attend this brief, but very important,

meeting! **Important – New for This Year’s Meeting:** Since our plan is that folks will be attending 10:15 A.M. worship on December 13 both in-person and via Zoom, we will also plan that everyone will be able to simply attend Part One of our Congregational Meeting in those same ways. For those attending via Zoom, the Zoom host of the morning will make sure to keep a close eye on all Zoom participants for any questions that need forwarding to the floor of the meeting and if/when hands need to be raised for any voting. **But there is one potential Zoom participation issue of which all those calling in with a telephone need to be aware. Because telephone participants can neither be seen by the Zoom host nor unmute themselves, there doesn’t seem to be any way for telephone participants to give input to the meeting by way of their Zoom connection, so we are hoping that perhaps all those who normally Zoom via their telephone will be able, just for the meeting, to find a way to Zoom by way of an internet-connected device, maybe shared with a family member. If this will not be possible, please contact Pastor Tom or Roy or Rachel Henry, who will try to work out a way by which telephone Zoomers could call the telephone of someone on the floor of the meeting.**

Mark your calendars for our **Advent Zoom-ebration** coming up on **Sunday, December 13, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.,** celebrating and showcasing the talents of our congregational family. Contact Miss Laurie to see how you can share a musical piece or reading or ??? on Zoom!

For as long as we are under COVID precautions and restrictions, we are asking that all altar flower sponsors please arrange to stop by and take their flowers directly from the vases at the altar, which can be done as soon as immediately after the end of worship. Bags for wrapping the flowers are being kept on the front pew by the lectern.

Help Requested for our Neighbors at Premier

Our congregational family has a long history of strong support for what was once the Susquehanna Lutheran Village in Millersburg, presently known as Premier at Susquehanna. We have been called on for help once again and, to that end, Miss Laurie is coordinating two Christmas projects:

Goodies for Premier - We are collecting items for residents who might not otherwise get any presents for Christmas! Suggested items for donation are: travel size toiletries including hand sanitizer; adult coloring books; Word Search books; crayons and colored pencils; single serve portions of SOFT foods like applesauce, pudding, jello, Tasty Kakes; purse size tissues; soft, snuggly blankets would be nice too!. A tub for donations has been placed in the foyer of the church.

Card Shower for Premier - In conjunction with the "goodie" collection, we're going to do a "Christmas Card Shower" for residents of Premier as well! There are 135 people residing at the home, so we're going to need LOTS of cards!! Cards can be hand-made or store bought. A basket for the cards has also been placed in the foyer of the church.

For both projects, the deadline to contribute to either tub is December 11. Please direct any questions to Miss Laurie. Let’s show our friends at Premier that they are thought of and loved!! Thank you for your help!

A new 2021 altar flower sponsor chart is posted in the foyer. Please sign up to sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or event and direct any questions to Coordinator Yalonda Rabenold (717-362-2454). Three new 2021 sponsor sheets have also been posted on the foyer bulletin board – for continuing ministry support 1. for our

Celebrate bulletin inserts (\$22/month); 2. 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 a girls' school called “Hope Academy” - a world mission with a local connection (\$50/month) – and 3. 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.

As many in our congregational family have been regularly doing for months now (thank you!!), if you will not be attending 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.

While we are following COVID guidelines established by Congregational Council, please note that spaces within the church building, such as the Sunday School Room, will not be available for non-congregational-ministry functions as they would be in “normal” times.

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Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Pearl Buffington** – Discharged from Harrisburg on 11/19
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #107, Providence Place, 24 Hikes Hollow Road, Pine Grove, 17963
- **Lorraine Henninger** – At Home On Hospice Care
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #803, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Ray & Joyce Matter** – Rm. #328, Polk Personal Care, 301 North St., Millersburg
- **LuAnn Ressler** – Community General Osteopathic (LuAnn was one of our new members received this past summer and so may not appear in your congregational directory unless added then: 60 Mayfield St., Eville, 17023, 717-905-2473) **(LuAnn will be in the hospital at least until Wednesday, so please just put the name of the hospital as above and I will provide the rest of the info. verbally on Sunday.)**

Our Faith Active in Worship – November 22, 2020

Current – Budget Goal	\$ 2,806
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 2,722
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 315
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 65
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 215
8:30am Worship Attendance	74
11am Worship Attendance	21

Medical Professionals in our Prayers in this time of COVID-19:

- **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**
- **Joanne Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **David Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **Alayna Peters, Doctor of Pharmacy (Practicing in Hagerstown, MD)**
- **Courtney Peifer*, Psych Technician**
- **Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist**
- **Bobby Paul, BS**
- **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)**
- **Alexis Lehman*, EMT (Professional Firefighter/Responder in Metro Washington, DC Area)**
- **Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)**
- **Nichole Holman*, RN**
- **Dr. Tonya Henninger & Dr. Sarah Bork* (Hospitalists in Seattle, WA)**
- **Robert Foreman, Paramedic**
- **Courtney Foreman, RN**
- **Glenn Fontaine*, RN (Serving in Michigan)**
- **Ann Fontaine*, PA-C (Serving in Michigan)**
- **Olivia Enders, CAN**
- **Dr. Seth Eisenberg* (Anesthesiologist in Atlanta, GA)**
- **Rachel Denlinger*, RN (Serving in Charleston, SC)**
- **Terri Daniels, BS, RRT**
- **Gary Daniels, EMT**
- **Timothy Bruner & Gabrielle Fregeau*, Doctors of Physical Therapy (Practicing in Ocean County, NJ)**
- **Daniel Bruner & Richelle Demers*, Doctors of Chiropractic**
- **Dr. Jerrel Boyer* (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)**
- **Brett Bellis*, Doctor of Chiropractic**

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

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