



Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church
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December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent



THE SESSION

Moderator: The Rev. Nona Holy
Class of 2023
 Kristin Armstrong
 Reed Coats
 Scott Firment
 Dot Kent

Class of 2024
 Sandra Borrer
 Patricia Dewey
 Patrick Lannon
 Sean Kennedy

Clerk of Session: Sandra Borrer
Class of 2025
 John Danzeisen
 Ed Nass
 (open)
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CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Reed Coats Second Elder: Dave Robertson Member-at-Large: Nancy Day

STRUCTURE LEADERSHIP
MISSION AND MINISTRY

Christian Education Team	Missions Committee	<i>Carol Young, Kristin Armstrong</i>
Adult Education Team	Meals on Wheels	<i>Judy Thorpe</i>
Fellowship Committee	Worship Committee	<i>Georgia Coats, Dot Kent, Diane Danzeisen</i>
Pastoral Care Committee	Usher Coordinator	
Membership Dev. Team	Worship Assistant Coord.	
Community Outreach	Wedding Coordinator	

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Chair	<i>John Danzeisen</i>	Stewardship Team	<i>Linda Natali & Mike Haldeman</i>
Vice-Chair	<i>Mike Haldeman</i>	Counting Team	<i>Linda Natali</i>
Budget Team	<i>Mike Haldeman</i>	Technology Team	<i>Sean Kennedy</i>
Investment Team	<i>Reed Coats, Paul Haldeman, Dave Baldt</i>	Personnel Committee	<i>Cindy Faulkner, Ed Nass, Kelly Firment</i>
Strategy and Planning	<i>Chair -Cindy Faulkner</i>	Cemetery & Property	<i>Jason Casper & Larry Murphy</i>

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

President: Reed Coats Vice President: Ed Nass Secretary: Sandra Borrer Treasurer: John Danzeisen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Christian Education	Adult Bible Class	
Sunday School Teacher (K-5)	Adult Topical Study	<i>Paul Wojtkowski, Marti Coats</i>
LIFT Leaders	Adult Small Group	<i>Sandra Borrer</i>
	Dinner with the Word	<i>The Rev. Nona Holy</i>

MINISTRY TEAM

Interim Pastor	<i>The Rev. Nona Holy</i>
Music Director	<i>Dr. Donna Beech</i>
Christian Education Program Manager	<i>Candace Smith</i>
Nursery Attendant	<i>Fabiola Castro</i>
Junior/Treble Choir Director	<i>Marti Coats</i>
Handbell Director	
Office Administrator	<i>Becky Kennedy</i>
Finance and Payroll Administrator	<i>Linda Natali</i>
Cemetery Manager/Property Coordinator	<i>Jason Casper</i>

Presbytery Delegates: *Sandra Borrer*

**In Case of emergency, an AED Unit is located in the hallway on the ground floor near the nursery.
 Hearing devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

WE APPROACH GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

John Danzeisen

Prelude

Choral Introit

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

E. Daley

* Call to Worship *(Please stand and join responsively)*

Based on Matthew 3:30

Leader: Do you hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness?

Will you heed the prophet's call?

People: We will prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Lighting of the Advent Candle *(See insert)*

Strategy and Planning

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

God of the prophets, we confess our lack of preparedness and our tendency to wander away from you and your path. You call us to venture outside our comfortable spaces, yet we hunker down and excuse ourselves from faithful action. Forgive us, God. Call us again. Help us to respond this Advent in faith. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response

Hymn No. 96 (v. 1,2)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Matthew 3:1-12

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One: Holy Wisdom. **All: Holy Word**

Anthem

O Come, O Come on Christmas Day

arr. P. Liebergen

Parable Time

Sermon

Now?!

The Rev. Nona Holy

Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

The Call

Smith

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion *(See insert)*

* Hymn No. 95

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare the Way

Choir sings first time, choir and congregation sing 2 more times

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Dismissal

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

E. Daley

Postlude

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Participants in Today's Service:

The Rev. Nona Holy, Pastor

Reed Coats, Liturgist

Donna Beech, Director of Music

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You are holy, God of our salvation,...

...we remember that mystery we call faith:

Christ died
Christ was raised
Christ will come again.

Come now to Your children...

...And when we raise our heads
to see our redemption draw near
at the end of all time,
we will join our sisters and brothers
in singing Your praises forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

You are invited to come forward to receive bread and cup and then to return to your seat. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that, as one, we may share in this holy meal.

Please join in singing Hymn #292 As the Wind Song, while everyone is served.

Prayer After Communion and the Lord's Prayer (and forgive us our sins...)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn No. 91

Come, Come, Emmanuel

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Come, Come Emmanuel 91

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come, Come Emmanuel'. It is written in G major and 3/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with the lyrics 'Come, come Em-man-u-el. Come, Em-' and continues with 'man-u-el.' and 'man-u-el.' in the second system. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The second system includes a 'For repeat' section and a 'Final ending' section.

This Advent refrain centers on the name of Jesus meaning "God with us" (Matthew 1:23, quoting Isaiah 7:14). Intended for repeated congregational singing, it can be expanded by the addition of stanzas sung by a soloist or choir, or it can serve effectively as a prayer response.

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COME, COME EMMANUEL
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Second Sunday of Advent

One: John the Baptist said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
His message for the people was urgent and hopeful:
The Messiah is Coming! Get Ready!
His was the voice crying out in the wilderness,
Prompting the people, get ready and pray:
All: Messiah, Come soon!

Two candles are lit, and this response is used:

One: Jesus is the light of the world.
All: A light no darkness can ever put out.

Congregation and Choir join in singing: Advent Candles Tell Their Story (over)

