



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and  
Good Samaritan Offering

10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
11:00 AM LIFT Pancake Breakfast

**OFFICE STAFF**

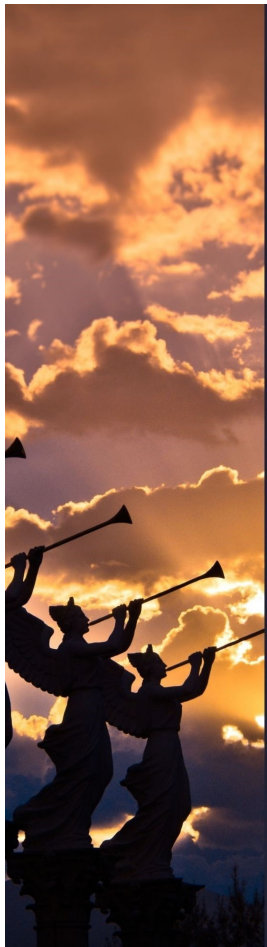
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**Pastor's Ponderings**



**Our advent theme this year is messengers. We'll be giving attention to those who bring good news about Jesus – the biblical prophets who foretold the Messiah, the wilderness prophet John the Baptist, the angels who appeared to Mary and to Joseph, and Mary herself who proclaims such a message of faith in The Magnificat.**

**As we prepare our hearts and our lives for the coming of the Christ child among us, we're also invited to consider our own role as messengers of the Good News we know in Jesus.**

**There are many ways to be a messenger. You can be a courier or delivery person, an emissary or envoy, a go-between, mediator, or intermediary, a prophet, an agent or ambassador, a bearer or carrier or crier, a forerunner, harbinger or herald.**

**Which aspect of being one who carries the message of hope to the world seems to suit you best? Maybe best reflects your temperament or fits with the kind of work you do and the situations in which you find yourself?**

**The world needs to hear what God has to say. And God's message of hope made known in Jesus is ours to share!**

**Blessed Advent!**  
**Pastor Nona**



## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests. *Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.*

*Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!*

We continue to pray for Art Beebe who is now at home following his surgery.

Prayers of joy that Dennis Witmer was with us in worship this Sunday following his heart procedure and a couple of unexpected trips to the ER.

Prayers of joy that Phil Calabrese's cancer diagnosis is less dire than originally thought and that he is doing well at this time.

We lift up prayers of sorrow for our world and the multitude of ways in which it is broken, *and* of HOPE that in this season God will do amazing, unexpected things.



### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$233,441
2022 YTD Giving:	\$211,483
2023 Pledge Goal:	\$190,000
2023 YTD Pledged:	\$ 23,752

### WORSHIP LINKS

**November 27, 2022**

- ◇ [Audio/Video link](#)
- ◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

## LBPC MISSIONS COMMITTEE

# Christmas Giving Tree

It's that time of year again!

Please consider supporting the Missions Committee Giving Tree by purchasing a **Walmart Gift Card** in any amount. This year's recipients are youth from **The Garage Youth Center** in Kennett Square.

The Garage serves middle and high school students by empowering them to pursue their potential academically, relationally, and spiritually.

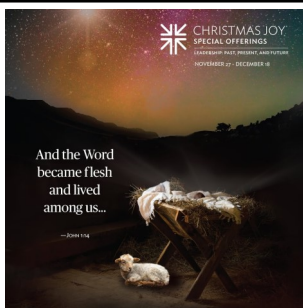
Any amount is appreciated!! Please return your gift cards to the church *no later than:*

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**The Garage!**



Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us—past, present and future—who have pointed us to God.

We honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much.

**Please offer your support! The Christmas Joy Offering is received on December 18th and December 24th.**

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We are now accepting pledge cards for 2023. If you have not received a pledge card, please contact Linda Natali at [finance@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:finance@lowerbrandywine.org). You may submit your completed pledge card by mailing it to the church office, putting it in Linda's box, or dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If you have questions about your giving status for 2022, please contact Linda Natali.




**Please return your completed Time, Talent, Treasure Surveys. Additional copies may be found in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Social Hall. Drop your completed survey in the basket or leave it in Becky's box. Thank you!!!**


**LIFT**

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Fundraiser*



**LIFT, Lower Brandywine's Youth Ministry, Presents:**  
A Pancake Breakfast with Bacon and All the Fixins'  
**Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 11:00 AM**  
Immediately following the 10:00 am Worship Service



Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church  
101 Old Kennett Road, Wilmington, DE 19807 (Route 52 at Old Kennett Road, across from Winterthur)  
[www.lowerbrandywine.org](http://www.lowerbrandywine.org)



Mark your calendar for Dec. 18 as a not-to-miss Sunday worship service. LBPC's junior and treble choirs will be performing a musical drama **Calling All Angels** by Helen Kemp. Angel Gabriel will speak to Mary, telling her that she will deliver a son, Jesus. As a messenger, Gabriel also announces to the world that the Holy Child has been born! Upon hearing this proclamation, you, too, will be inspired to help Gabriel broadcast this prophetic news!

Sr. Choir Cantata  
Sunday, December 11, 2022  
*during worship*

## Christmas Oratorio


by  
Camille Saint-Saens





# CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 28TH - DECEMBER 4TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
11/28/2022	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
11/29/2022	10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study at Brew Ha Ha
11/30/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
12/01/2022	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
12/01/2022	6:00 PM	LIFT Thursday
	<b>12/04/2022</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 
		<b>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering</b>
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	LIFT Pancake Breakfast
	11:00 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
12/05/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
12/06/2022	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
12/07/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
12/07/2022	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Sr. Choir Cantata Rehearsal
<b>12/11/2022</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 
	12:00 AM	Sr. Choir Christmas Cantata
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal

## December 2022 Readings

### **Second Sunday of Advent—December 4**

Isaiah 11:1–10

Psalms 72:1–7, 18–19

Romans 15:4–13

Matthew 3:1–12

### **Third Sunday of Advent—December 11**

Isaiah 35:1–10

Psalms 146:5–10 or Luke 1:46–55

James 5:7–10

Matthew 11:2–11

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 18**

Isaiah 7:10–16

Psalms 80:1–7, 17–19

Romans 1:1–7

Matthew 1:18–25

### **Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve—December 24**

Isaiah 9:2–7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11–14

Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]

### **Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day—December 25**

#### **Christmas Dawn**

Isaiah 62:6–12

Psalms 97

Titus 3:4–7

Luke 2:[1–7] 8–20

#### **Christmas Day**

Isaiah 52:7–10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12]

John 1:1–1

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**12/01 Jason Casper**

**12/03 Holly Middleton**

**12/04 Judy Thorpe**

**12/05 Jaqueline Balderas-Castro**

**12/05 Betsy Ernst**

**12/05 Patrick Lannon**

**12/06 Hilary Faulkner**

**12/07 Jane Cantera**

**12/10 Dee Beech**

**12/12 Crystal Bennett**

**12/13 Barbara Walsh**

**12/14 Megan McGraw**

**12/16 Christa Kaiser**

**12/16 William Kaiser**

**12/18 Barbara Bowker**

**12/19 Fabiola Balderas-Castro**

**12/20 Carla Major**

**12/28 Patricia Dewey**

### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

**12/12 Thomas & Francine Craven**

**12/28 Denis & Heather Gomez**





To make a Christmas poinsettia dedication, please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check for \$18.00 per plant. Make checks payable to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and mark your check, "**for poinsettias.**" You may return your dedication by email to [lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org) , by dropping it in the offering plate during worship, or by mailing it to the church office. (101 Old Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807)

In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God

**Dedications must be received by Thursday, December 21st.**

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Name

Phone Number

\*You may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service.



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