



# First Sunday of Advent

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

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### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

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## Announcements

### \* Advent Candle Lighting

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (stanza 1)



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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### † Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious God,

**Cong.:** have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your gracious Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Cong.:** Amen.

**Psalm:** Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph <sup>1</sup> like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- <sup>1</sup> on the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, <sup>1</sup> and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and <sup>1</sup> come to help us.

<sup>3</sup>Restore <sup>1</sup> us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>O LORD <sup>1</sup> God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your <sup>1</sup> people pray? R

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the <sup>1</sup> bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of <sup>1</sup> tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision <sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh <sup>1</sup> us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- | way from you;

give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**

**let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R**

**\* 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.**

**\* Song**

*“My Lord, What a Morning”*

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**\* Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

*Response to the prayer:* **C: Amen.**

**First Reading:**

L: A reading from Isaiah 64:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

L: A reading from I Corinthians 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-27

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Rotation Faith Formation**

*The pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School. Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.*

**Sermon**

Rev. Faye Snyder

**\* Song**

*“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*

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**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Communion Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

**\* The 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.**

**\* Invitation to Communion**

*All baptized believers are welcome to commune. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

**Continuous Communion Distribution**

*Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6ft. distance in the aisle. Wear your mask prior to and following communion. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.*

**\* Blessing**

*Response after the blessing: C: Amen.*

**\* Prayer after Communion**

L: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\* Benediction**

*Response: C: Amen.*

**\* Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

*Response: C: Thanks be to God.*

*An usher will dismiss one row at a time, first one side of the sanctuary and then the other side; be patient and follow usher guidance. Wear mask until you leave church property. Do not congregate in the building.*

**\* Postlude**

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\* Stand if you are able

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# My Lord, What a Morning

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

# Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** for St. Paul's Lutheran Church is as follows:

- \* If Hanover Public School District has a 1-hour delay, the building will open at 9:00 am.
- \* If Hanover Public School District has a 2-hour delay, the building will open at 10:00 am.
- \* If Hanover Public School District has an early dismissal, building hours will follow that dismissal time.
- \* If Hanover Public School District is closed due to weather, the building will be closed.



**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!** If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hoff, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Sheets, and Robert Sheets by Betty and the Children and Grandchildren.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of Alex Riley's birthday on December 2 by his parents Doug and Kim.

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**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** are sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hoff, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Sheets, and Robert Sheets by Betty and the Children and Grandchildren.

**THE BULLETINS** are sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Kenneth R. Wolfe by Nadine and family.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hoff, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Sheets, and Robert Sheets by Betty and the Children and Grandchildren.

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

- Radio – December 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – December 6 (1 vase), 13 (1 vase), 20 (1 vase), and 27 (1 large poinsettia \$35 each) (\$20 per vase) It is the responsibility of the sponsor to take their flowers following worship.
- Communion Bread & Wine – December 13, 20, 27 (\$12)
- Bulletins – December 13 & 27
- Eternal Flame – December 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$10)

Please contact Sue ([swineholt@comcast.net](mailto:swineholt@comcast.net) or 717-637-5941) in the church office to reserve your special date.

**THANK YOU TO** the Reverend Faye Snyder for leading us in worship today.

**ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held Sunday, December 13, 2020 in the sanctuary following the 9:30 am worship service. The meeting is to elect new council members, vote on the proposed budget for 2021, and to review the 2019-2020 annual reports. Please see your December/January Evangel for more details.

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** "And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." – **Mark 13:37**

Advent calls us to pay attention and to look for signs of Christ in the world. As we enter a new season of the church year, we continue to give thanks and show gratitude. Pay attention. Look around. Opportunities to be a blessing to others abound!

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**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES** will be videotaped and shared on St. Paul's website, [www.stpaulsyorkst.org](http://www.stpaulsyorkst.org). We invite you to make this a time of your Advent devotional life as we prepare for the Christ who comes to us at Christmas as Emmanuel - God with us!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available at the pulpit and lectern entrances to the sanctuary in both regular and large print.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ARE PLANNED** and are ever changing with health restrictions and recommendations. Watch for further announcements.

**CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS** – We are partnering with New Hope Ministries to provide gifts again this Christmas season. There is a table on display, at the pulpit entrance to the sanctuary, with place cards. Each place card has the name of a gift needed. Please choose a place card, purchase the item, and place the unwrapped gift in the box provided by Sunday, December 6. The gifts will be taken to New Hope on Monday, December 7. Thank you!

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Hospitalized: Betty Markle

New Additions to the Prayer List: family and friends of Bob Jones and William Creek, Lynda Craig

Names to be included on the prayer list should be given to Janet Haack ([jmhaack@comcast.net](mailto:jmhaack@comcast.net) or 717-633-1365). As is always the case, if you have need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Bob directly or through the church office.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Closed Friday December 4, 2020  
(Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily for lunch)

(The church office is open by appointment only. Please call before you come. Only one person, other than staff, is allowed in the office at a time.)

<b>SUN., NOVEMBER 29</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
<b>MON., NOVEMBER 30</b>	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>WED., DECEMBER 2</b>		Midweek Advent Worship (online)
	7:00 pm	All Committee Night
<b>THURS., DECEMBER 3</b>	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>SAT., DECEMBER 5</b>	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry
<b>SUN., DECEMBER 6</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class