



Second Sunday of Advent

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

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Announcements

* Advent Candle Lighting

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (stanza 2)



- 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!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

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: 85:1–2, 8–13 (*read responsively*)

¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**11 Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

12The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

13Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. 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**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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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 40:1-11
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from 2 Peter 3:8-15a
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

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

Pastor Burkhart

*** Song**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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* **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* **Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends with these words:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers: C: Amen.

Offertory

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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Bell Choir

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

* **Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

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 6 ft. distance in the aisle. 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. **Please remain fully masked when receiving your bread and wine. Proceed to the cup disposal area and consume both elements at that location.** 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**

* Stand if you are able

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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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 by St. Paul's.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of our daughter Ali's 35th birthday by Brian and Cindy Selby.

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THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE are sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of our mother Misty McClain's birthday today by Bridget and Justin.

THE BULLETINS are sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of our daughter Misty McClain's birthday today by Mom and Dad.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the Glory of God with thanks to those who are cleaning and sanitizing the church while we are without a sexton.

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

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

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

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.

IN PLACE OF POINSETTIAS THIS YEAR, you may make a donation in any amount to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory or honor of someone. There is a form on page 27 of your Evangel.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES will be videotaped and shared on St. Paul's website, 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!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available on tables in the hallway by the lounge. The tables are spread out and labeled to make finding yours quick and easy. I tried to band together envelopes for the same household or family. If you can take envelopes for family or neighbors that aren't able to get out, please do so and see that they get them.

DECEMER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. Please see page 7 of your Evangel for details.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *“A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” – Isaiah 40:3*

2020 has certainly upended our worship and community life. Christmas will be much different from what we've known. As faithful stewards, we prepare to welcome Jesus, even if circumstances are not what we expect or desire. Remember: God is faithful, and Christ is with us.

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

SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER! For Christmas our food distribution ministry would like to give extra food to our neighbors because children will be home from school. There will be a box to collect donations outside of the sanctuary. Please see page 10 of your Evangel for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Hospitalized: Betty Markle

New Additions to the Prayer List: Dan Dusman, Dave, Brian Groft, Bunk, Beth Fissel

Names to be included on the prayer list should be given to Janet Haack (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.

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.

	<u>December 6</u>	<u>December 13</u>
Assisting Minister:	Betty Sheets	Russ Kaltreider
Ushers:	Team 2	Team 2
Offering Deposit Team:	Cindy Schmidt Peg Sennett	Laura Silver Nancy Smith

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

(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.)

SUN., DECEMBER 6	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
MON., DECEMBER 7	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Mid-Week Service Recording
WED., DECEMBER 9	Midweek	Advent Worship (online)
	7:00 pm	Church Council
THURS., DECEMBER 10	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
SAT., DECEMBER 12	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry
SUN., DECEMBER 13	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service followed by Congregational Meeting
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class