



# Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 20, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

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

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## Announcements

### Installation of Council Members

#### \* Advent Candle Lighting

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (stanza 4)



- 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: Luke 1:46b–55 (read responsively)

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness <sup>|</sup> of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in <sup>|</sup> God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your <sup>|</sup> lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will <sup>|</sup> call me blessed;**

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great <sup>|</sup> things for me,

and holy <sup>|</sup> is your name.

<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on <sup>|</sup> those who fear you,**  
**from generation to <sup>|</sup> generation. R**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength <sup>|</sup> with your arm;  
and scattered the proud in <sup>|</sup> their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry | with good things,  
and sent the rich | away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup>the promise made | to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. 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**

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*  
(verses 1-4)

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\* **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

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

**First Reading:**

L: A reading from 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

L: A reading from Romans 16:25-27  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38

**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**

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*  
(verses 5-7)

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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**

*“An Angel Came from Heaven”*

Walker

Children’s 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**

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\* Stand if you are able

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far - and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

**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 by Ron and Joan Witman in honor of their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of Evangeline Feeser's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday today by her family.

**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** are sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of Jocelyn's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday by Bap, Nana, and Sissy.

**THE BULLETINS** are sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of our parents Pauline & Elmer Witman and Dr. Edwin R & Helen Danner by Joan & Ron Witman and family.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of our parents Pauline & Elmer Witman and Dr. Edwin R & Helen Danner by Joan & Ron Witman and family.

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

- Radio – Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – Dec. 27 (1 large poinsettia \$35), Jan. 17 & 24 (2 vases each) It is the responsibility of the sponsor to take their flowers following worship.
- Communion Bread & Wine – Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$12)
- Bulletins – Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame – Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$10)

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

**JOIN US FOR MID-WEEK WORSHIP ONLINE AND CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ONLINE OR OUTDOORS AT 9:00 PM.** Please dress for the weather and bring lawn chairs for our outdoor Christmas Eve Worship service.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on tables in the hallway by the lounge. 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.

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** *"For nothing will be impossible with God."* **Luke 1:37**  
This Sunday we celebrate Mary's faithfulness and willingness to do God's will. This brave young woman hears the angel's words and believes. As a faithful steward, what possibilities do you see for our community and congregation?

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**NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST:** Sharon Pritchett, Roland Germuth, Steve Mason

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). If you have need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Bob directly or through the church office.

**OUR SNOW POLICY** follows Hanover Public School District. If they are closed or have early dismissal, the office and activities at St. Paul's are cancelled.

**CONFIRMATION:** The confirmation class meets Sunday from 10:30 until 11:30. Lucille Farrington leads the class but **needs an additional adult helper**. More than one member can share in this ministry. If you can volunteer, please contact Lucille Farrington at 717-630-8810.

	<u>December 20</u>	<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 27</u>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Betty Sheets	Russ Kaltreider	Betty Sheets
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 2	Teams 2 & 3	Team 2
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Wayne Butler Frank Hueske	Dave Maus Tom Miller	Janet Haack Cindy Schmidt



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This page can also be found on our website by clicking "Give".

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED December 24 through January 3. We will reopen Monday, January 4. May you have a blessed Christmas!**

<b>SUN., DECEMBER 20</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
<b>WED., DECEMBER 23</b>		Midweek Advent Worship (online)
<b>THURS., DECEMBER 24</b>	9:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service (outdoors) Online worship will be posted on our website
<b>FRI., DECEMBER 25</b>		Merry Christmas
<b>SAT., DECEMBER 26</b>	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry
<b>SUN., DECEMBER 27</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class