

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DEC 5, 2021

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

**We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.**

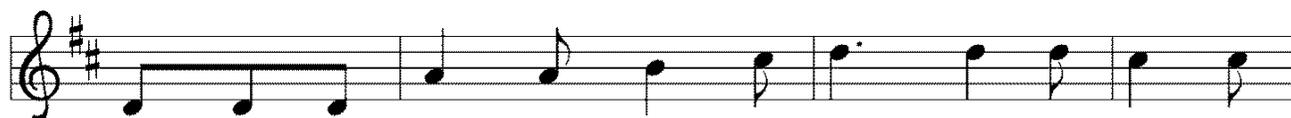
Amen.

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✝ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 248

People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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***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.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

(Please be seated)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wreath,
kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be light shining in the darkness.
Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

As the second candle is lit, please join in singing: ELW 240 (vs 2)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 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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+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.
Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,

you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, ⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

SECOND READING: *Philippians 1:3-11*

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL*Luke 3:1-6****P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the third chapter.**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

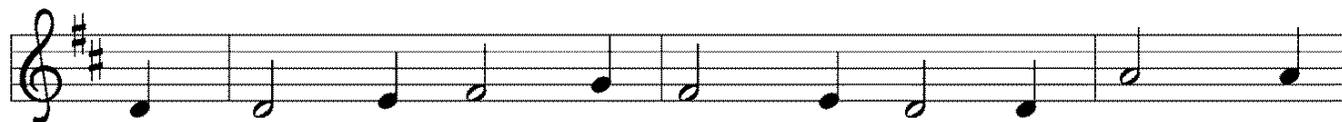
CHILDREN’S TIME**SERMON****Pastor Rachel Scheible**

(please stand, as you are able)

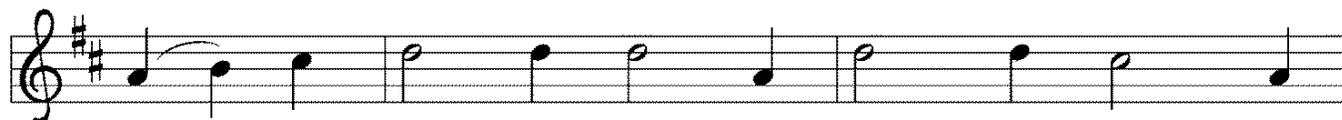
***HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW 249

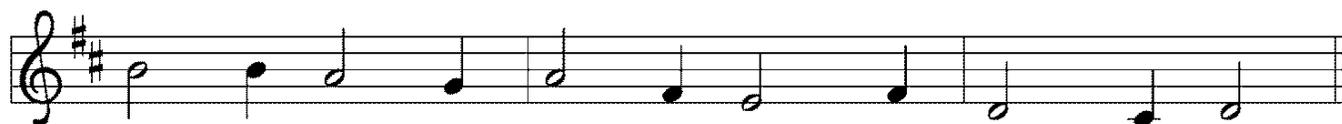
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(for Advent)*

I believe in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God – the source of all light and life.

I believe that God sent Jesus Christ, as the Word Incarnate, into this World so that all might be bathed in his light and know the true source of life. On the witness of the disciples, I believe that Jesus was crucified, died and was buried – then brought back to life that we might also have new life in him.

I believe the Word of God still speaks today to those who have ears and hearts to listen.

I believe, with the power of the Holy Spirit, that my life can be a witness to God’s living presence and grace. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: Hear us, O God.)

C: Your mercy is great.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘Peace be with you’.

Please be seated as we finish singing

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

+ GATHERING AROUND GOD'S TABLE+

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

Place your offering in the plate as you enter or exit.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Come by Here



- 1 Come by here, Lord, come by here; come by here, Lord, come by here;
- 2 Some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;
- 3 Send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here; send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here;



come by here, Lord, come by here.
 some-one needs you, Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.
 send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here.

Text: traditional
 Music: KUM BA YAH, traditional

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us say the prayer our Lord taught us.

***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**

P: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. The worship leaders will distribute the individually prepared communion as you remain seated. Gluten-free wafers available on request.

(Please be seated)

Music Voluntary

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray:

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

+ **SENDING** +

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

ELW 275

Angels, from the Realms of Glory



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon-der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er-more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Nov's Income: \$11,826 Average Attendance: 43

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our son, Kevin, on his birthday by Bill and Cyndi Kline and in memory of Gene Forenuff by Gary Pysher.

Bulletin Covers are dedicated to the Glory of God for the health of this congregation by Sonya Baxter.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve this week 12/5

Alan S. – Assisting Minister

Taylor J. – Psalm Reader

The Klines – Ushers

Devine/Pysher – Counters

Kathy D.– Altar

Scheduled to serve next week 12/12

Kathy D. – Assisting Minister

Lydia Y. – Psalm Reader

Alan S./Alan D. - Ushers

Chrisensen/Joshi - Counters

Kathy D.– Altar

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Joe Monte

Frank Taddie

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Jean Brown

Cassie Leon

Albert Brogan

Gary Kline

Phil Atwood

Janet Pisano

Jackie Dewitt

Emma Schwab

Dennis Matarese

Bob McKeighan

Irene Muir

Meg Pysher

Linda Taddie

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Dec., please call the office.)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Bea Henriques, Diane Kuhn, Phil Atwood, Ruth Dukes, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, Dec 6	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Wed, Dec 8	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm – AA (Hall)
Thu, Dec 9	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Fri, Dec 10	7:30pm – AA (Mtg Rm)
Sat, Dec 11	10:00am – AA (Hall) 11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Dec 12	10:15am – Worship (Hall) 11:30am - Sunday School 1:00pm - Confirmation

Announcements and Upcoming Events

DEADLINE for bringing in CAADC gifts will be **Tuesday, December 7**

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Today, **Sunday, Dec 5** after service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – **Dec 12th** - Plan to stay after church for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30** as we finesse our Christmas Story program preparations.

POINSETTIAS – Poinsettia orders are due back **Dec 12th**. See insert in bulletin. Help decorate for Christmas.

COUNCIL MEETING – **Dec 14th** at **7:00pm**.

COFFEE HOUR – **Dec 19th** following service will be provided by the Finance & Stewardship Committees.

December 19th Sunday morning worship will be a morning you don't want to miss. The youth of the church will be presenting the Nativity story through drama, speech and music. Refreshments will follow. Please come and celebrate the children.

December 24th Christmas Eve worship services will include candle lighting, Holy Communion and special choral and string music to lead our praises.

December 26th Sunday worship with Traditional Lessons and Carols. We hear of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. All told in Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, and interspersed with the singing of Christmas hymns and anthems.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers. Please see flower chart is located on the bulletin board in Social Hall. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office.

BULLETIN FOLDERS –We have beautiful, colorful bulletin folders every Sunday. The bulletin folders are only \$7.00. Sign up with dedication in front hallway. See chart for open dates.



***FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES***

3:30 PM –COMMUNION SERVICE (FB LIVE)

7:00 PM –COMMUNION SERVICE (ZOOM)

***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
LESSONS AND CAROLS***

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED.

It is that time again, when we donate Christmas gifts to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County. Also, we have been contacted by Fair Acres to help sponsor residents that have no family to buy them presents. We will be sponsoring 5 residents.

Starting Sunday, November 14, you will see a Christmas tree in the Social Hall with ornaments on it.

Some of the ornaments will have specifics for items to purchase for the Fair Acre residents (clothing, sizes, etc.). Monetary gifts will also be accepted to buy gifts for the residents. If you decide to provide gifts for the residents, please take an ornament off the tree and attach that ornament to the **UNWRAPPED** present and return it under the tree by **Wednesday, December 1**, so they can be delivered to the agency by Friday, December 5. All monetary gifts should be handed to Bill/Cyndi Kline or left in the church office.

Other ornaments will have a present on it for toys, puzzles, games, socks (boys or girls – any sizes), underwear (boys or girls – any sizes), books, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. New clothing for any age can also be donated. All gifts can be for any age, including adults, and for male or female. Please return the **NEW - UNWRAPPED** gifts for CAADC and leave it under the Christmas tree. The ornaments do not have to be attached to the gifts. You can buy whatever you want and as many as you want. **DEADLINE for bringing in CAADC gifts will be Tuesday, December 7**, so they can be delivered to the agency by Friday, December 10.

Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate. Also remember to keep the CAADC families in your prayers.

Thank you, Cyndi Kline





- **We will wear masks.**
- **Attendance is being taken as you enter. If you are a non-member/visitor please give us your contact info.**
- **Please maintain 6 feet of social distancing.**
- **Hand sanitizer is provided.**
- **No shaking of hands during the Sharing of the Peace.** 
- **Please call the office to add someone to the prayer list.**
- **Please call the office to sponsor bulletin covers.**



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