

November 28, 2021

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation Norwood, PA ~ Phone: 610.586.5860 www.immanuelnorwood.org

The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

Please pick up your communion card and Fellowship cup on the way into the Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

PRELUDE (Prayerful time for reflection.)

^Mission Statement:

C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. (Kneeling as able.)

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. **Amen.**

^OPENING HYMN

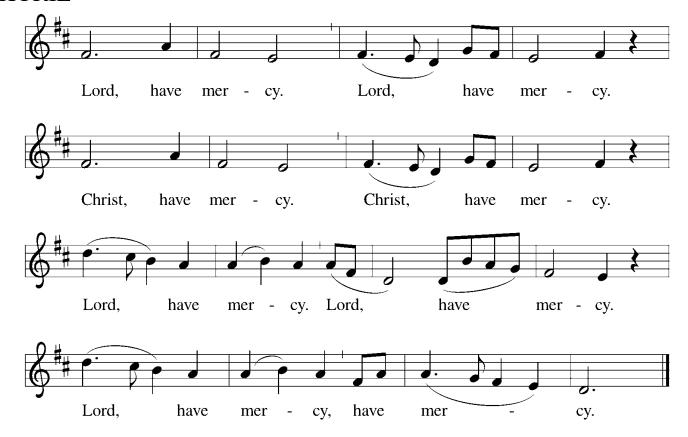
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life: Thanks be to God

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (vs. 1)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 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. shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly them home-ward. your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King Lift of glo - ry. shin - ing! He com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be

PSALM 25:1-10 (Read responsively)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up-right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

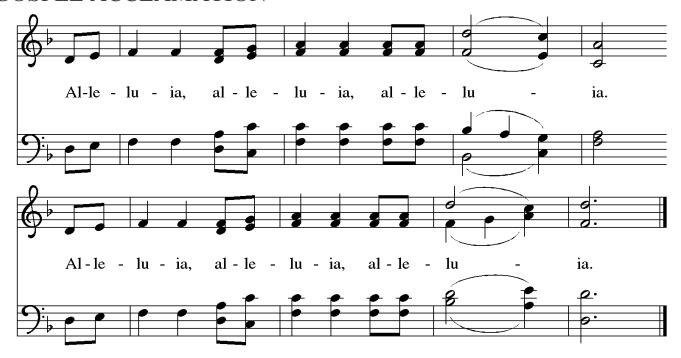
Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God, word of life: Thanks be to God

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21st Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this

generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

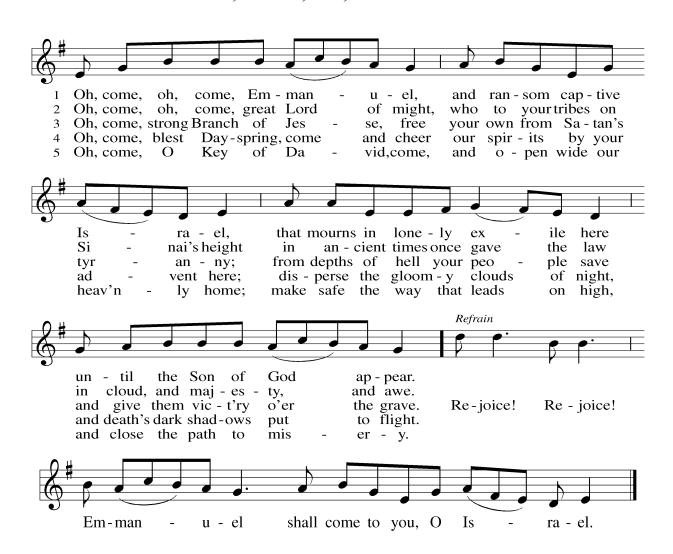
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON Pastor Scott Lee

^HYMN

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel"



^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 (Kneeling as able.)

Response: "Hear our prayer."

^PEACE

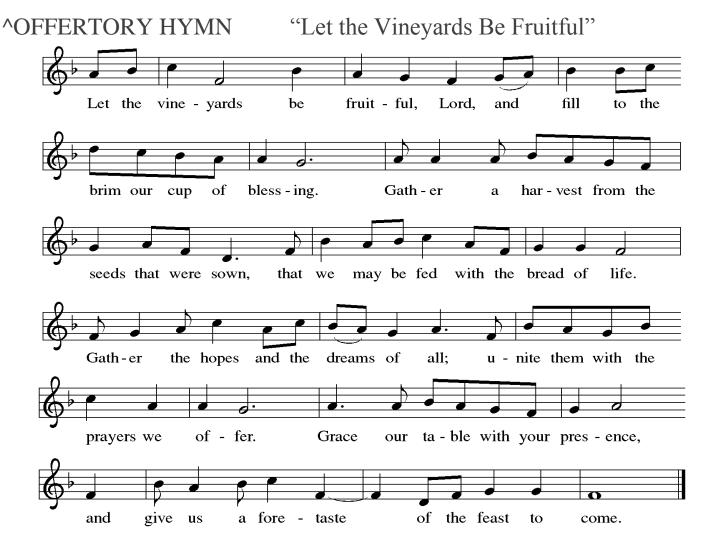
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace.

OFFERING

We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who don't feel comfortable passing the plates during Covid, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.



OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

^GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

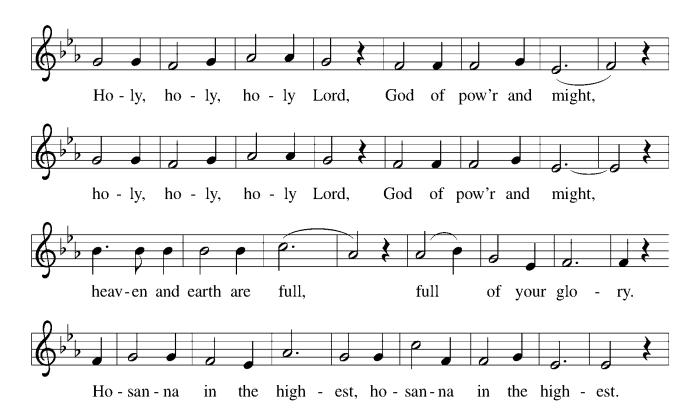
P: Lift up your hearts.

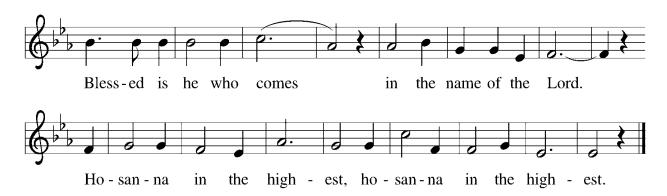
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

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





WORDS OF INSTITUTION In the night he was betrayed.....

^LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

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: God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen

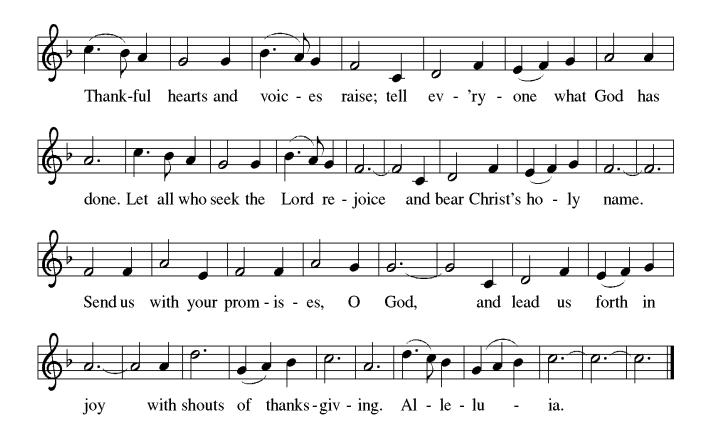
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. Please pick up your communion card and "Fellowship Cup", an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when entering the sanctuary. The pastor says "The Body of Christ given for you." and the assistant minister says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." Open the top protective film to uncover the "body" (an unleavened wafer), place in your mouth then open the 2nd protective film to uncover the "blood" (100% grape juice) and drink. Please dispose of your cup in the receptacle provided when leaving the sanctuary. Sign the communion card and place it in the offering plate.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

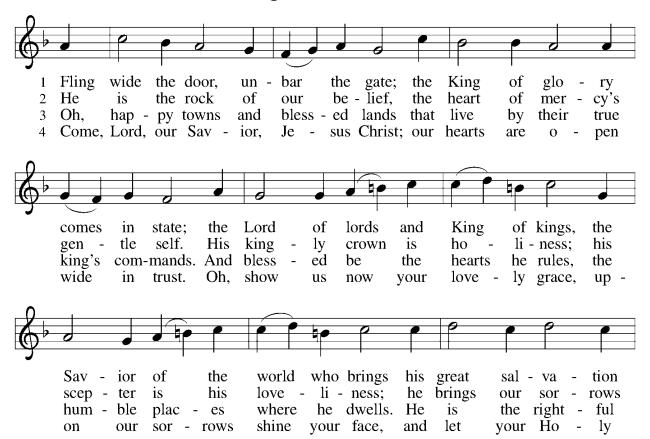
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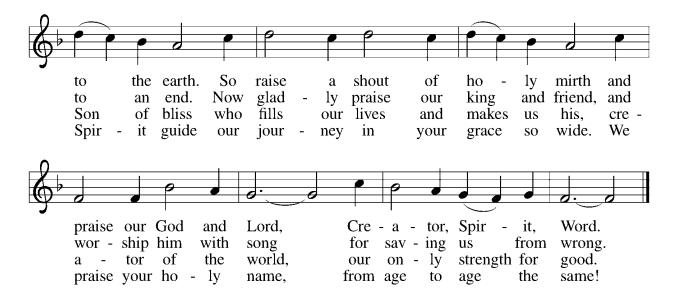
^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

^HYMN





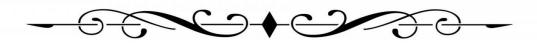


^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Frank & Peg Martinsen in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

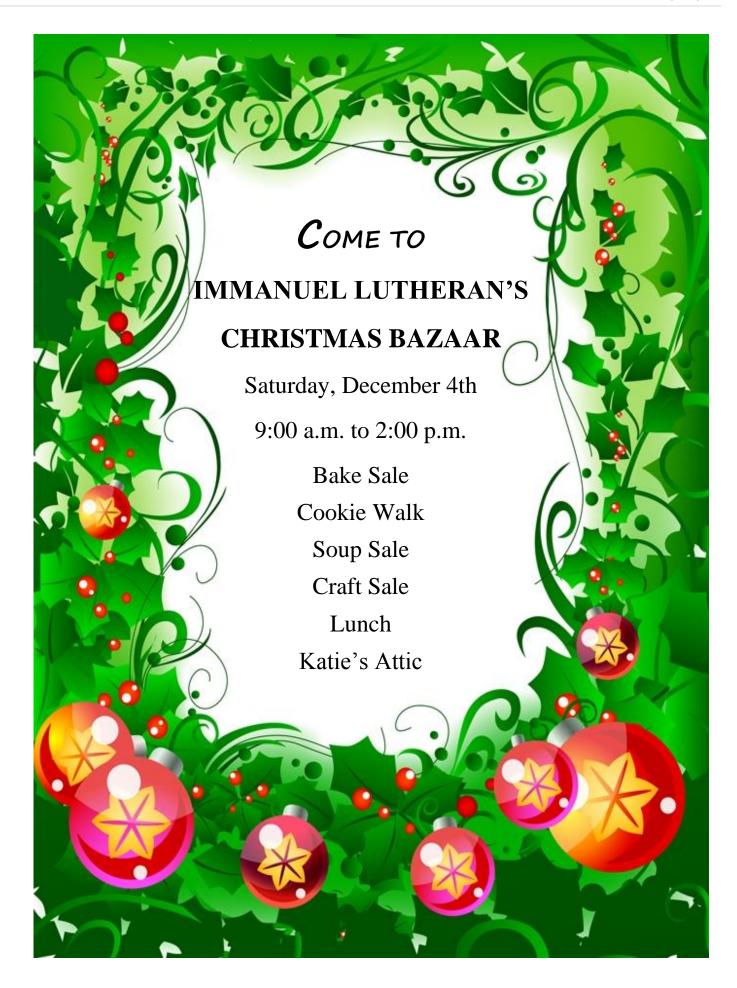
SUNDAY	Education Hour	10:00 AM
	Choir Practice	12:00 PM
MONDAY	Meditation Monday (Zoom)	9:00 AM
	Bereavement Group	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 PM
	Bazaar Set-up	6:00 PM
FRIDAY	Bazaar Set-up	6:00 PM
SATURDAY	Christmas Bazaar	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
	Manger Set-up	2:30 PM

It is required that everyone (vaccinated and non-vaccinated) to wear a

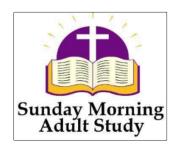


mask when entering the building for Sunday service. This includes the time while gathered in the Hospitality Area for fellowship prior to service and while seated in the sanctuary for church service."

Please help us pay back our PPP Loan! On September 26th we voted to take a 5 year loan to repay the amount that was not forgiven under the PPP program. That new monthly bill is \$302./month. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to do *incrementally*, to help our church to pay this back. Just make a note on your donations that they are for the PPP loan. **Thank you, Your Resource Committee**



Adult Bible Study - Sunday Mornings at 10:00am in the choir room. This is a DVD presentation on "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" with discussion following. You can join any Sunday you are available. Please join us! If you have any questions, see Jeanne Warner or Joyce Morrison.





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As a **Reconciling in Christ congregation**, Immanuel Lutheran Church,



Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual

orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

Christmas Poinsettias! Please see one of the Altar Guild members following Sunday service beginning November 14th through Sunday, December 5th. The cost per Poinsettia plant is \$8.00 each.

The **Advent Coin Folder** will be available at church Sunday mornings. The offering received through the Advent Coin folder is used during the winter months to help defray the cost of our heating oil. Please be faithful in your giving. The Advent coin folder may be returned anytime during the Advent season. Your generosity and faithful giving is truly appreciated.



Acme and ShopRite Gift Cards! They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. Our church receives 5% of the

value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church! Contact Alex Narcavage for details.

Social Ministry will again be making beautiful cemetery sprays and cones for your loved ones. Look for details and the order forms in the back of the church.



Important Dates – Please join us!

Dec. 19th **Christmas Music Celebration** 11:00 AM Service Dec. 24th Candlelight Service 8:00 PM Service Dec. 26th Lessons & Carols 11:00 AM Service



Chance to help! We will be putting up our manger scene on the front lawn and setting up our Christmas tree on Saturday December 4th starting at 2:30PM after the Christmas Bazaar wraps up at 2PM. Many hands will make it go well!! Please consider helping us out as we decorate our church for the blessing of

Christmas!! Any questions please contact Karl McClellan (Cell) 610-761-4804 or email: <u>krmcfamily@aol.com</u>) Look for future communications on when the decorations come down for another chance to help. Tentatively the Manger "take-down" is planned for Sat. January 8th starting at 9:00AM.

All 2021 offerings must be received by January 2nd, 2022.

In the event of **Severe Weather** please call the church office at 610.586.5860 for a recorded announcement on the status of Sunday morning services. Closing announcement will be made no later than 6:30 AM to ensure ample time to plan your morning.

All committee chairpersons and leaders are asked to have their **Annual** Reports in no later than December 31st.