



**December 2, 2018**

**Visitation Minister:** Rev. Robert Zorn

**“First Sunday of Advent”**

Isaiah 2:1-4

Matthew 1:18-25

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## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of God's Forgiveness

**Anthem**

We Believe

M.Funderburk

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

What is This Lovely Fragrance?

Wood

Doxology #592 (blue)

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* **Song**

White As Snow

White as snow, white as snow;  
Though my sins were as scarlet,  
Lord, I know; Lord, I know;  
That I'm clean and forgiven.  
Through the power of Your blood,  
Through the wonder of Your love,  
Through faith in you I know that I can be...  
White as snow. (Repeat All)

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### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-4

Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon**

First Sunday of Advent

\***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,**

whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

Distribution of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

\* **Hymn #2** (blue)                      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**                      Spirit of the Living God

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;*

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

**Postlude**

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Blake

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\* *If comfortably able, please stand.*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Anthem & Introit:** Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

**Liturgist:** Alex Garner

**Next Week:** Doug Garner

**Acolyte for the Month:** Baily Cullen

**Worship Elder:** Lonnie Griffith

**Next Week:** Susan Ferguson

**Advent Candle Lighting:** Scott and Carole Auker

**Next Week:** Cullen family

**Children's Chat:** Joan Loewen

**Next Week:** Leah Riden

**Children's Church:** Communion, no Jr. church

**Ushers:** Lonnie Griffith (lead usher), Ray Wilde, Jeffrey  
Glendye, Maryann Haines, Paul Olbrich, Jack Wilson

**Preaching:** Rev. Robert Zorn

**Next Week:** Children's Program

**Infants/Preschool:** Pam Pecht

**Next Week:** Kate Pecht

**Deacon for the Month:** Janie Welshans

**Counters:** Jack Wilson and Maryann Haines

**Next Week:** Lisa Snyder and John Gregory

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME!** If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers. Childcare through age 4 is available throughout the service.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Bruce and Barbara Nielsen in loving memory of Barbara's parents, Paul and Melissa Lehman.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON HELP NEEDED:** Our Christmas Day luncheon for our friends and community will be held from 11:30-1:00 on Christmas Day. There are many ways that you can help. We will need help with set up/clean up, preparing food, donating cookies and serving at the luncheon. Please contact Bill Sisson or Joy Kaufmann for more information.

**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL: "The First Christmas, A Musical"**

The Children's Choir is proud to present, "The First Christmas," on **Sunday, December 9, 2018**. We are heading to Pap Pap and Grammy's house for some family time and a reminder of the real reason for Christmas. The Christmas Musical will be performed during the church service at 10:30 AM, followed by a reception with hot chocolate and cookies. We look forward to having you join us for this celebration of baby Jesus' birth!

**COOKIES ARE NEEDED** for the reception following the Children's Musical next Sunday. If you can help, please contact Ruth Fisher.

**ORGAN RECITAL:** The Music Committee will host our bi-annual Advent Organ Recital on **Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 PM** in the church sanctuary. Seasonal selections will be performed by local organists. Organists participating are: Joan Loewen, Beth Myers, Richard Hamler, John Haubrick, Joyce Ann Hutchinson, Patty Loudenslager, Terri Limes and Ellen Miller. Refreshments will be served after the concert in the Baraca Room. Please plan to join us for this event that will fill you with the spirit of the season.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS FOR YOU:** The church has available two Advent devotionals that you can use. A hard-copy devotional, "**God Lifts the Lowly,**" includes a daily scripture passage, a brief commentary on the passage and suggested ways you can apply the passage in your life. To get a free copy of *God Lifts the Lowly*, please call the church office at 717-248-4561 or email [lewispres@comcast.net](mailto:lewispres@comcast.net). You can also pick up a hard copy in the church narthex. You can find an online daily devotional at "**D365.org.**" This website, done in partnership with the Presbyterian Church (USA), also offers a Bible passage, short commentary and ways you can apply the scripture. You can read daily devotionals on this website during Advent and any other time of the year. You can also download this website as an app from the App Store and Google Play. If you want to share any comments about an Advent daily devotional, please post your comments on the church's "LPC Friends" Facebook page.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There will be a meeting of the congregation following the worship service on December 16 to elect officers. Please make plans to attend.

**WHAT IS YOUR CHRISTMAS STORY?** As we near Christmas, we would like to learn about your story of the most memorable Christmas that you have experienced. What is the most meaningful Christmas you have had in your life? Please share your Christmas story by mailing it to the church, emailing it to [lewispres@comcast.net](mailto:lewispres@comcast.net) or posting it on the church's "LPC Friends" Facebook page. We would love to read your story of Christmas. We would also like to share Christmas stories with other church members by including stories in the worship bulletin on December 23. Please send your stories by December 17. Thank you.

### **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

- **Youth Group:** *Please note, there will not be youth group tonight.*
- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. **They are beginning an Advent Study entitled, "When God Comes Down" by James A. Harnish.** In its introduction, he states, "In this study, we will meet some of the people who witnessed the miracle of the Incarnation – God becoming flesh in Jesus." These people include: Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary, and the Innkeeper. "Expect that as their stories become our story, we can also become witnesses to the light that the darkness has never been able to overcome." Everyone is very welcome to join us for this scripture-based five-week study. ~Pat Brown
- **Tuesday Evening Study** meets in the youth room on the third floor at 6:30 PM. Their study is, **"The Daniel Dilemma: How to Stand Firm and Love Well in a Culture of Compromise."** All are welcome!
- **Thursday Morning Study Group** meets in the church parlor at 6:30 AM. They are doing a study by Max Lucado entitled, **"Unshakable Hope."** There are things that seem unsteady in this life, but when we belong to God it allows us to filter our problems through the promises of God. Come and learn how to stand on the declarations of our mighty and loving God.

### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 11/25/18**

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 156,023.16
Received	\$ 2,433.00	YTD Received:	\$ 149,103.65

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **Isaiah 2:1-4**

**2:1** This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: **2** In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. **3** Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **4** He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

### **Matthew 1:18-25**

**18** This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19** Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

**20** But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

**22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **23** "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

**24** When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. **25** But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December 2 – December 9, 2018

### **SUNDAY, December 2** Communion

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

### **MONDAY, December 3**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church parlor

### **TUESDAY, December 4**

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – youth room

### **WEDNESDAY, December 5**

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, December 6**

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – parlor
- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office
- 7:00 PM Committee Night

### **SATURDAY, December 8**

- 10:00 AM Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, December 9** Children's Musical

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:00 AM Children's Choir
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Children's Program Reception
- 3:00 PM Organ Recital
- 6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

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A number of **12 Step Groups** meet in the church building throughout the week. If you or someone you know is interested, call the church office or check the listing at the Third Street church entrance for a list of meeting times. Monday nights, the **Joy Seekers Women's Bible Study** meet at 6:00 pm in the church parlor and the **Boy Scouts** meet at 7:00 pm on the third floor.