

**The First Sunday in Advent**  
November 27, 2011  
Liturgy of Word and Sacrament  
LBW, Setting I

\*Indicates please stand                      \*\*Indicates hymn requested by worshipper

**Welcome**

Joys & Concerns  
Prayer  
Prelude: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"                      A.D. Miller

**Gathering Into the Body of Christ**

\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness                      LBW page 56  
\*Entrance Hymn: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"                      LBW #31

**Audible Word**

\*Apostolic Greeting                      page 57  
\*Kyrie                      page 57  
\*Hymn of Praise: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" (verse 1)                      LBW #34  
\*Prayer of the Day: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**  
Anthem: "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"                      T. Shaw  
First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9  
                    Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19 [sung responsively]                      Psalm Tone #3 page 291  
Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Gospel Acclamation: "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain"                      Canticle 7  
\*The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37  
Sermon

**Response to the Word**

\*Hymn of the Day: "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"                      WOV #633  
\*Nicene Creed                      page 64  
\*Prayers of the Church  
\*The Sharing of Our Lord's Peace  
Receiving of the Offering  
Organ Offertory: "Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes Awaits"                      Bach  
Offertory Song: "Create in Me"                      page 75  
\*Presentation of the Offering  
\*Dedication of Pascal Candle (at the baptismal fount)

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift;

you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children and to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

**The people: Accept this Paschal Candle which we offer in thanksgiving; may it be to us a sign of Christ, the Light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Bring us at length to your perfect kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**The people: Amen**

\*The Offertory Prayer: "Blessed are You" (from the altar)                      page 68

**Visible Word – The Holy Communion**

\*The Great Thanksgiving                      page 68  
\*The Proper Preface for the season of Advent  
\*The Sanctus                      page 69  
\*The Eucharistic Prayer                      # 32, page 69  
\*The Lord's Prayer [*traditional*]                      page 71  
\*The Agnus Dei                      page 72

Distribution of Holy Communion:

[Hymns sung during communion: LBW #27, #32, #33]

\*Post Communion Blessing  
\*Post Communion Canticle: "Listen You Nations of the World"                      Canticle 14  
\*Post Communion Prayer

**Departure into the World**

\*Benediction  
\*Sending Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"                      \*\*LBW #320  
\*Dismissal  
                    AM: In the Spirit that is Holy, go in peace and serve your Lord.  
**The people: Thanks be to God.**  
Postlude: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"                      Walther

The communion bread and wine are presented to the Glory of God by Trent & Jan Cowart.

The altar flower arrangement is presented in loving memory of Loretta Dell by Barb Muggio & family.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY, 11/27/2011

Greeters.....	Josh & Diane Crue
Acolyte.....	Cameron Ditzler
Assisting Minister.....	Wayne Burgess
Lector.....	Dave Seitz
Offering Ushers.....	Edgar Davis, Bev Reindollar, Bill Ream, Diane Crue
Communion Assistant.....	Barb Robbins
Communion Usher.....	Bev Reindollar
Nursery.....	Teresa Shreve, Brittney Nelson
Social Time.....	Lois Goodling
Offering Depositors.....	Bill Ream, Diane Crue
Counters.....	Bob McCullough, Laverne Gladfelter

### WORSHIP NOTES

We continue to use both the WOV and the LBW for our hymns, thereby enriching the volume of hymns available to us AND better insuring strong correspondence between the scripture text of the day and the hymn texts of the day. Whether we are using the LBW or WOV, **every Sunday is a liturgy of Word & Sacrament here at Zion.** All who are baptized and trust Jesus Christ to be present in the Holy Eucharist are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Equally so, if on any Sunday you choose not to come forward for Holy Communion, you are welcome to worship with us.

**In worship today we dedicate our new Paschal Candle – it is an anonymous gift given in memory of a loved one.** The church uses the Paschal Candle to help us remember the light of Christ that has come into the world, the light the darkness cannot overcome. It is one of the great strengths of the liturgical church that we use rich visual images to help us remember who God is for us, to what the life into which God invites us at great cost to God's very own self, and to light our path in the darkness of sin, death, and the devil. Several years ago we received our first wax Paschal Candle; and now, lit in certain seasons of the year (Easter) each Sunday, lit at baptisms, and at funerals, it has diminished. It in a sense has died. We need not be in terror about death for we are the community and the communion which proclaims "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed." As we use our new Paschal Candle in the years ahead it too will diminish, but as we hope it will be for us, communally and individually, our Paschal Candle will let its light so shine that many will see it, remember the Lord Jesus Christ, and glory his Father in heaven. And what a wonderful time to dedicate this candle – the first Sunday in Advent when the church longs not for the hustle bustle of the "world's christmas season" but for Christ coming again to judge the living and the dead and to inaugurate the new reign of God will there be no more tears, no more suffering, no more crying, but the thousands upon thousands gathered round the Lamb worship Him and praising His Father in truth and beauty and grace.

## INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

- ❖ We offer **Social Time**, coffee and light refreshments, immediately after worship in the Upstairs Fellowship area.
- ❖ **Restrooms** are located in the hallway near to the sanctuary and leading out of the Upstairs Social Hall.
- ❖ We offer a **Nursery** for children 5 and under – you can read more about our nursery further along in this bulletin.
- ❖ We also have **two rockers in the back of the sanctuary for parents** (and grandparents and family members and friends) **who want to calm little ones even as they remain in worship.** Please feel free to use these rockers as you need.
- ❖ We hope you find us gracious and welcoming on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❖ If you are interested in exploring Zion as your potential church home and want to have offering envelopes as a means of having a record for tax purposes of your giving here at Zion, we want you to know: **formal membership is NOT a requirement for having offering envelopes.** Simply indicate your interest to Pastor or call the office and leave a message if you have questions about envelopes or want them.
- ❖ We also want you to know the path to **formal membership** should you be desirous of becoming a formal member. Simply **indicate your interest to Pastor Ed, the Council President Bill Ream, or call the office.** Pastor will meet with you to answer any questions you may have and to provide you with a brief orientation to information that is important for you to have as you step forward to membership.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away, There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

R: The Word of the Lord.....**The people: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18**

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock:\*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
2. **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,\*  
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**
3. Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
4. **O Lord | God of hosts,\*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?**
5. You have fed them with the | bread of tears;\*  
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
6. **You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,\*  
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**
7. Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
16. **Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,\*  
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.**
17. And so will we never turn a- | way from you;\*  
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
18. **Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance and we | shall be saved.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.....**The people: Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel of Mark 13:24-37**

**The people: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when

you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, not the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Recently Ill:**

**Congregational Prayer List:** Arlene Bailey, Mary Ellen Roser Bailey, Steve Bortner, Gene Gaeckler, Helen Geiman, Jeff Krout, Camilla Messersmith, Janice Smith, Margaret Stabler.

**Community Prayer List:** Jennifer Aikens, Lloyd Allen, Lacy Allison, Betty Awe, Daryl & Judy Baer, Ralph Baer, Steve Baker, A.J. Bobby, Beverly Boyer, Lester Brodbeck, David Burdge, Alene Bush, Carolyn Campbell, Ellen Christian, Marcella Cooper, Claude Deford, Shane Dotson, Lillian Duncan, Nancy Farmer, Ben Goldstein, Melissa Goodling, Richard Groft, Sharon Harris, Betty Hauck, A. Emma Heinecke, Pam Henry, Pearla Henry, Tom Hildebrand Sr., Madison Hill, Craig Humphrey, Art Innerst, Barbara Johnson, Lois Judd, Annabella Jury, Karen Jury, Brian Keefer, Burnell King, Charlotte Klinedinst, Beverly Kocis, Janice Krout, Stella Kurtz, Jianna Lathko, Cody Leiphart, Dan Lewis, Maxine Ling, Katherine Litz, Vince Marino, Mary Miller, Norma Jean Mitchell, Steve Molchan, Sandy Moser, Michelle Mundis, Mike Mundis, Faye Musselman, Bill Myers, Lisa Marie Osterritter, Darlene Parkinson, Carol Ann Parsons, Lofawn Richardson, Henry Runion, Sue Scheungarb, Steve Shearer, Jessie Sheets, Phil Spies, Tara Staub, Bill Summer, Nancy Tritinger, Linda Wagner, Elne Weikel, Bonni Whitman, Glenn Whorl, Betty Wilhelm, Loretta Wilt, Erin Zoao, Genie Zonay, Laura, John and family.

**Military & Foreign Service Prayer List:** Benjamin Brown, Emily Brown, Anthony Brunner, Barry Buss, Jake Buss, Katie Buss, Brandon Davis, Jeff Davis Jr., Sean Fager, Jacob Feinour, Andy Good, Travis Landis, Philip Lantz, Jared Kerchner, Kristi McCullough King, Christiaan Miller, Andrea Papa, Jared Rudacille, Jen Stiffler, Josh Trout, Sara Warner.

## OUR NURSERY

**We invite all children**, including preschoolers, to worship, AND we offer a nursery to families of preschoolers. Our nursery is designed for children of kindergarten age and younger. The nursery, located in the education wing of our building, is readily accessible from the sanctuary. Depart the sanctuary to the Upstairs Social Hall, walk across that space and take the hallway on the far side. The nursery is the 4<sup>th</sup> door back, past the office equipment work room, the Administrative Assistant's Office, and the Pastor's Study.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Meeting this week:** Audit Committee, Wednesday 7:15 PM

**Tonight youth group**, grades 2-12, will meet **beginning at 5:30PM**. A dinner will be provided and activities will end at 7:00PM.

Our next scheduled work night in the basement will be **Wednesday, November 30, beginning at 5:30 PM**. We have painting to finish in a variety of places, carpet cleaning still needs to happen upstairs, some drywall needs to be hung, and there are also some carpentry projects that need to be completed. As mentioned in previous bulletins, **if you or someone you know has skills that can be helpful in moving the restoration of the basement forward, please be in contact with Bill Ream at 873-4821 or the church office at 235-3276**.

**Additionally, plans are being made to prep and wax the basement floor starting on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. A group of 5-6 people is needed to prep the floor. A few people will be needed to apply the solution for cleaning, then a few people will be using floor cleaning machines to scrub the floor, and then a few more people are needed to use shop vacs to remove the liquid from the floor. What we are trying to determine is whether people are available Friday or if Saturday morning would work better for those willing to help? If you are willing to help, please fill out the insert in today's bulletin concerning the times you are available. This will help determine when the work will be completed.

**Our response to the Holiday Share Program is active – most all of the items requested by the children of the family for whom we are providing Christmas presents were removed from the tree this past Sunday**. All that remains on the tree are a couple of the "wish list" items. We have placed on the tree for any who want to give to a child clothing items – our **Round 2 clothing item requests are out on the tree**. When, or if, all of these Round 2 clothing items are removed from the tree, we will place a Round 3 of clothing item requests.

As you make decision regarding this year's Holiday Share invitation **please remember the content of the letter** from Barbara Simon at Southern Community Services reads in part thus: "We are asking that you dress each

child from the inside out, sizes are provided. Each child has a wish list from which you may choose. Gift cards for food and / or gasoline for the family are greatly appreciated. If you wish to help the family with their energy costs, you may make a check payable to Southern Community Services, which will be put into the energy and fuel fund. We ask that gifts not be wrapped, but you may provide wrapping paper, ribbon, etc. This gives the parents some participation, but if you still wish to wrap you may. **Please mark each gift with the girl / boy, initial and age**. We are asking that all gifts be returned to Southern Community Services office by December 19<sup>th</sup>."

**Pastor Ed is very willing to deliver gifts to Southern Community Services**. If you want Pastor to deliver your gifts please **place them in the Archives Room**. Of course if you want to deliver your gifts and the gifts of others, feel free – the Southern Community Services Office is located on Main Street in Shrewsbury, in the site of the Shrewsbury bank building located at 44 South Main Street.

**You will find our Holiday Tree with gift items in the Upstairs Social Hall on the "Sign Up Table."**

**We are invited to give generously to our Advent Season 2011 World Hunger Campaign**. An envelope is included in your bulletin to give encouragement and opportunity to provide for the needs of others. Over the course of the next several Sundays we will provide various encouragements to generous giving in regard to our annual World Hunger campaign.

**Concerning My Neighbors Kitchen Dinner Ministry, the time has come to reactivate – Tuesday December 6, 5:30 PM!!** We will gather to prepare at 4 PM, do the set ups, etc.; serve at 5:30 PM, and clean up afterwards. The menu is chili, Italian bread, some sort of fruit salad, hot beverage, cold drink, and cookies for dessert.

**As we look ahead** into the next several weeks we also remind you, **Congregational Meeting on Sunday December 11** immediately after worship. **Our primary agenda item will be decision in regard to the council recommended 2012 Mission Support budget**. Included in your bulletin this week is a summary of the budget by category. Our recommended budget for 2012 is lower than that for 2011, primarily as a result of compensation changes for our pastor and our music director. There are areas of increase: we anticipate significant upward pressure in regard to our utilities; there are anticipated increases in insurance built in at 5%; and we have increased by \$800 the budget line for the triennial youth gathering as no longer is there a venue in Glen Rock (the street fair) by which our teens could raise money for the triennial youth gathering. On the whole our various ministry committees have held the ground at very low level changes upward or none. We will publish the "line by line" budget recommendations in the December-January newsletter that you will receive in early December. There will also be **a flood recovery update** as an agenda item for the meeting.

**And we have on Sunday December 13 two Christmas related events:** (1) our **Blue Christmas Liturgy**, designed with a more somber tone for those who may have particular griefs not typically acknowledged in the joyous tone of the Christmas Season, at **1:30 PM** and (2) our **Christmas in the Barn** event at **3 PM**. You can read more about both events in our next Herald publication.

**As we look to the congregational meeting, you will find full copies of our recommended 2012 Mission Budget located on the “Sign Up Table” in the Upstairs Social Hall.** If you want a copy of the full budget and there are none on the table when you seek a copy, call the office and we will arrange for you to have a full copy.

**We invite you this week to identify a joy for prayer and / or a need for prayer** using our Prayer Bowl Notation included in this bulletin. Complete the Notation while at worship today and place it in the offering plate or take it home with you, and return it to the office or to next Sunday’s offering plate.

**An invitation from Pastor Ed:** I welcome invitations to stop by your home or your work to say “hello.” And I welcome visits to my office. Feel free to give me a call, on my cell phone at 724-272-2683 or my home phone at 717-757-9166 (3805 Silver Spur Drive, York, PA.), or at the office. If you have an emergency and you want my presence &/or prayers, contact me at my phone numbers **WHENEVER** you need.

**Stewardship Thought for This Week:** “The Dead Sea is the dead sea because it continually receives and never gives.” —Anonymous

### OUR LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD

**You are invited** to attend the **annual meeting of The Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services, Shrewsbury Chapter, on Saturday, December 3, 2011, in the Gathering Room at Zimmerman Place, beginning at 1:30 p.m.** Donations of dishtowels and small Chinet bowls and plates are requested. Please take these items to the meeting or give them to Kay Hoffman on Sunday, December 4.

### PERSONNEL here at ZION

Pastor Ed.....Cell # 724-272-2683.....Home # 717-757-9166  
Pastor Ed’s e-mail: [pastored@nfdc.net](mailto:pastored@nfdc.net)  
Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant  
David Nicholson, Music Director  
Delores Hickman, Custodian  
Chad Fisher, Sexton.....235-3641  
Bill Ream, Council President.....873-4821  
Richard Harden, Council Vice President

**Pastor Ed’s Schedule:** Monday 9AM – 9PM; Tuesday 9AM – 8PM; Wednesday 8AM – 9PM; Thursday 9AM – 105 PM; Friday 9AM – 5 PM; Saturday 8:30AM – 4PM

**Brenda’s Office Schedule:** Monday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

### ZION’S SCHEDULE for THIS WEEK

#### Today 11/27, The First Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 AM Social Time  
10:25 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Confirmation Class  
5:30-7:00 PM Youth Group (grades 2-12)

#### Monday 11/28

8:00 PM AA

#### Wednesday 11/30

12 Noon Glen Rock Ministerium (Trinity UCC)  
5:30 PM Work Detail in the basement  
7:15 PM Audit Committee

#### Thursday 12/01

6:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Bell Quartet Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Synod Council (Harrisburg)  
7:15 PM Gethsemane Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday 12/03

9:00 AM Synod Council (Harrisburg)

### ZION’S SCHEDULE for NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday 12/4, The Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 AM Social Time  
10:25 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Confirmation Class

#### Monday 12/5

8:00 AM Samaritans  
1:00 PM LAMPa Personnel Committee (Harrisburg)  
7:30 PM AA

#### Tuesday 12/6

5:30 PM My Neighbor’s Kitchen Dinner

#### Thursday 12/08

9:00 AM LAMPa Policy Council (Harrisburg)  
6:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Bell Quartet Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Synod Council (Harrisburg)  
7:15 PM Gethsemane Choir Rehearsal



**Summary of Council Recommended 2012 Mission Support Budget**

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Category by Name</b>	<b>Budget Totals</b>
016-71-00-	Christian Education	\$2,106.00
016-74-00-	In Reach - Out Reach	\$550.00
016-76-00-	Fellowship Consultation	\$880.00
016-60-00-	Property - Utilities	\$17,520.00
016-61-00-	Property - Other	\$19,286.55
016-73-00-	Social Ministry	\$375.00
016-75-00-	Stewardship & Finance	\$580.00
016-70-00-	Worship & Music	\$6,185.00
016-72-00-	Youth Committee	\$2,500.00
016-55-00-	Clerical Accounts	\$5,050.00
016-53-00-	Employee Compensation	\$44,536.96
016-50-00-	Pastor's Salary	\$39,312.60
016-51-00-	Other Pastoral Expenses	\$17,343.92
016-77-00-	Synod Assembly	\$550.00
<b>Total Budget Amount</b>		<b>\$156,776.03</b>

Benevolence 5% of regular giving