

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2011

Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

LBW, Setting I

*Indicates please stand

**Indicates hymn requested by worshipper

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

Children's Time with Pastor

Good Shepherd Choir: "Shine, Advent Candle, Shine!"

J. Schafferman

Prayer

Prelude: "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

Boehm

Gathering Into the Body of Christ

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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*Entrance Hymn: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

LBW #26

Audible Word

*Apostolic Greeting

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*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" (verse 2)

LBW #34

*Prayer of the Day: **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Anthem: "Waiting"

T. Keesecker

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Psalms: 85:1-2, 8-13 [sung responsively]

Psalms Tone #3 page 291

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel Acclamation: "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Canticle 7

*The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Response to the Word

*Hymn of the Day: "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"

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*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

*The Sharing of Our Lord's Peace

Receiving of the Offering

Handbell Offertory: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. C. Maggs

Offertory Song: "Create in Me"

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*Presentation of the Offering

*The Offertory Prayer: "Merciful Father"

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Visible Word – The Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving

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*The Proper Preface for the season of Advent

*The Sanctus

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*The Eucharistic Prayer

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*The Lord's Prayer [traditional]

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*The Agnus Dei

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Distribution of Holy Communion:

[Hymns sung during communion: LBW #30, #36, #222]

*Post Communion Blessing

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

*Post Communion Prayer

Departure into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn: "Hark, the Glad Sound!"

LBW #35

*Dismissal

AM: In the Spirit that is Holy, go in peace and serve your Lord.

The people: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Broughton

The communion bread and wine are presented to the Glory of God by Mark & Amy Leitzinger.

The altar flower arrangement is presented to the Glory of God by Trent & Jan Cowart.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY, 12/04/2011

Greeters.....Jamie Mimna, Chad Burrows

Acolyte.....Kelsey McCullough

Assisting Minister.....Linda Beegle

Lector.....Richard Shiles

Offering Ushers.....Barb Robbins, Laverne Gladfelter,

Richard Harden, Carrie Miller

Communion Assistant.....Renate Shiles

Communion Usher.....Barb Robbins

Nursery.....Wayne & Becki McCullough

Social Time.....Becki McCullough

Offering Depositors.....Richard Harden, Carrie Miller

Counters.....Roger & Evie Roser

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.

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 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall

become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

- (1) You have been gracious to your | land, O Lord;*
you have restored the good for - | tune of Jacob.
- (2) **You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people*
and blotted out | all their sins.**
- (8) I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn
their | hearts to him.
- (9) **Truly, his salvation is very near to | those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell | in our land.**
- (10) Mercy and truth have | met together;*
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
- (11) **Truth shall spring up | from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**
- (12) The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,*
and our land will | yield its increase.
- (13) **Righteousness shall | go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway | for his feet.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all

these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire?

But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

The people: Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently III: Smokey Stover, Wayne Rock

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 4th door back, past the office equipment work room, the Administrative Assistant's Office, and the Pastor's Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting this week: My Neighbor's Kitchen Ministry Dinner, Tuesday 5:30 PM, Youth Group, grades 2-12, Friday at 5:30 PM.

Contribution envelopes for 2012 are available on a table in the Upstairs Fellowship Area. Remember, you are not defined by the contribution number assigned to you. Therefore, be aware that many contribution numbers have changed for the upcoming year. It is necessary to update the recording system every few years to keep things organized. Please be assured that your contributions, past, present, and future, are being recorded and maintained accurately. A year end statement of contributions for 2011 will be sent to you in the first portion of the new year. If you ever have questions concerning your contributions to Zion, please do not hesitate to be in touch with Brenda or Pastor Ed in the office at 235-3276.

Additionally, if you have not received contribution envelopes in the past, but wish to receive a box starting in 2012, please contact Brenda or Pastor Ed in the office. It is not too late to get you a box of envelopes.

Some people make contributions to Zion, but prefer not to receive envelopes and that is fine. Those people who make contributions, but do not have envelopes are assigned a different type of contribution number indicating that they do not have envelopes. Their contributions are recorded in the same

manner as everyone else's, as long as a name has been indicated on an envelope or check.

Please also be reminded that voting member of Zion are to be confirmed members, who during the current or preceding year, shall have communed in this congregation and **shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.**

A Note from Christian Education Committee: Children and families who wish to contribute to an ECLA Good Gift during the month of December may **bring their donation to the Children's Sunday School room** (library) each Sunday during advent. Possible items we might fund include chicks, pigs and other livestock, water jugs, water purification tablets, textbooks, or health care. A catalogue with more information will be available on the sign up table in the fellowship hall. The children will get to vote on the last Sunday before Christmas.

We are seeking your help for a second family in need this holiday season. Southern Communities Services has put out a plea for some additional assistance in regard to the Holiday Share program—the number of families requesting assistance for the holiday is greater than the number of donor sponsorships that have been established to date. I am asking you to assist with a second family.

We have done a dynamite job in responding to the requests for our first family. Just as we were about to put out a “Round 3” offering in regard to clothing gifts the need at Southern Communities became apparent. **As it was with our first family, we are requesting the same procedure with the second family: PLEASE take tags from the Christmas Tree in the Archives Room so we know what is being provided.** This procedure allows us to better insure that at least any clothing “gaps” can be filled.

Our second family consists of a mother and 2 children, a girl age 15 and a boy age 12. Requests for the Girl 15 include: parents size 12 ladies, shirt Medium, Underwear size 7, socks size 9-11, dress size 12; and on the wish list an AT&T prepaid phone card, makeup, and pajamas (size not specified). Requests for the boy age 12 include: pants 32 X 30, shirt size XL, underwear 32, socks size 9-11; and on the wish list an AT&T prepaid phone card, a Gamestop gift card, and a bicycle. If you decide to purchase clothing items or even wish list items before pulling the tag from the Christmas Tree, PLEASE call the office so we can pull the tag (and thereby keep current as to what is being provided and what is not). Tag each gift for the girl: Girl / E Family #2 Zion. Tag each gift for the boy: Boy/N Family #2 Zion.

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. If you are willing to assist, please let Pastor know.

Youth Group, grades 2-12, will meet Friday, December 9 at 5:30 PM. A meal will be provided. Ending time is 7:00 PM.

Please Remember our Congregational Meeting next Sunday, December 11, immediately after worship. **Our primary agenda item will be decision in regard to the council recommended 2012 Mission Support budget.** When your “Herald” arrives it will contain a complete copy of the recommended 2012 budget. 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.

Our next scheduled work day in the basement will be **Saturday December 10, beginning at 8:00 AM.** We still have painting to finish in a variety of places, carpet cleaning needs to happen upstairs, and there are also some carpentry projects that need to be completed. **Additionally, the first steps of cleaning and prepping the basement floor will happen.** 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. Please be in touch with the office at 235-3276 or Bill Ream at 873-4821 to say you can and will help.

Next Sunday, December 11, we offer 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.

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

PERSONNEL here at ZION

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Pastor Ed's e-mail: 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 - Wednesday 9AM – 9PM; Thursday & Friday 9AM – 5 PM

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

ZION'S SCHEDULE for THIS WEEK

Today 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
2-6 PM Girl Scouts
30 Hour Famine Planning (See Bill Ream for more details)

Monday 12/5

8:00 AM Samaritans
1:00 PM LAMPa Personnel Committee (Harrisburg)
6:30-7:30 PM Daisy Girl Scouts
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

Friday 12/09

5:30 PM Youth Group, grades 2-12

Saturday 12/10

8:00 AM Work Time in Basement

ZION'S SCHEDULE for NEXT WEEK

Sunday 12/11, The Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament
Congregational Meeting immediately following worship
Social Time to follow the Meeting
10:25 AM Sunday School
Confirmation Class contingent upon length of meeting
1:30 PM Blue Christmas Liturgy
3:00 PM Christmas in the Barn

Monday 12/12

8:00 AM Samaritans
1:00 PM LAMPa Personnel Committee (Harrisburg)
6:30 PM AA dinner followed by 7:30 PM Meeting
6:30-7:30 PM Daisy Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Council

Tuesday 12/13

9:00 AM South York Conference (St. John, New Freedom)
7:30 PM Women's Club of Glen Rock

Wednesday 12/14

9:15 AM Good Shepherd Day Care

Thursday 12/15

12 Noon Men's Fellowship Group
6:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Bell Quartet Rehearsal
7:15 PM Gethsemane Choir Rehearsal

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Greeters.....Mike & Lisa Miller
Acolyte.....Maddie Gillespie
Assisting Minister.....Wayne Burgess
Lector.....Clay Beegle
Offering Ushers.....Kay Hoffman, Dave Seitz,
Richard Harden, Carrie Miller
Communion Assistant.....Richard Shiles
Communion Usher.....Dave Seitz
Nursery.....Dae & Stacy Guess
Social Time.....Jan Cowart
Offering Depositors.....Richard Harden, Carrie Miller
Counters.....Bev Reindollar, Gloria Ream

SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR SUNDAY 12/11/11

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
I Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

FINANCIAL Information for YOU

In this bulletin is the weekly snapshot of our contributions and other income used to support ministry. Ministry happens because gifts of time, ability and money are given. If you have questions regarding the financial information we present please contact Pastor or a council officer or member.