

The Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 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
Prayer
Prelude: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" R. Haan

Gathering Into the Body of Christ

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW page 56
*Entrance Hymn: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LBW #25

Audible Word

*Apostolic Greeting page 57
*Kyrie page 57
*Hymn of Praise: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" (verse 3) LBW #34
*Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Anthem: "The Promise of Advent" D. Besig
First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Psalms: 126 [sung responsively] Psalm Tone #3 page 291

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

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

*The Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28
Sermon

Response to the Word

*Hymn of the Day: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!" LBW #37
(sung to "Merton" hymn #735)

*Nicene Creed page 64

*Prayers of the Church

*The Sharing of Our Lord's Peace

Receiving of the Offering

Organ Offertory: "Advent Interlude I" Hamill

Offertory Song: "Create in Me" page 75

*Presentation of the Offering

*The Offertory Prayer: "Blessed are You" 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 #22, #198, #203]

*Post Communion Blessing

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

*Post Communion Prayer

Departure into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" WOV #649

*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 Wayne & Madaline Burgess.

The altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of my wife, Mary Decker, and Mr. & Mrs. John Decker by Robert Decker & Family

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY, 12/11/2011

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

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 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise

instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

Psalm 126

1. When the Lord restored the for - | tunes of Zion,*
then were we like | those who dream.
2. **Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,*
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
3. Then they said a - | mong the nations,*
“The Lord has done great | things for them”
4. **The Lord has done great | things for us,*
and we are | glad indeed.**
5. Restore our for - | tunes, O Lord,*
like the watercourses | of the Negev.
6. **Those who | sowed with tears*
will reap with | songs of joy.**
7. Those who go out weeping, carry - | ing the seed,*
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 19-28

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently III: Marion Nicholson, Donna Laughman

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

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, Wayne Rock, 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: Council Monday at 7:00pm, Men's Group Thursday at 8:30am

Today is our Congregational Meeting immediately following worship service. Our primary agenda item will be decision in regard to the council recommended 2012 Mission Support 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. There will also be **a flood recovery update** as an agenda item for the meeting.

Also today, we will 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**.

Please note a correction to the December calendar for the youth of Zion: The Christmas party for youth in grades 2-12 will be held on Thursday, **December 22** beginning at 6:30pm, not on December 15th, as indicated on the December calendar in the Herald. The youth group, grades 2-12, will also be meeting on Sunday, December 18 beginning 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. 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.**

And as we consider offering envelopes we also encourage you to remember that to sustain your formal membership at Zion for voting purposes you must have communed during the current or preceding year, **AND you 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.

As it was with our first family, so has it been with our second family. Almost every gift request tag placed on our Christmas Tree has vanished into the care of folks here at Zion. **So on this Sunday you will find on our tree Round Two tags for our Second Family.**

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.

Your council wants you to know who your council members are.

Therefore periodically we will print in the bulletin the council roster. Our current Congregational Council members, along with the committees they represent are:

Bill Ream, President (Social Ministry)
Richard Harden, Vice-President (Mutual Ministry)
Jeff Brown (Property)
Diane Crue (Christian Education)
Kelley Fisher (Youth)
Carrie Miller (Worship & Music)
Dar Whipperman (In Reach/Out Reach)

To Pastor Ed & Our Friends at Zion: Thanks for your cards, prayers, phone calls and your visits during the loss of our daughter and great granddaughter, Phoebe. Donna, Dylan and Ruth Shearer

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.

A Second Note from Pastor Ed: Your help is needed!!! Send me your e-mail address(es)! In the days immediately prior to our computer changeover my then current computer hard drive crashed and burned, and although recovery of my Microsoft Outlook Express e-mail folders and address book has been professionally attempted, the attempt has been to no avail. So, if you have one an e-mail address, or two, or three, send it, or them, to me at pastored@nfdc.net I am working to re-build my address book.

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 9AM – 9 PM; Tuesday 9AM – 8 PM;
Wednesday 9AM – 9PM; Thursday 9AM – 5 PM, Friday 9AM – 5 PM

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

ZION'S SCHEDULE for THIS WEEK

Today 12/11, The Third 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

8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Group at Mason Dixon Restaurant

6:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Bell Quartet Rehearsal

7:15 PM Gethsemane Choir Rehearsal

ZION'S SCHEDULE for NEXT WEEK

Sunday 12/18, The Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

10:15 AM Social Time

10:25 AM Sunday School

10:35 AM Confirmation Class

2-6 PM Girl Scouts

5:30 PM Youth Group, grades 2-12

Monday 12/19

8:00 AM Samaritans

6:30-7:30 PM Daisy Girl Scouts

7:30 PM AA

Thursday 12/22

6:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Youth Christmas Party

6:30 PM Bell Quartet Rehearsal

7:15 PM Gethsemane Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 12/24

7:00 PM Prelude

7:30 PM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY, 12/18/2011

Greeters.....Jeff & Joy Keller-Brown

Acolyte.....Marianne Harden

Assisting Minister.....Jim Hoffman

Lector.....Jeff Brown

Offering Ushers.....Joy Keller-Brown, Daryl Wilhelm,

Richard Harden, Carrie Miller

Communion Assistant.....Sheree Sidler

Communion Usher.....Daryl Wilhelm

Nursery.....Edgar & Brenda Davis

Social Time.....Jan Cowart

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

Counters.....Dave & Shirley Seitz

SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR SUNDAY 12/18/11

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-3