

Service of Lessons & Carols
The First Sunday of Christmas
December 25, 2011

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: "Song of the Shepherd" L.N. Porter

*Entrance Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City" WOV# 643

*Dialog:

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The people: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

L: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

The people: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

The people: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

*Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you. **The people: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lessons & Carols:

First Reading: **Isaiah 9:2 -7** Dave Seitz
The Hymn: "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" WOV # 633

Second Reading: **Micah 5:2-5a** Brenda Davis
The Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **LBW# 41

Third Reading: **St. Luke 1:26-38** Kate Stabler
The Hymn: "What Child Is This" **LBW# 40

Fourth Reading: **St. Luke 2:8-16** Marilyn Cox
The Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" **LBW# 71

Fifth Reading: **St. Matthew 2:1-11** Diane Bortner
The Hymn: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" **WOV# 646

*Sixth Reading: **St. John 1:1-14** Pastor Ed Robbins
*The Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" **LBW # 70

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "Away in a Manger" WOV# 644

*Profession of Faith, in the words of the Nicene Creed LBW page 64

*Prayers of the Church

*The Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you. **The people: And also with you.**

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

Receiving of the Offering

Organ Offertory: "The Son of Mary" D. Branscombe

*Presentation of the Offering

*Offertory Hymn "Let Our Gladness Have No End" LBW# 57

*The Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray

L/The people: All that we possess is from your loving hand. We humbly beseech you to accept these gifts intended for the sustaining of ministry here at Zion and in the larger world. Give us grace that we will honor you with all that we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Lord's Prayer

*The Blessing of the People:

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

The people: Amen

*Sending Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **LBW# 60

*Dismissal

Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard On High" arr. H. Turner

The altar flower arrangement is presented to the glory of God and in honor of our children & grandchildren by Wayne & Madaline Burgess.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY, 12/25/2011

Greeters.....Tom & Pam Spangler

Acolyte.....Kelsey McCullough

Lectors.....Dave Seitz, Brenda Davis, Kate Stabler,
Marilyn Cox, Diane Bortner, Pastor Ed

Offering Ushers.....Edgar Davis, Kay Hoffman,
Richard Harden, Carrie Miller

Nursery.....Maggie Talucci, Emily Rankin

Social Time.....Pastor Ed & Barb Robbins

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

Counters.....Bob McCullough, Laverne Gladfelter

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Liturgy is a Liturgy of Lessons & Carols. This is a liturgy in which the Christmas story comes to you through several gospel witnesses. In response to the story you are invited to sing joyously and frequently throughout this liturgy. The first portion of today's liturgy for which your responses as the people of God is required is printed in the bulletin.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Typically, we include the scripture readings for each Sunday in our bulletin; however, on this Sunday because of the abundance of readings and their length we simply invite you to listen as the Word is presented to you.

We give thanks for the abundance of readers who will read in our midst this day. It is always good and right that the worshipping community and its people should share in the delivery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently Ill: Angie Wood, Barbara Burgess

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, 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, Donna Laughman, 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, Marion Nicholson, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We pray for you a strong and faithful new year to come. By worshipping this day you are ending the “old” year well and beginning the “new” year rightly. Blessings to you as 2012 emerges. Travel safely in this holiday weekend and give thanks to God for family and friends with whom you share life's journey.

Again this year, a wonderful abundance of Christmas presents was given by the people of Zion for our Holiday Share families. Thank you!

My Neighbor's Kitchen Ministry Dinner occurs Tuesday January 2 at 5:30 PM. The menu: baked ham, potato salad, bread, and dessert (to be determined) as well as coffee and a cold beverage. Come help, help set up, and/or serve, and/or clean up – again we will use all disposable products for plates and utensils, come eat, come converse!! If you are willing to assist it is helpful to Pastor if you tell him that you are willing to assist.

An invitation from Barb & Pastor Ed: We want YOU to come to our **Holiday Open House on Saturday January 8 from 3 PM until 6:00 PM at 3805 Silver Spur Drive, York, PA.** Our tree will be up, the trains will be running, and we will have a crock pot of ham barbecue on, holiday punch, chips and dip, cheese and crackers, and snack foods, and something for dessert, along with hot coffee and tea. Stop by, and play!!

A Note from Pastor Ed: I will be on vacation this week. Should you need pastoral care in the next several days call me on my cell phone (724-272-2683) – the cell phone will be with me and it will be turned on. If your need can be well addressed by phone conversation and prayer over the phone, well and good. If there is need for a pastor to be present to you I will make phone contact with the pastor who is providing coverage in my absence.

Our family travel plans are these. Barb is at home this morning saying goodbye to Mary Ann, Jeff, and Carter as they head off to Rochester, New York, for Christmas days with Jeff's family – they are leaving between 9 and 9:30 AM. After worship and social time today I will head home, Barb and I will pack our car, and head west for Christmas evening dinner with the Aikens, then breakfast with a cousin of mine on Monday, lunch with friends of 3 and ½ decades in “little” Washington PA, and travel to Morgantown W VA on Monday afternoon to visit with Barb's sister Terrie. Then on Thursday Barb, Terrie, and I travel to Pittsburgh for family visit in the late morning – early afternoon, and then a return drive to York. Toss the clothes into the washing machine, and on Friday morning pack the car again, the three of us, heading off to Vienna VA where we will watch Carter while the kids go out on Friday evening. We will stay in Vienna overnight on Friday, visit with Mary Ann, Jeff, and Carter on Saturday, and drive home to York late Saturday afternoon, early evening. Barb and I will be in church on Sunday, New Year's Day.

Stewardship Thought for This Week: “There can be no doubt that this possessive clinging to things is one of the most harmful habits in the [Christian] life. Because it is so natural, it is rarely recognized for the evil that it is. But its out-workings are tragic.” A. W. Tozer

From Our Synod

The **Auxilliary to Lutheran Social Services, Shrewsbury Chapter, thanks the members of the congregation for volunteering at and donations to our Villiage Fair in September.** We made a profit of \$1,428, plus supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Branch 31068 in the amount of \$375, for a total profit of \$1,803. **Thank you for all your support this past year.**

PERSONNEL here at ZION

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Pastor Ed's Schedule: Returns to Zion on Sunday, January 2
Brenda's Schedule: Brenda's office hours this coming week will be fluid. She will be checking for phone messages and emails each morning and accomplishing all that needs done, but she will not be in the office her typical 9am – 1 pm.

ZION'S SCHEDULE for THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, 12/25
 9:00 AM Service of Lessons & Carols
 10:10 AM Social Time
Monday, 12/26
 Office Closed
 6:30-7:30 PM Daisy Girl Scouts
 8:00 PM AA
Thursday, 12/29
 No Choir Rehearsals
Friday, 12/30
 4-9 PM Upstairs Fellowship Area Reserved (Brown)

ZION'S SCHEDULE for NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 1/1
 9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament
 10:10 AM Social Time
 10:25 AM Sunday school
Monday 1/2
 8:00 AM Samaritans
 6:30-7:30 PM Daisy GS
 8 PM AA
Tuesday, 1/3
 5:30 PM My Neighbor's Kitchen meal
Thursday 1/5
 6:30 PM Bell Choir
 7:15 PM Gethsemane Choir
Friday 1/6
 Winterfest, grades 9-12 (must be pre-registered)

