

Fairview Moravian Church



December 13, 2020

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

*May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul
and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Arr. Whitworth

Welcome and Announcements

Marshall Mathers

Call to Worship/Candle Lighting

Jesus, the Light of the World

Gwen and Bill Shields

Arr. Raney

Advent is a time to prepare.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time to prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time to prepare to share the joy of Christ.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time to embrace the promise of Christ.

Prepare for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Mathers

Liturgy: Advent, Page 49

Dick Joyce

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.

TUNE: ST. THEODULPH (151 G)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

Gracious Lord Jesus, you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence and your leadership. We have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

TUNE: TRURO

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in;
let new and nobler life begin;
the Holy Spirit guide us on,
until our glorious goal is won.

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

TUNE: REGENT SQUARE (585 D)

(ALL) Praise to you, O Lord, we render
for your love in Jesus shown;
may that love, so strong and tender,
bind us fast to him alone;

(CHOIR) now and ever,

(ALL) now and ever,
gather us among your own.

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Prayer of Dedication

Jerry Hailey

Anthem

The Coming of the Lord

Choplin

Kimberly Brendle, soloist

Lift up your heads, O gates, and make the highway straight, prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord. Your waiting soon will end, God's glory will descend, rise up and welcome in the coming of the Lord. Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord! Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord! The ancient words foretell, God with us, He will dwell, Christ, our Emmanuel, and all will see the glory of the Lord!

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O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. And then the deaf will hear, the blind will see Him clear, the mute will find their voice, the lame will leap for joy! Prepare the way of the coming of the Lord! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, our God, will come to us. Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

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Doxology

Children's Message

Kimberly Brendle

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Doris Bostian

Sermon

In the Light of God

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mr. Hailey

Hymn 267*On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

PUER NOBIS

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Benediction

Mr. Hailey

Postlude*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Arr. Balcombe

News of the Congregation

December 13, 2020

Reminders:

Jt. Board Meeting with Elders and Trustees to Follow-
Monday, December 14 at 7:00p.m. (FH)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today, 12/13 Oneita Dease, Herb Bluhm
Monday, 12/14 Gregory Cohoon, Marleigh Slaughter

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 12/8/20	\$7,077.00
Monthly Budget Needs	28,829.67
Monies Received Month to Date	<u>7,077.00</u>
Needed as of December 8	\$21,752.67

As you were told in the announcements last week, there will be an opportunity for you to come by the church to pick up a Lovefeast Packet, which will have a bun, a trimmed candle and an Ode in it. You will be able to use these to have a Lovefeast with your family on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day by watching our service that will be recorded on this evening.

Someone will be available in the drive through at the fellowship hall on Tuesday, December 22nd from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for you to pick up your Lovefeast Packet. Please call the church office no later than Tuesday, December 15th to let us know how many packets you will need to pick up on the 22nd.

If you are unable to drive and would like to have a packet delivered to you, please call Gwen Shields at 336-414-2115 and she will make arrangements to have them delivered to you. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message for her. You will need to call her no later than Tuesday, December 15th to make arrangements for your delivery. All of our Salem town residents will be receiving these packets, so there is no need for you to call Gwen.

Please remember to call the church office or Gwen Shields no later than December 15th so that we know how many to prepare for.

Address Change:

Betty Fulp
Vienna Village, Room 14W
6601 Yadkinville Rd.
Pfafftown, NC 27040

Lifting in Prayer

Our Church Family:

Tootie Barbour, Betty Bennett, Jody Brendle, Judy Byerly, Shirley Byerly, Nelson Cannon, Roger Carmichael, Oneita Dease, Betty Fulp, Vicki Gwyn, Annie Harrold, John Harrold, Gayle Heck, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Ann and David Marcus, Jill Mayer, Dot Moore, Tom Nicholson, Doris "DG" Noell, Bob Peek, Harry Sapp, Evelyn West.

Our Family and Friends:

Sarah Draughn (friend of Pam Tatum)
Shane Draughn (friend of Pam Tatum)
Diane Durham (friend of Pam Tatum)
Phyllis Hix (friend of Pam Tatum)

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the church office and let us know.

Pray for our Friends and Family Members in the Military:

Jordan Hailey (Navy – son of Jerry Hailey)
Daniel Millikan (Army – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan)
Jeremiah Millikan (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan)
Christian Nixon (Army National Guard-nephew of Candice & Rod Back)
Timothy Raiford (Navy – nephew of Judy & Jerry Byerly)
Eric Tise (Air Force- Korea – grandson of Lindsay)
Michael Timmons (Army National Guard – son of LuAnn and David Timmons)
Cameron Yokley (Marine Reservist – son of Robin & Bill)

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all the members of Fairview Moravian Church. Thank you for your support, calls, cards, and well wishes you extended to me this year. Your expressions of love meant so much to me. Merry Christmas and love to you all! Oneita Dease.