

Fairview Moravian Church

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

Luke 1:68

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Tony Hayworth

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Arr. Whitworth

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship/Candle Lighting

Cynthia Faircloth and Bill Wright

Love's Pure Light

Raney

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We witness the hostility between neighbors and nations.

Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness

Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Candle Lighting

This morning we light two candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that Christ came into our world to restore peace, and that only through trust in God's word and his promises can we find our own inner peace. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace who taught us that through simple acts of love and forgiveness peace is spread throughout the world.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we thank you for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that you quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that tells us that you are in control so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve as you would have us serve, and make us willing instruments of your peace. Amen.

Liturgy for Advent 2, page 54

Linda Mathers

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

We will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds in songs of joy.

Awake, awake, you people of God, put on your festive garments.

For God has already clothed us with the garments of salvation and has covered us with the robe of righteousness.

The Holy One has delivered us and has become our salvation.

All praise to you, eternal Lord,
 clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
 choosing a manger for your throne,
 while worlds on worlds are yours alone.
 All this for us your love has done;
 by this to you our love is won;
 for this we sing through all our days
 and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

We give thanks to you, eternal God, for the Word in human form given to us in the Child of Bethlehem.

The Word speaks to us in a way we cannot avoid:

Therefore, let us put aside the masks of pretended righteousness and confess our sins to God.

Gracious God, this Advent season stirs a longing to have Christ come alive within us, yet we allow ourselves to become enslaved to cynicism, selfishness, and greed. In a season for freely giving and receiving, we tend to live by debt and obligation. We rush from task to task, scarcely opening our eyes to the peace and beauty around us. We glory in the visions of the old man Zechariah in the temple, which were fulfilled in his wife, Elizabeth; but our ministry to the elderly in our midst falls short. We sing of One who was laid in a borrowed manger, but we ignore the poor and homeless among us. We decry the violence of a wicked king, yet we are too often silent in the face of abuse and injustice around us. For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray, gracious God.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to them and proclaim that they have suffered long enough, that their penalty is paid, and their sins are forgiven.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Christ Jesus gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own. Thanks be to God!

JUDGMENT (585 A)

Jesus came, adored by angels,
 came with peace from realms on high;
 Jesus came for our redemption,
 lowly came on earth to die:
 alleluia, alleluia!
 Came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy,
 when our hearts are bowed with care;
 Jesus comes again in answer
 to our earnest heartfelt prayer:
 alleluia, alleluia!
 Comes to save us from despair.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who lived among us as foretold by the prophets, who was descended from the royal line of David, and who was baptized in the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might.

He does not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he judges the poor and decides with equity for the meek of the earth.

We believe in the coming reign of God when justice will be established in the earth.

How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains who brings good news, the news of peace, who announces salvation, who says, "Your God reigns."

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

REJOICE (151 I)

Our Hope and Expectation,
O Jesus, now appear!
Arise, the sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we look, O Lord, to you
for all the earth's redemption,
creation made anew.

Christ, the Light of the world, empower us to shine as lights in this dark world of sin.

Christ, the Creative Word, by whom all things were made, lead us into good stewardship of creation that we and our children may preserve and enjoy the world entrusted to us.

Christ, the Living Truth, give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that sees beyond temporal values to discern your truth and to declare it.

Christ, our Righteous Judge, give us courage to stand by the poor, the meek, and the oppressed; and strengthen our support for all who are their advocates.

Christ, the Lamb of God, send us forth as your ambassadors of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world; bring peace to the conflicts of nations, races, and tribes.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that we might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. May our lives show forth that which we truly are. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

May the Lord make us increase in love for one another and for all.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to become more like Christ as we eagerly await his coming.

GERMANY (22 R)

We long for mighty signs of God,
cathedral, miracle, and sword,
His power and glory written plain
so none may doubt that he is Lord.

But poor in weakness comes the Christ;
His glory gone, no king we see;
a servant Lord, no praise he seeks.
Thus comes God's power to you and me.

Not in our own strength, Lord, we move;
Your kingdom falls not when we fall,
but forward presses day by day
until your truth is known by all.

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Thank you to the Rev. Hermann Weinlick who has granted permission for his hymn text to be used as part of this liturgy.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

The Coming of the Lord
Kimberly Brendle, soloist

Choplin

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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Children's Message

Kathy Davis

Reading of God's Word

Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Marshall Mathers

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 266

People in Darkness Are Looking for Light

ADVENT

People in darkness are looking for light.
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.
People with blindness are longing for sight.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.
These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of love.

People with sickness are praying for health
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.
People in poverty want to have wealth.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.
These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of hope.

People in trouble would like to be free.
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.
People with arguments want to agree.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.
These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of peace.

Sermon

Pardon Me, I'm Lost

Malachi 3:1-4

Pastor Tony

Hymn 264

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

FREU DICH SEHR (GENEVA)

"Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression's load.
To God's people now proclaim
that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance,
since the Kingdom now is here.
O, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

Benediction

Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads

Arr. Smith

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Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

News of the Congregation

December 5, 2021

Meeting Reminders:

Jt. Bd. Mtg. – Monday, December 13 at 7p.m. (FH)
WF Circle 3 Mtg. – Monday, December 20 at 7p.m. (FH)
WF Executive Bd. Mtg. – Monday, December 27 at 10:30a.m. (CR)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, 12/6 Barry King
Tuesday, 12/7 Jean Lunsford, Tammy Wright
Wednesday, 12/8 Corky Flowers
Thursday, 12/9 Frankie Stith

The Organ Fund has received a gift in honor of Marjorie Humbert's 96th birthday and in memory of Susan Crump from Judy and Jerry Byerly.

The General Fund has received a gift in memory of Susan Crump from Brenda and Jack Miller.

Worship Attendance: 72

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 11/28/21	\$2,130.00
Monthly Budget Needs	35,065.59
Monies Received Month to Date	<u>15,890.00</u>
Needed as of November 28	\$19,175.59

The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given in celebration of Kristen and Jerry Hailey's 4th wedding anniversary by Kristen and Jerry.

The Wreaths placed on the church doors are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Tony and the staff by the Women's Fellowship.

The 2022 Offering books are in the Parlor for you to pick up. Just a reminder that if you plan on making a contribution that you would like to get credit for in 2021, it must be turned in to the church office or postmarked by December 31st. Thank you!

The 2022 Church Directory will be printed in January. If you have any changes to your contact information you would like published, please send them to Patricia in the church office by December 31st.

Lifting in Prayer

Our Church Family:

David Barringer, Alice Bess, Doris Brame, Roger Carmichael, Bob Dalton, Anna Faircloth and her Mission Team, Danny Flowers, Riff Footland, John Harrold, Anne Hauser, Marjorie Humbert, Betty Johnson, Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Ann Carroll, Tom Nicholson, Doris "DG" Noell, Harry Sapp, Sandy Smith, Larry Sprinkle, Nancy Tomberlin, Diane Wright.

Our Family and Friends:

Shane Draughn (friend of Pam Tatum)
Mary Kay Forbes (mother of Sarah Faircloth)
Henry Mathers (brother of Marshall Mathers)
Cele Shaver (cousin to Pam Tatum)
Kathy Trull (friend of Pam Trull)
Bynum Wright (uncle to Cynthia and Bill)

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)
Christian Nixon (Army National Guard-nephew of Candice & Rod Back)
Eric Tise (Air Force-Italy – grandson of Lindsay)
Michael Timmons (Army National Guard – son of LuAnn and David Timmons)

Looking at What's Happening at Fairview in December...

Saturday, 11th at 9:00a.m. – Decorating the Sanctuary

Sunday, 12th at 12:00 p.m. – Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, 12th at 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Candlelight Lovefeast (Sanctuary), Band Prelude at 6:30

Friday 24th at 2:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast (Sanctuary), Band Prelude at 1:30

Friday 24th at 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast (Sanctuary), Band Prelude at 4:30

Monday, 27th Church Office Closed

Tuesday, 28th Church Office Closed

Friday, 31st Watchnight Service (more information to come)

