

Fairview Moravian Church



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Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom.

Isaiah 40:11

Prelude

He Shall Feed His Flock

Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Marshall Mathers

Call to Worship/Candle Lighting

Jesus, the Light of the World

Penny Ratermann
Arr. Raney

Advent is a time to watch.

We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to watch for hope in our despair.

We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to watch for grace and forgiveness.

We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to watch for peace in the midst of conflict.

We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to watch for the end of darkness.

We watch for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Mathers

Liturgy: Advent 2, Page 54

Sandy Smith

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.

TUNE: BRESLAU

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!

TUNE: 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.

TUNE: 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.

TUNE: 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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Prayer of Dedication

Mr. Mathers

Anthem

O Come to Us, Emmanuel

Martin

O come to us, Emmanuel, deliver us we pray. Lord, come to us, abide with us, restore our joy today. Lord, come walk beside us, come lead, teach and guide us. Shine in our shadows and show us the way. O come to us, Emmanuel, deliver us we pray. O come to us, Emmanuel, restore our joy today. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and ransom Israel.

O come to us, Emmanuel, and make us one in love. By your strong hand, Lord, heal our land with grace from above. Bring peace for our sorrows, hope for tomorrow. Shine in our shadows and bring a new day. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and ransom Israel. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

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Doxology

Children’s Message

Kathy Cooke

Reading of God’s Word

Mrs. Cooke

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a

Sermon

A Marquee Moment

Mark 8:1-8

Dick Joyce

Hymn

Lord, We Long for Words of Comfort

BEACH SPRING

Lord, we long for words of comfort, for a gentle, healing word —
that our suffering is ended, that our penalty is served.
For the sins of generations have compounded till our day;
God, the hope of all the nations, give us good news now, we pray!

Lord, we long for words of promise when we suffer for our sins,
when it seems that hate is endless, when it seems that trouble wins.
Can we see, in desert places, that there's hope for your new day?
Will we listen to a prophet showing us a better way?

May we look to John the Baptist, to the prophet you once sent,
for he calls us to be honest, and he calls us to repent.
May we turn our eyes to Jesus, to the one that John proclaimed.
May we see how love can heal us; may we trust in Jesus' name.

May we turn from what divides us, from the ways of hate and fear!
May your peace and justice guide us; may your love direct us here!
God, we pray that, in preparing, we'll find peace and challenge, too.
May we find a new direction as we wait to welcome you.

Biblical References: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8

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Benediction

Mr. Joyce

Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads

Arr. Smith

News of the Congregation

December 6, 2020

Reminders:

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday, 12-8	Corky Flowers
Monday, 12/9	Frankie Stith
Thursday, 12/12	Chip Butner
Friday, 12/13	Oneita Dease, Herb Bluhm
Saturday, 12/14	Gregory Scott, Marleigh Slaughter

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 11/29/20	\$2,362.00
Monthly Budget Needs	28,829.67
Monies Received Month to Date	<u>27,028.00</u>
Needed as of November 29	\$1,801.67

The poinsettias in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's birth! Given by the Women's Fellowship.

"And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save His people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through His Prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel which means, "God is with us." Matthew 1: 21-23

In an attempt to make Christmas feel somewhat "normal," Fairview will host a Fairview Family Lovefeast for church members and regular attenders on Sunday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. We are not publicizing this to the community at all because of our limited seating capacity. Reservations can be made **by calling the church office beginning Monday, December 7th through noon on Thursday, December 10th.**

For those of you who don't feel comfortable attending or are unable to attend, the service will be recorded and available to view on YouTube and Facebook on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

You will also receive another message in the next couple of weeks about being able to come by the church to pick up a Lovefeast packet, which will include a bun, a trimmed candle and a Lovefeast Ode. This will allow you to watch the recording of the service and have Lovefeast with your family. Please watch for more details about this coming soon. Remember, you must call the church office to reserve your space for the service on Dec. 13th. It will be limited to the first 60 people. Please be respectful of the request that it be for church members and regular attenders.

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)
Doug Grubbs (cousin to Bobby Bennett)
Phyllis Hix (friend of Pam Tatum)
Cele Shaver (cousin to Pam Tatum)
Luke Whittler (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.

The wreaths on the sanctuary doors were donated by Eddie Byerly.

The Fairview Congregation extends its condolences to Vicki Gwyn on the death of her daughter, Erica Warren, on Tuesday, December 1st.

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 Women's Fellowship will have a food drive to support our local food pantry on Saturday, December 12th from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.