

Fairview Moravian Church



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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.

Mark 13:26

Band Prelude

Fairview Band

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arr. Berry

Welcome and Announcements

Marshall Mathers

Call to Worship/Candle Lighting

Jesus, the Light of the World

Kristen and Jerry Hailey, Thad Carter

Arr. Raney

Advent is a time to wait.

We wait in hope for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to wait for freedom from captivity.

We wait in hope for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to wait for comfort in our sorrow.

We wait in hope for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to wait for power in our weakness.

We wait in hope for the dawning light.

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

We wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Mathers

Liturgy: Advent, Page 49

Kristen Hailey

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.

(Here the Hosanna Anthem, page 239, will be sung.)

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

Bill Shields

Anthem

Come, Light of Christmas

Arr. Gaines

Winter seems endless as snow falls on snow. The forests are frozen. The frosty winds blow. Like dreams of tomorrow when tree buds will bloom, we long for that moment when at last we'll see You!

Come, Light of Christmas, come to our world! Satisfy our souls! Shine down Your love, Immanuel! Fill our lives with hope.

Beneath clouds of snowflakes, we're lost and alone. We're cold in the shadows, a long way from home. Descend now from heaven; brighten our days; and melt ev'ry sorrow and worry away! Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, come and set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee!

"Come, Light of Christmas,"

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Doxology

Children's Message

Kathy Cooke

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Linda Mathers

Hymn 262

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

CASSEL

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
O, in you our rest shall be.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all the earth impart,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born your people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now your gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.

Sermon

Mr. Shields

Jesus Is Coming Again...Are You Ready?

Mark 13:24-37

Hymn 256

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

REJOICE

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O 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.

Benediction

Mr. Shields

Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Arr. Doran

News of the Congregation

November 29, 2020

Reminders:

WF Circle 4 Mtg. – Tuesday, December 1 at 10:00a.m. (P)

WF Circle 2 Mtg. – Wednesday, December 2 at 10:30a.m. (P)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday, 11/29 Johanna Reich

Wednesday, 12/2 Amelia Hailey

Thursday, 12/3 Linda Overfelt, Rev. Scott Venable

The General Fund has received a gift in memory of Jeff Pfaff from Mary and Hoyt Beard.

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 11/22/20 \$8,410.00

Monthly Budget Needs 28,829.67

Monies Received Month to Date 24,666.00

Needed as of November 22 \$4,163.67

We have several flower openings in December. Please call Cynthia Faircloth at 336-731-4687 or call the church office if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings in honor or memory of a loved one.

A huge thank you to many Fairview members who have remembered me during my illness. We truly appreciate the cards, the food, visits and phone calls. Your out pouring of love has truly blessed my life.

Dorcas Hauser

Lifting in Prayer

Our Church Family:

Tootie Barbour, Betty Bennett, Jody Brendle, Judy Byerly, Nelson Cannon, Roger Carmichael, Oneita Dease, Betty Fulp, 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 Whitler (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)