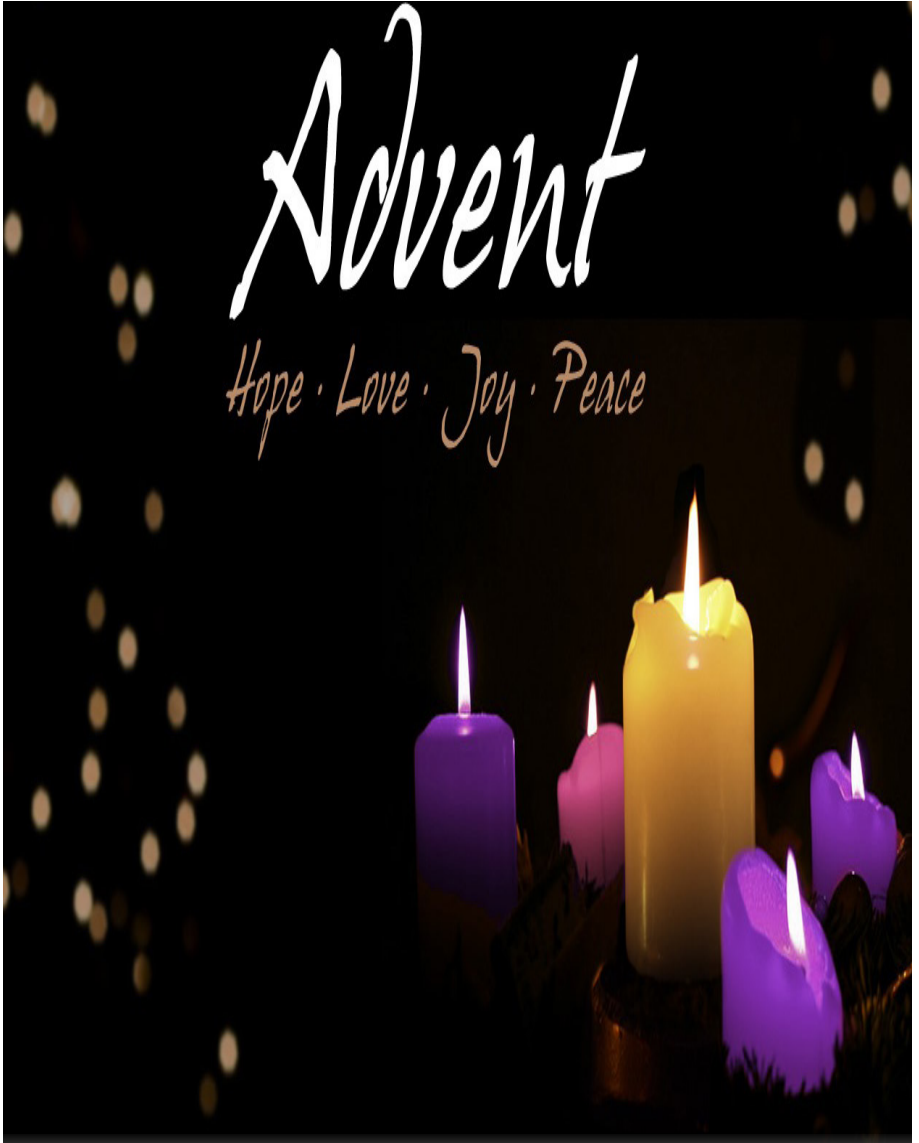




PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON

Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent/
Baptism/Communion

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

L: Prepare your hearts to receive the peace of the world.

P: **Our hearts are open, waiting to welcome.**

L: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the fullness of God's vision as foretold by the prophet Isaiah: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion fatling together,

P: **"and a little child shall lead them."**

L: We light these candles in Peace.

P: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel!**

(The music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

* Opening Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You call us to repent, but we turn away from you. You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for you. Forgive us, God of grace. Embrace us with tender mercy so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

L: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** Congregational Response**

"Glory to God"

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sacrament of Baptism and Children's Moment

Question to the Congregation:

Do we, as the members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to grow in faith in this church?

Prayer for Illumination

God of peace and possibility, we turn to your Word to hear your will and your wisdom for our times. Open our hearts and minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit so that we might hear what you are saying to the church through Christ, our Prince of Peace.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11: 1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. **2** The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. **3** His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; **4** but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion and the fawn shall lie together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 3: 1-12

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Sermon

"A Shoot Grows"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory, forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* **Closing Hymn**

“Soon and Very Soon”

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

WORSHIP NOTES

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism
Campbell Lane Reel
daughter of Paige and Anthony Reel

Worship Liturgist

Corinne Bowen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEST THANKSGIVING EVER

The Interfaith Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for making Thanksgiving 2022 truly special. With churches and organizations food collections, donations and financial support, they distributed a record 2,096 turkeys, plus produce and fixings bags to all their client families and partner agencies who requested them. IFP was able to provide a holiday meal to every Morris County family who needed one thanks to everyone's generosity and kindness.

IFP LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR 1,300 CHALLENGE

Since September, we have donated over 880 pounds of food and we're getting closer to our goal of 1,300 pounds by the end of this year.

OPERATION HOLIDAY - WRAPPED GIFTS COLLECTION

As a reminder, all gifts for the children should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 4. Please attach the ornament to your wrapped gift - we will take care of the label with the child's name and case number. Thanks for your support of the children of Homeless Solutions families.

MADISON EAGLE CHRISTMAS FUND

The Madison Eagle Christmas Fund (MECF) is celebrating its 50th year of gift-giving to our Madison neighbors in financial need and is grateful for the continued support of the Presbyterian Church of Madison. MECF provides every family and senior with grocery gift cards and then gives them the dignity of selecting additional cards from a list of Madison shops and restaurants that they would most enjoy for their own gifts. We are helping our neighbors in need while also supporting the business of the town we love. Checks can be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Madison with MECF in the memo line. Please visit <https://www.madisoneaglechristmasfund.org> if you have a Matching Gift Program at work and would like to donate directly to the MECF. All monetary donations are due by Sunday, December 11.

ANNUAL WHITE DRIVE

A long standing PCM mission tradition has been the donation of diapers for babies and children at Christmas time. We are continuing this project again this year and collecting adult incontinence products such as Depends, too. Diapers and other non-food baby essentials can make lasting dents in the finances of low-income families as they are not federally funded by public assistance programs. On average, babies require 12 diapers a day, and when diapers are purchased individually, that can add up to over \$100 a month for a family. Adult incontinence products such as Depends are medically necessary for those managing bladder and bowel incontinence to lead a full and active life. All donations can be placed in Parish House in the box located outside of the church office up until Friday, December 23. They will also be collected at the Christmas pageant on December 18 and the Christmas Eve service on December 24.

GOT SNEAKERS?

The Highlands Presbyterian Church is collecting gently worn children and adult sneakers, which will be sold with the proceeds benefiting Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center. Johnsonburg is a place where children learn about God and where people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are welcomed to experience God in a serene environment. Please help us support this wonderful camp that provides meaningful and worthwhile programs. All sneakers can be placed in the white plastic bin located in the Parish House outside the church office; we will deliver them to the Highlands church by the end of December. Please make sure they are tied or otherwise fastened together.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING ADVENT SERVICES

- December 11 @ 10:15 am - Sacrament of Baptism
- December 18 @ 10:15 am - Outdoor Christmas Pageant with Live Animals
- December 24 @ 4:30 pm - Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols

PRAYER LIST

- Wayne Dieckmann and his family on the recent death of his mother, Helen Dieckmann; a memorial service for Helen will be held in the sanctuary on Dec. 10 at 12:00 noon
- The family and friends of Paul C. Brown of Dover, PA, who died on Nov. 12, and especially his wife, Corinne Thonet Brown; Paul grew up in this church and his parents, John and Betty Brown, were also members; Paul's wife, Corinne, also grew up in this church and her parents were members as well.
- The lives lost and lives changed by the recent earthquake and subsequent landslides in Indonesia
- The families and friends of those killed in the recent shootings in Colorado, Virginia, Idaho, and the Bronx
- Johnny, a 12-year old boy on Brody Fleming's football team, and his family as the cancer continues to spread
- Lisa recovering in the hospital from a lung transplant
- Katie Zurich continuing her recovery from the flu
- Sue Lincoln continuing her recovery at home
- Ernest Brandt, father of Sue Mennella, and his continuing recovery
- Roger and his family, friend of Kathleen Underwood, dealing with the changes in their lives
- Isabella and her family, friend of Kathleen Underwood, as she receives treatment for recurrence of cancer
- Everett, son of Stephanie and Jesse Haedrich, as he continues his recovery from a bone marrow transplant
- Glenn, neighbor of Melissa Dewhurst, as he undergoes treatment for recurrence of stomach cancer
- Jill Wussow, friend of Mary-Anna Holden, living with the long term effects of Lyme disease
- Tom Weck having mobility problems
- All those continuing to deal with COVID and the flu
- All those dealing with cancer
- Eric, neighbor of Melissa Dewhurst, with his recovery
- The people of Ukraine in this ongoing time of war
- Peace for the sake of all people of the world

Thanksgiving For:

- New babies safely born after difficult pregnancies

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

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| Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2) | Dec. 20: O Key of David (5) | Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1) |
| Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) | Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6) | |
| Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) | Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7) | |

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

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Alexandra Argiris
Office Assistant

Michael Callahan
Student Ministries & Outreach

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