

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

~ Monday, 7 PM Deacons
~ Tuesday, 9:30 AM Presbytery meeting (Faith PC)
~ Wednesday, 6 PM Worship Committee
~ Wednesday, 7 PM Choir rehearsal
~ Thursday, 1 PM Property Committee
~ Thursday, 7 PM Book Club
~ Friday, 9 AM-2 PM May drop off cookies at church
~ Friday, 5:30-7:30 PM Christmas Family Fun Night
~ Saturday, 11 AM-2 PM Advent Walking Tour of Churches
(Begin at United Church of Christ, N. Pitt Street, then visit
Carlisle United Methodist, St. Patrick Shrine & First Lutheran.
Parking is available in rear; doors open at 10 AM.)

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

* for the church at work: Lend A Hand (Carlisle Presbytery)
* for the congregation (at random): Marita Neslund;
Kathy Yeager

NEXT SUNDAY _____ **ADVENT II** _____ **Dec. 9th**
~ **LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS!!** ~

– 9:15 AM: Prayer, in the sanctuary
– 9:30 AM: Education hour; classes for all
– 10:45 AM: Worship
– After worship: Prayer Community meets (**note new date!**)
~ After worship: Fellowship time; Deacons package cookies
for Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT. This Friday at 5:30 PM, let's
meet in Fellowship to enjoy pizza, a movie ("The Best
Christmas Pageant Ever") and a craft. ALL ages are welcome!

COOKIE WALK. Our neighbors on the Square, St. John's
Episcopal, are holding their annual Cookie Walk on Friday,
Dec. 7, 11 AM-4 PM. You can fill bakery boxes with homemade
treats for \$15, \$20 & \$25. More Info? Call 717-243-4220.

AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL from the Pittsburgh Theological
Seminary is now available on the church website (under
"Resources"). Begin the journey today!

THE "OUR CHURCH FAMILY" DIRECTORY has been updated.
Copies are available today in Fellowship Hall.

2019 COMMITMENT CARDS continue to be welcomed. Drop
yours in the offering plate or otherwise get it to the church
office. (Thanks, Finance & Stewardship)

~ ABOUT TODAY'S HYMNS ~

♪ The origins of our opening hymn – a Latin hymn – are quite
interesting. In the 9th century (or earlier) a series of seven Advent
antiphons were sung at Vespers the week prior to Christmas both
before and after the Magnificat. Each began with "O" followed by a
biblical title for the Messiah. In the 12th century (or 13th), an unknown
poet chose five of the antiphons, rearranged them, added a refrain
reminiscent of Zechariah 9:9 and produced a hymn. The tune VENI
EMMANUEL was found in a French Missal in the Nat'l Library of Lisbon.

♪ The text of our sermon hymn is based on the Song of Zechariah, also
known by the first word in the Latin text, the Benedictus. This canticle
is sung daily at Morning Prayer in many Christian traditions. The tune
FOREST GREEN is a traditional English tune.

♪ Brian Wren (b. 1936) wrote the text of "I Come with Joy" as a
summation of a series of sermons to his congregation on the meaning
of Communion (1968). Wren is a French language scholar and poet.
The tune DOVE OF PEACE is an American folk melody (pub. 1854).

♪ Our closing Advent hymn's text was written in Latin by Charles Coffin
(1676-1749). The English translation by John Chandler first appeared
in *Hymns of the Primitive Church* (1837).



Members of the Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
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Debby Madden, Director of Educational Ministry
Arthur Thompson, Organist
Susan Shuey, Choir Director
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**LARGE-PRINT AND YOUTH BULLETINS, AS WELL AS
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOLDERS, ARE AVAILABLE.
AN USHER CAN ASSIST YOU.**

First Presbyterian Church
On the Square
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Order for Worship

The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

10:45 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDES

All Beautiful the March of Days Diemer
Divinum Mysteria Boch
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus Young

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
(Please sign and pass the pew registration pads.)

The Golden Carol Rinehart

* **CALL TO WORSHIP &
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

The Candle of Hope we light in this hour

proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.

We wait for a future, now hidden from view,

**When Christ in his glory will make
all things new.**

* HYMN #9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times
and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away
and forget your eternal promise.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us, by your hand,
so that we may be ready for that day
when you come to reign in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**
(silent confession . . .)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* RESPONSE #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus,
let us also forgive one another and offer signs
of peace and reconciliation.
The peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you.
(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Debby Madden

"Advent Dreaming"

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Light Will Shine!" Larson

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 5-25; 57-66 (N.T., p. 56)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Dream Comes True: His Name is John"
Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #104 (G)
"Song of Zechariah/Blessed Be the God of Israel"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) (Blue Hymnal, p. 14)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Blue Hymnal, p. 16)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES & ADVENT PRAYER PARTNERS

OFFERTORY *Quelle est cette odeur agréable?* Jordan

* RESPONSE #592 "Praise God"

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy God, this Advent season
we wait in hope,
and we give in hope.
Hope for your coming reign;
hope because of your presence
with us even now.
Receive these generous offerings,
and use them for your work of healing
and hope in our world. AMEN**

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #507 "I Come with Joy"

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER *(use insert)*

SENDING

* HYMN #10 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* RESPONSE "A Candle Is Burning"
~ sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger" (MUELLER) ~

**"A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh."**

* POSTLUDE *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Saint-Saens

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**BOLD** indicates ALL read  
\* indicates please stand if able  
(G) indicates use green songbook, "Sing! a new creation"



**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of U.S. Army Special Forces Master  
Sergeant Richael (Rick) Darr by Dick & Ellen Darr and his  
loving family.

**AFTER WORSHIP**, you are invited to help with "Hanging of  
the Greens" and to enjoy food and fellowship at the  
annual Advent Luncheon. *(THANKS to all soup-makers and  
helpers!)*

**SERVING TODAY:**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:** Sarah Sheperd &  
Tess Naylor

**Communion Preparers:** Peggy McKeehen & Rita Beck

**Communion Servers:** Trudy Bailey; Lynda Mann;  
Charlie Thompson

**Ushers:** Jerry & Jenneane Light; Dennis & Linda Rydberg

**Luncheon Hosts:** Parish Life Committee

**Counters:** Bob & Judie Read; Earlene Heckendorn

**Flowers:** Kathy Mulvey (chair) & Sue Shuey

**Service Recorder:** Ray Thomas

**Sunday school Teachers:** Barb Crum; Lynne Hofferica;  
Pastor Tony; Debby Madden; Steve Walker