



**PLEASE NOTE! Today is the last day** to submit your order (and payment) for **REAL** Christmas poinsettias! Please fill out the order form (insert) and place it in an offering plate or get it to the church office. The flowers will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. POC is Deb Ryerson.

**THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- \* in the **Carlisle Presbytery**: Wells Valley (Wells Tannery); seeking a pastor
- \* in the **community**: Lend a Hand
- \* in the **congregation (at random)**: Marcia Toms; Peter Tanyi

**THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:**

- + **Tonight, 7 PM**: Advent Bible Study (via ZOOM)
- + **Monday, 7 PM**: Deacons meeting
- + **Wednesday, 3 PM**: Faith Circle (note time change)
- + **Wednesday, 7 PM**: Choir rehearsal
- + **Thursday, 5:30 PM**: "Dining with the Deacons" (sign up in Fell. Hall **TODAY**)
- + **Saturday, 10 AM-6 PM**: Bell-ringing at Karns (Spring Road)

**NEXT SUNDAY.....THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup>**

- ~ **9:15 AM**: Prayer, in the sanctuary
- ~ **9:30 AM**: Education hour; classes for all
- ~ **10:45 AM**: Worship
- ~ **After worship**: Advent Luncheon, followed by packaging of holiday cookies

**ADVENT LUNCHEON - NEXT SUNDAY!** Come, help celebrate Advent at the annual Advent Luncheon after worship next Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>). If able, bring a salad or dessert to share. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if attending, to help our planners plan! Drinks/utensils will be provided. See you there!

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES.** The Deacons are once again hosting a drive to provide Christmas cookies to the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry for their distribution to truckers/travelers driving through our area this holiday season. Please bring your cookies to the church next Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>) and place them on the kitchen counter. If you can't be at worship, you can drop them by the church office during office hours or contact Connie Husler for pick-up (717-385-9237). After the Advent Luncheon, the Deacons and friends will package your treats for delivery. Thank you in advance!

**UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS**

- **Sundays at 7 PM, tonite thru Dec. 18:** Advent Bible Study (Zoom)
- **Dec. 11:** Deadline for ordering **virtual** poinsettias (**use insert**)
- **Dec. 15:** Men's Breakfast (Kimberly's Café)
- **Dec. 17, 2 PM:** Judy Geitner Memorial Service (sanctuary)
- **Dec. 18:** Deadline to place gifts under the "Angel Tree" (**read insert**)
- **Dec. 20, 7 PM:** Session meeting
- **Dec. 24, 8 PM:** Christmas Eve Candlelight service
- **Dec. 25, 10:45 AM:** MERRY CHRISTMAS! Worship, with Communion



Members of the Congregation, Ministers  
 The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor  
 The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus  
 Debby Madden, Educator Emerita  
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December 4, 2022

10:45 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## GATHERING

### PRELUDES

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

Zachau  
Callahan  
Young

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
~ GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

*Prepare the Way*

Gawthrop

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: I am coming soon.  
**Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
**Prepare the way of the Lord!**  
**Let us worship God.**

### \* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Prepare the way of the Lord.  
We light this candle in love,  
the love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.  
**Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

### \* HYMN #9 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, our Heavenly Father,**  
**we believe that Christ is coming;**  
**your kingdom is drawing near,**  
**and we cannot remain unchanged.**  
**As we prepare the way for the Prince of Peace,**  
**help us abandon wayward wanderings**  
**and return to faithful paths.**  
**Renew our minds and transform our hearts,**  
**that our lives might bear**  
**the fruit of compassion and care.**  
**Baptize us with your Spirit,**  
**and claim us again for your holy work,**  
**until you come in glory. AMEN**  
*(silent confession . . .)*

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

### \* 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 OF ILLUMINATION

**God of hope, who never lets us go,**  
**draw near to us in these ancient yet living words.**  
**By your Holy Spirit may we be filled, lifted up,**  
**and leveled as you prepare in our hearts**  
**the path of your coming. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON                      Isaiah 11:1-10                      (O.T., p. 640)  
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM                      “Get Up John”                      Monroe  
Robert Myers, mandolin

SECOND LESSON                      Matthew 3:1-12                      (N.T., p. 2)  
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON                      “Wilderness Voices”                      The Rev. Anthony Lorenz

### \* HYMN #409 – “Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice”

### \* THE NICENE CREED (Traditional)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

## GIVING THANKS

### OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory                      *Ancient Noel from the French Provinces*                      Russell

### \* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God,**  
**as we await the fulfillment of your kingdom,**  
**use our gifts and the gifts of our lives**  
**to bring justice to those who are oppressed,**  
**to set free those who are in prison,**  
**to lift up those who are bowed down,**  
**and to uphold those who are vulnerable. AMEN**

## SENDING

### \* HYMN #10 – “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

### \* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING RESPONSE #9 (*refrain*) – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
**“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
**Shall come to thee, O Israel!”**

\* POSTLUDE                      *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*                      Lau

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*\* indicates please stand, if able*

*BOLD indicates ALL read*

*Children's Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you*



AFTER WORSHIP TODAY, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments.

SPECIAL THANKS to Robert Myers for sharing his musical gift today!

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Reader: Deb Ryerson

Ushers/Greeters: Lyn Barr; Mary Jane Blosser; Susan Palyo

Fellowship Hosts: Alberta Stoops & Kathy Mulvey

Video: Joe Shane

Audio: Ray Thomas