Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of the justice, righteousness, and peace
of your promised new creation.
Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we seek to serve your holy kingdom.
Lead us to live in joyful expectation
of the coming again in glory
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

SENDING

* HYMN #106 (G) – "Soon and Very Soon"

* BENEDICTION

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

* POSTLUDE *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* *Saint-Saens*
(from *Christmas Oratorio)*

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

THANK YOU to Lori Elliott for sharing her musical gift in worship today!

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:
Reader: Lynne Hofferica
Ushers/Greeters: Dennis & Connie Husler; Lynne Hofferica
Communion Preparer: Deb Richcreek
Communion Servers: Barb Allen; Lyn Barr; Richard Bressler; Lynda Mann
Fellowship Hosts: Bruce & Anita Ashbaugh
Video: Joe Shane
Audio: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:
*** in the PC (USA):** Scott & Elmarie Parker, mission co-workers, Middle East
*** in the community:** PA Council of Churches
*** in the congregation (at random):** Pat Grabey; Tim, Tricia & Tess Naylor

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:
+ Tonight, 7 PM**:** Advent Bible Study/Discussion (via ZOOM).
See Pastor Tony for a study guide.
+ Monday, 2 PM: Faith Circle
+ Wednesday, 7 PM: Choir rehearsal
+ Saturday: Fellowship Hall in use

NEXT SUNDAY.....SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....DEC. 4TH
~ 9:15 AM: Prayer, in the sanctuary
~ 9:30 AM: Education hour; classes for all
~ 10:45 AM: Worship
~ After worship: Fellowship time

LAST WEEK'S PW Thank Offering totaled $760. *(Thank you, PW)*

UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

- ***Sundays at 7 PM, tonite thru Dec. 18:*** Advent Bible Study *(Zoom)*
- ***Dec 4:*** Deadline for "real" poinsettia orders ***(use insert)***
- ***Dec. 8, 5:30:*** "Dining with the Deacons" Dinner ***(use sign-up sheet)***
- ***Dec. 10, 10 AM–6 PM:*** Bell-ringing at Karns (Spring Road)
- ***Dec. 11:***
  - ***After worship:*** Advent Luncheon ***(use sign-up sheet)***
  - ***After luncheon:*** Package cookies for Truck Stop Ministry ***(read insert)***
- ***Dec. 12:*** Deadline for "virtual" poinsettia orders ***(use insert)***
- ***Dec. 18:*** Deadline to place gifts under "Angel Tree" ***(read insert)***

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The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
Debby Madden, Educator Emerita
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November 27, 2022
10:45 a.m.

The First Sunday of Advent
Lord's Supper

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Ecce Nomen Domini Emmanuel — Uehlein
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus — Held
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus — Young

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel — Uehlein

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go into the house of the Lord!
Let us meet God with joy!

God builds us up like a great city.
May there be peace within our walls.

Let us seek the goodness of God;
let us go into the house of the Lord!

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in hope,
The hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.
Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

* HYMN #2 – "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
You set before us the way of goodness
and beckon us to follow you,
but we disregard your teachings
and disobey your word.
You call people of every land to dwell in harmony,
but we sow division and harvest discord.
You command us to craft tools that sustain life,
but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy.
Forgive us, Lord.
Your creation yearns for wholeness;
we, your people long to be made new in Christ.
Keep us ever watchful and awaken us to your ways
as we wait in hope for the light of the world. 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

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

FIRST LESSON — Isaiah 2:1-5 — (O.T., p. 631)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!)**

CHOIR ANTHEM — "Come, Emanuel, Come" — Besig
Lori Elliott, flute

SECOND LESSON — Matthew 24:30-31, 36-44 — (N.T., p. 27)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!)**

SERMON — The Rev. Anthony Lorenz

* HYMN #20 – "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" (***Tune: Hymn #551)***

* 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 — *Psalm 42* — Gawthrop

* RESPONSE #592 – "Praise God"

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, you have done and are doing
great things for us, and holy is your name.
Bless all we offer you –
ourselves, our time, and our possessions,
that through us your grace and favor
may be made known to all the world,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. AMEN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #5 – "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

<u>CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</u>

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
This Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and have been baptized, including children who have been instructed by their family.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful . . .
Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with choirs
of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.