

A PRAYER FOR THE
Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

Prelude

Hyfrydol – arr. Donald Hustad

Invitation

Immanuel

Call to Worship

The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming! Rejoice greatly! Shout in triumph!

**Our King is coming; the righteous Savior,
who shall speak peace to the nations.**

Confession and Forgiveness:

Arise, shine: for your light has come.

**O God, we live as if the light
had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.**

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**We confess that we ignore the Christ
you sent to be among us, to be in us.**

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

**We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the
Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each
moment in our waiting hearts.**

And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time.

Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.

It's time that we prepare for your coming.

Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth.

Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love.

Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.

—based on Isaiah 60:1-3

Silent Confession

Hear now the good news of the gospel! As a called and ordained Minister of the Church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I thereby declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen

Advent Carol: No. 124 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

**Its light reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world.
In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light.

**If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses
us from all sin.**

We are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.

**Jesus said, "Everyone who believes in me
should not remain in the darkness."**

—based on John 1:4-5; 12:46; Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:5; 1 John 1:7, NRSV

***Advent Carol: No. 127 – Verses 1 & 5**

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Old Testament

Malachi 3:1-4

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of

Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

***Canticle**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ” ¹

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hades.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

“PD”

Repaint and Thin No More!

*Christmas Carol: No. 137

What Child Is This?

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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Sound and Video System Upgrade – has been completed. At 8:55 a.m. we will go “live” with morning worship. If you are at home or away and have your electronic device go to www.berlinucc.org or the church Facebook page to watch the service. It will also be saved to our YouTube Channel and will be available for viewing at later times.

Annual Congregational Meeting – The Consistory calls for the annual meeting of the congregation on today following worship to act upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, adopt the proposed 2022 Budget, and take up any other business of the congregation. The meeting will commence following the service at 10 a.m.

Consistory Nominees:

Elder: Rus Ogburn

Deacons: Ann Slifco, Leanna Coughenhour,
and Gale Hay.

In December at Trinity and in the Area

Laurel Highlands Chorale Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m. and Monday, December 6 at 7 p.m. – Somerset Church of the Brethren.

Advent-Christmas Holy Communion on Sunday, December 12 with special music of the Trinity Bells.

Christmas Hymn Sing with Pastor Rod Horner on Sunday, December 12th at 3:00 p.m. Hostetler Church of the Brethren in Meyersdale.

Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 19 at 9 a.m. The children will be preparing during Sunday School and on Sunday evenings following Confirmation.

The Berlin Brethren "Handbell Choir & Just Brass" will present a concert of Christmas Music on Sunday, December 19th at 2 p.m.

Christmas Eve – December 24th

5 p.m. Family Christmas Eve – Trinity

7 p.m. Christmas Communion & Candles – Zion, Meyersdale

11 p.m. Carols and Candles – Trinity

Christmas Poinsettias:

Thank you to those that submitted their orders so promptly given the assurance that they would have color choices. Unfortunately, when we called in the order on the morning of December 1st some of the colors had already sold out. We apologize; however, it was unforeseen and out of our control. That being said, if you still wish purchase poinsettias there is a large supply of red and we can continue to take orders until December 15th. Please contact the office if you are interested.

The Saints In Action

TODAY – *The Second Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner and Class

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells Rehearsal

Next Sunday – *December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion

10:10 a.m. Sunday School and Children's Christmas Rehearsal

Giving From 11/28/21

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1175.00	\$2434.93	-\$1259.93
Ben	\$396.00	\$213.46	\$182.54
Maint	\$273.00	\$163.46	\$109.54
Mem			
Total	\$1844.00	\$2811.85	-\$967.85

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15.00 and Adopt a Family (Secret Santa) of \$50.00

Worship Attendance: 55
Sunday School: 16



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Carol Boyer, Abigayle Broadwater, Pam Crooks, Dana Dawson, Dawn Gindlesperger, Andrea Shaulis Harris, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Dirkje Stellingwerf, Kelly Tharp, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Pam Bush, Russ Hillegas

Acolyte: Vesper Ogburn

The Flowers on the altar in loving memory of my parents by Judy McCullen

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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Immanuel

Stuart Townend

3 From the squall-or of a bor-rowed sta-ble,
King of heav-en now the friend of sin-ners,

5 by the Spir-it and a vir-gin's faith.
hum-ble ser-vant in the Fa-ther's hands,

7 to the an-guish and the shame of scan-dal,
filled with pow-er and the Ho-ly Spir-it,

11 came the Sav-ior of the hu-man race. But the
filled with mer-cy for the bro-ken man. Yes, He

13 skies were filled with the praise of heav'n.
walked my road and He felt my pain,

15 Shep-herds lis-ten as the an-gels tell of the
joys and sor-rows that I know so well; Yet His

17 gift of God come-down to man,
right-eous steps give me hope a-gain.

at the dawn-ing of Im-man-u-el.
I will fol-low my Im-man-u-el.

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Blessed Be the God of Israel

Michael Perry

Hal Hopson, Jr.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. It consists of six systems of music, each with a measure number (3, 6, 9, 11, 14) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final system ends with a double bar line.

3
Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who
Now from the house of Da - vid a
On pris - on - ers of dark - ness the

6
comes to set us free, who vis - its and re -
child of grace is given; a Sav - ior comes a -
sun be - gins to rise, the dawn - ing of for -

9
deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty. The
monog us to raise us up to heaven. Be -
give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes, to

11
prop - hets spoke of mer - cy, of
fore him goes the her - ald, fore -
guide the feet of pil - grims a -

14
free - dom and re - lease; God shall ful - fill the
run - ner in the way, the proph - et of sal -
long the paths of peace; O bless our God and

prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease.

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