



Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

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10:15 am WORSHIP
November 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.

- Luke 1:32-33

For those who count Jesus as King, as I do, we awaken each day recognizing that our highest allegiance, our deepest devotion and our greatest commitment is not to country or political party or even to family, but to Jesus the Christ, our King, whose kingdom is the climax of human history.

- The Rev. Adam Hamilton, *Incarnation*

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

The Bryer Family

Hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 1)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Advent Prayer

Anthem: *When Will Messiah Come*

By: Ed Kee & Dale Matthews

(Sung by the SHUP Chancel Choir)

Every year we look into the heavens,
Every year we lift our candle high.
Searching through the night, we long to see His light.
When will Messiah's glory fill the sky?
Deep within our souls He knows our longing.
He understands our doubts and every fear.
When will our waiting end? When will the Lord descend?
Could this be the day that He appears?

Chorus:

**When will Messiah come? Where is the Chosen One?
How much longer must we wait?
For the Savior of Israel, the Prophets of old foretell?
Where is the Lamb we long to celebrate?
When will Messiah come? Where is the Chosen One?
Is this the time He will appear?
Will He make Himself known? Will He take up His throne?
Will Messiah come this year?**

Surely God is faithful in His promise;
He has never failed us, after all,
If God is always true, He'll see His promise through,
So could it be our faith in Him is small?

Every year is filled with expectation.
Prepare our hearts, O Lord, that we might see
The hope to which we hold, the prophecy foretold,
But when will this day of promise be?

Chorus

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*Call to Confession

Praise be to the Lord, for God has come in the person of Jesus Christ to God's people and redeemed them. Let us prepare to hear God's word, please read along silently with me the Prayer of Confession.

*Unison Prayer of Confession (from the Rev. Mike Poteet)

God Most High, who rules over all, you claim and call us all - despite our differences and disagreements - to be Jesus Christ's followers. May your Spirit so fill our minds and hearts as we worship you that we come to understand and embody what it means to welcome Jesus as Messiah, to praise Jesus, and to follow Jesus as ruler of Rulers, and Prince of Peace.

(Silent Confession)

In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord our God has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David, as was proclaimed through the prophets long ago. In Jesus Christ, just as our ancestors were forgiven, so are we! Hallelujah! Amen!

*Response: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Good Christian friends, rejoice. With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all. To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:67-80

⁶⁷ And his father Zechari'ah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,
⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people,
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, ⁷⁴ to grant us
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ through the tender mercy of our God,
when the day shall dawn upon^[a] us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."
⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the
day of his manifestation to Israel.

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

Sermon: *Presidents and Kings*

Rev. Laura Strauss

Anthem: *Immanuel, God With Us*
(Sung by the SHUP Chancel Choir)

By: J. Paul Williams & Michael Barrett

Immanuel, God with us, Immanuel, the Chosen One
Immanuel, the promised Son of Israel
Immanuel, God with us, Immanuel, (He is) the Chosen One
Immanuel, the promised Son of Israel
O Come Immanuel.

He will come to a lowly manger in the village of Bethlehem
He will come to the earth to save us, our shepherd and our lamb.

Immanuel, God with us, Immanuel, (He is) the Chosen One
Immanuel, the promised Son of Israel.
Immanuel, God is with us, Immanuel, the Chosen One
Immanuel, The Lord is coming soon!

Come Thou long-expected Jesus, come and set thy people free
Come and reign in us forever, Lord of lords and King of kings.

Immanuel, God with us, Immanuel, (He is) the Chosen One
Immanuel, the promised Son of Israel.
Immanuel, God is with us, Immanuel, the Chosen One
Immanuel, O Come Immanuel.
O Come Immanuel.

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Joys, Concerns & Testimonies

The Lord's Prayer (Please read along silently)

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 the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

*Prayer of Dedication

*Response: *In the Bleak Midwinter (verse 4)*

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him; give my heart.

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DEPARTING TO SERVE

Anthem: *There Is A Light*

By: Michael Barrett

(Sung by the SHUP Chancel Choir)

There is a Light (Glorious Light); There's a Light in the darkness;
Holy Light (Holy Light); Come and hear the happy news.
There is a Light (Glorious Light); See the glory of the Lord.
Christ the King is coming soon.

There is a Light (Glorious Light); There's a Lamp in the darkness;
There's a Light, Heaven's promise shining true,
There is a Light (Shining Light); see the glory of the Lord.
Christ the King is coming soon.

The Light shines in the darkness; let all the world rejoice.
The King of kings is coming; come make a joyful noise.
The shadows all are fading. The night will soon be gone.
The morning now is breaking. The stars break forth in song.

There is a Light (Everlasting Light) that will shine peace forever.
There's a Light (Everlasting Light) let the world sing allelu,
There is a Light (Everlasting Light); see the glory of the Lord.
Christ the King is coming, alleluia; Christ, the King is coming soon!

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*Benediction

*Response

*Postlude

**If you are able to do so, please stand.*

Happy Birthday to Colby Sembrat (1st), Barb Clark (5th) & Tim Fako (5th)!

Stephen Ministers offer caring, Christian friendship and concerned listening to people when they need it the most. SHUP has five (5) trained Stephen Ministers; Evelyn Lape, Karen Heim, Carole McCullough, Laura Flaus & Ginny Bowman. If you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please contact Evelyn Lape at 412-531-9856.

Hospital visits by Pastor Laura can be scheduled through the church office. If you or someone you know is having surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Laura can be there to visit and pray with you and your loved ones.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer Circle - Larry & Jackie Elborne and The Ellis Family; John, Angela, Jessalyn, Juliana & Jacey

November - the family of Mona Odendahl, Cary, Evelyn Lape, Mike LeJeune, The family of Dorothy Wolfe, Lois McMahon, Bob Shetler, Matthew, The family of Ron Smith

October - Patrick, Amy Riley, Cara, Tom's Dad, Linda McKean, Cary Jones, Carl Moeller

Ongoing - Nancy Brumfield, Eneless Frank, Mya Kelly, Joanna, Becca, our Mission Co-Workers: Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar and their children; Cindy Anna Flor & Nathan who serve at the U.S.-Mexico Border, our sister church, Litchenza CCAP in Malawi, Africa, Pabatso Makhalanyaane



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun, Nov. 29 - The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom

10:15 am Worship - YouTube

6:00 pm Church Light-Up

Mon, Nov. 30

1:00 pm Findley Hall Bible Study - Zoom

Wed, Dec. 2

4:30 pm Kid's Club - Zoom

Sun, Dec. 6 - The Second Sunday of Advent

8:15 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom

10:15 am Worship/Communion - YouTube

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Adult Sunday School:** This class will continue the study of Adam Hamilton's "Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas" next Sunday. This class meets via Zoom.
- ❖ **2021 Pledge Cards:** If you have not already done so, please return your pledge card for 2021 to the church office.
- ❖ **Church Light-Up:** Starting this evening, the church will turn on their Christmas lights through the season. Please drive by one evening to see the lights!
- ❖ **Angel Tree:** Please consider buying a gift for a resident of the Baptist Homes. Stop by Findley Hall to take a tag from our Angel Tree. You can return the wrapped gift by Dec. 6th with the tag attached. (next Sunday).
- ❖ **Findley Hall Bible Study:** The group will continue the study of *Your Move* by Andy Stanley. You can access the videos for this study at <https://subsplash.com/northpointministries/media/mi/+mq2253n>. Please watch the second lesson before class. If you would like more information about this study, please contact Evelyn Lape at (412) 531-9856.
- ❖ **Kid's Club:** All children in K-5 are invited to join Pastor Laura via Zoom for Kid's Club. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Laura at revlaurastrauss@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Music in a Great Space Concert Series:** Shadyside Presbyterian Church invites you to join them online next Sunday at 3:00 pm for "Lessons & Carols." Please visit their website at www.shadysidepres.org for more information.
- ❖ **Christmas Joy Presbyterian Giving:** During the Advent Season, please consider making a donation to the Presbyterian Special offering, Christmas Joy. You can mail the check to the church office or use the tithe.ly.com app (just remember to put Christmas Joy on the memo line).