

# BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship – 11:00 A. M. – December 1, 2019

*Come; let us walk in the light of the Lord!*

*Isaiah 2:5*

CHIMING

PRELUDE *Wake, Awake, for the Night is Flying* J. S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP **ADVENT 1** Barbara & Don Peiffer

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Hope

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of **hope**, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

O come, O come Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

**All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,  
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of  
Christ.**

**Show us the creative power of hope.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

\*LITURGY Insert

\*GREETING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Dennis Ford

Isaiah 2: 1-5 (page 587)

Matthew 24: 36-44 (pages 859,860)

PRESENTATION of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory *Christ Is Our Light* Bernadette Farrell

\*Doxology – (Hymn 817) *Praise God....* T. Old Hundredth

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN 273 *Once He Came in Blessing*

SERMON Reverend Judy Knopf

\*HYMN 256 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

\*BENEDICTION/AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

\*Congregation stands if you are able. Late arrivals may be seated during a hymn.

Sunday	December 1	December 8
Nursery	Andrea Wood & Rosemary Mock	Rachel Wilson & Renee Martin
Greeters	Sandra Doub	E. J. Oehman

This is the second announcement for our Church Council meeting to be held next Sunday, December 8, 2019.

The church will be making chicken pies on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please come and help if you can.

If you ordered a 2020 Daily Texts, they are ready to be picked up in the office.

The new Advent Sanctuary Star was made and donated by Reverend John D. Rights. He asks that it be dedicated to his grandson-Connor David Todd.

There will be a Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Assembly Room and on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, they will have a General Meeting at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Women's Fellowship-Circle 1 will have their Christmas Luncheon Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Town & Country, Circle 3 will meet that night at Faye Bricca's house for supper and ornament exchange at 6:30. Circle 2 will meet on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am at Rebecca Ogburn's house for breakfast and fellowship. If you can attend or would like to bring a side dish, please contact Tonya Bovender at 330-556-8633.

On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30AM, we will decorate the church for Advent season. If you can bring some greenery, it may be good to place it in water prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> to freshen it up. At some point during the season we will need to replace some of the greenery that will become too dry by Christmas Eve. Please plan to help; you will need to bring gloves and clippers.

**OPPORTUNITIES for the WEEK**

MON 2 9:00am Quilters  
TUES 3 7:00pm Boy Scouts & Cubs  
7:00pm CEC Mtg.  
WED 4 6-9pm Guild Class (Fellowship Hall)  
THUR 5 6:00pm Handbells  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
SAT 7 8-5pm Fellowship Hall in use  
SUN 8 9:15am Coffee and Fellowship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship & Church Council  
5-7:15pm Youth

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