

HOLY COMMUNION
Third Sunday in Advent

December 12, 2021

10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Saxton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

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Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol-lemn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, come with par-don down from heav'n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo-ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son

"Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all, to be for-giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer-cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev-er-last-ing Spir-it while un-end-ing a-ges run!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

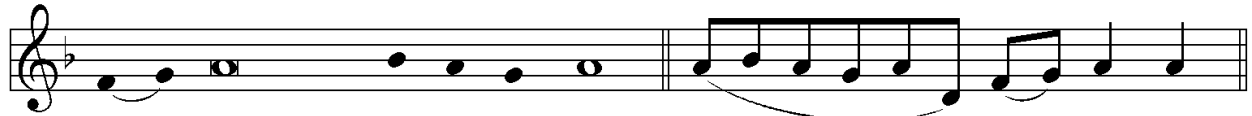
Stand

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



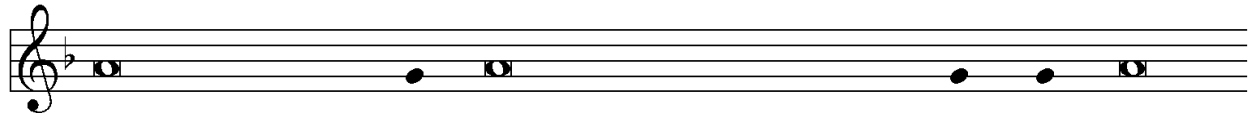
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



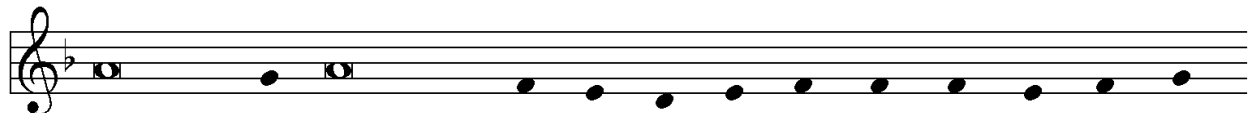
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.


Sit

CHOIR CANTATA
LONGING FOR THE LIGHT
PURIFOY

Psalm: The First Song of Isaiah
Ecce, Deus

Jack Noble White

Congregation sings refrain with choir:



Sure-ly it is God who saves me. I will trust in him and not be a -

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fraid, For the Lord is my stong-hold and my sure de-fense, and

7



he will be my Sav - ior.

CHOIR: Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
From the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

REFRAIN (all sing)

CHOIR: Make his deeds known among the peoples;
See that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
And this is known in all the world.

REFRAIN (all sing)

CHOIR: Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
Ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
Is the Holy One of Israel.

REFRAIN (sung twice)

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READER: A reading from Zephaniah.

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

CONGREGATION:

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATION SINGS (as first candle is lit):

**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.**

READER: For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under
heaven. This is the season of longing, the season of longing for the Light.

CHOIR: 'Tis the Winter of Our Longing

'Tis the winter of our longing. 'Tis the season of our night.
Moments lengthen, shadows deepen. We await the coming Light.
Though the earth continues turning, time is quickly slowing down,
And the constant yearning rhythm of our hearts the only sound.
Come, set the seasons in motion, banish the darkness and herald the day,
Come, end our season of longing. Drive the cold of winter away.
'Tis the winter of our longing. We are weary, we are tired.
Yet throughout the endless darkness, You remain our one Desire.
We have nothing to protect us from the coldness of the night
But the burning hope within us and the promise of the Light.
With inward pain, our heart strings sound, our souls dissolve away.
Dear Sov'reign, whirl the seasons 'round and bring the promised day.
Come, set the seasons in motion, banish the darkness and herald the day,
Come, end our season of longing. Drive the cold of winter away.

READER: O source of Wisdom,
With God from the beginning of creation,
Present when He created light and proclaimed it 'good,'
We struggle with discernment
We are confused by the debates of our time
Reveal your wisdom and give us understanding
Come and light our path with your Spirit of Truth.

CONGREGATION SINGS (as second candle is lit):

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

READER:

O Lord, by whose Name we shall be saved,
Who delivered your people out of Egypt,
You led them in a pillar of cloud by day
And a pillar of fire by night
We wander in a wilderness of our own making
Our choices have led us further from You
We have lost our way
Come deliver us from sin, and lead us into salvation.

CONGREGATION SINGS (as third candle is lit):

**O come, Thou branch of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

READER: O Root of Jesse, whose justice shall be a light to all nations,
Our hearts have become hardened to the plight of others
Compassion has been replaced by apathy
Ears are deaf to the cries of injustice
Branch of David,
Like the brightness after the rain causes the desert to bloom
With your tender mercy send your righteousness to blossom in our hearts.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

**O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

READER: O Key of David, to whom the keys of the kingdom belong,
What you close, none can open
What you open, none can close
We sit in prisons of spiritual poverty, held captive by shame and guilt.
We languish behind walls of suffering.
Seal up all that stands between us.
Unbar the doors that keep us in prison.
Say to the captives, "Come out,"
To those in darkness, "Be free."

CHOIR: O Savior, Open Heaven Wide
O Savior, open heaven wide. Bend down and hear our cry.
From deep within these prison walls in dark despair, on You we call.
No fortress ever made of stone so cruel as one of flesh and bone,
Held captive by our spirit's pain and shackled by our guilt and shame.
From darkness bring us into Light, From worldly depth to heaven's height.
Release us from our solitude and bring us ever near to You.
O Savior, open heaven wide. Come down, come to our side.
Appear at every prison door to set us free forevermore.
Come open every prison door. O set us free forevermore.

READER: O Giver of Light, Radiant Dawn and Morning Star,
We look for light, but all is darkness
Our hearts are shrouded in grief and despair
We walk in shadows of death and loss
Come and end our long night of sorrow
Mend our brokenness; restore our joy.

CHOIR: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art.
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

READER: O King of kings, desire of the nations,
The world is torn by war and strife
Families and neighbors are pulled apart
Disagreements divide your people.
Reconcile us to each other, that we may live in peace.

CHOIR: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
“Wake, awake, for night is flying,” the watchmen on the heights are crying.
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Zion hears the watchmen singing, and in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all glorious and strong in grace, in truth
victorious:
Her star is risen, her light is come!
Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son. Sing Hosanna!
We answer all, in joy Your call. We follow to the wedding hall.

READER: O Emmanuel, finding our way in the world is not easy
We are discouraged by what we see and hear
The shadows of injustice run deep, and we are walled in by despair.
Sorrow burdens our hearts, and peace seems far from us.
We long for your assurance.
Let the light of your face shine upon us.
Let the light of your eternal presence come to live within us,
And grant us your peace.

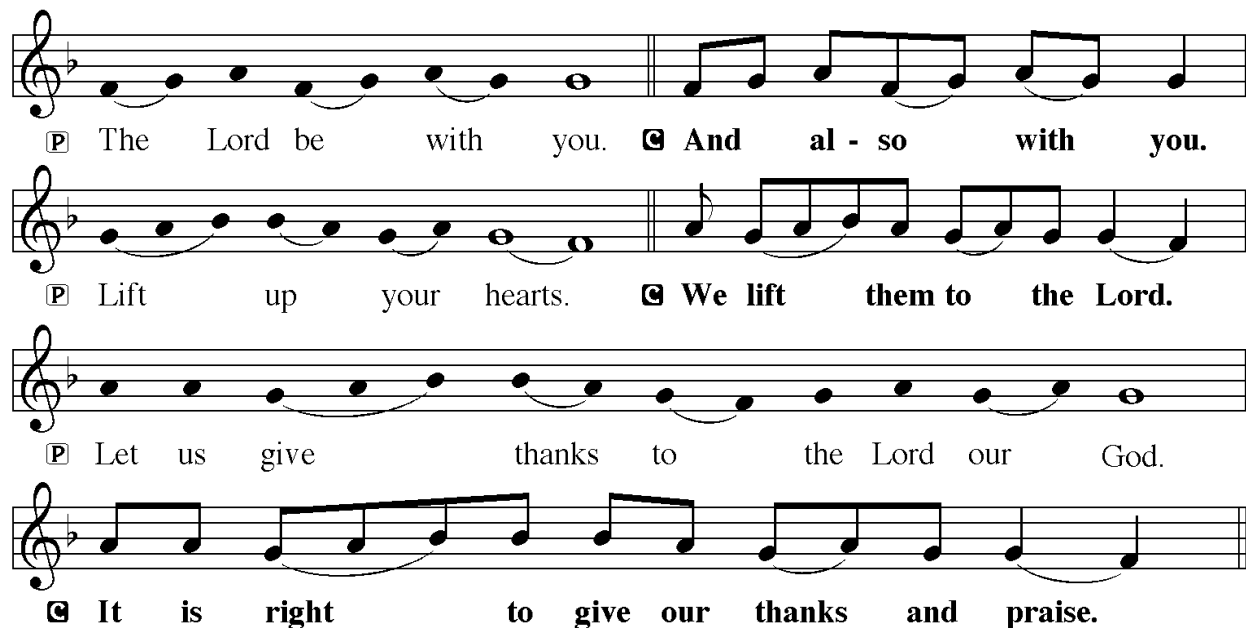
CHOIR: E’en So Lord Jesus - Paul Manz *
Peace be to you, and grace from Him who freed us from our sin,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.
Sing, “Holy, Holy” to our Lord, the Lord almighty God,
Who was, and is, and is to come. Sing, “Holy, Holy Lord.”
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below:
For Christ is coming, is coming soon! For Christ is coming soon!
E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light, nor lamp nor sun, For Christ shall be their All!

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

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

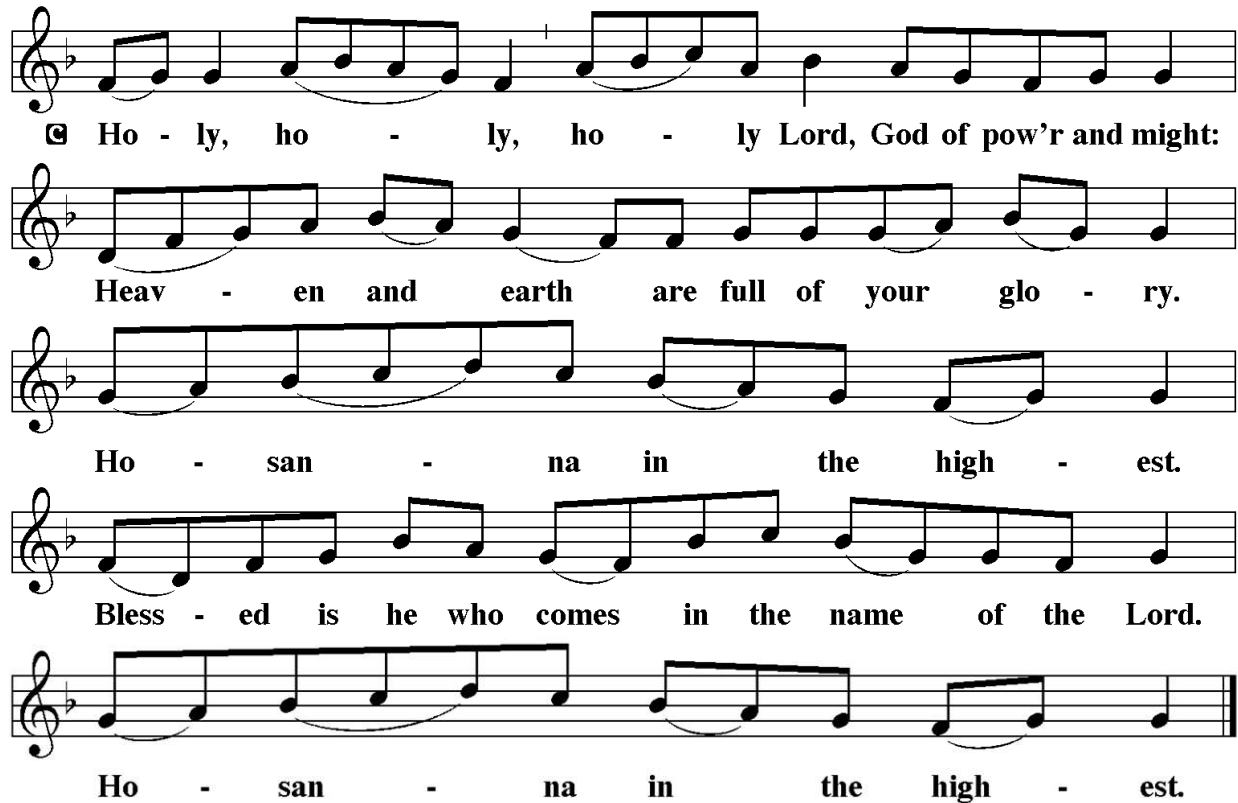
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

- Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

☐ IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,
OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS;
BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:
TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY ✝ BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,
AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:
THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY ✝ BLOOD,
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LORD'S PRAYER



P Lord, re-mem-ber us in your king-dom and teach us to pray.



C Our Fa ther, who art in heav en, Hal low - ed_ be thy Name,



Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it_ is_ in



heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us



our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;



And lead us not in -to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil,



For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the



glo - ry, for ev er and ev - er. A- men_

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

R Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



P The Lord bless you and keep you.



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C A - men, A - men, A - men.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *He Came Down*

OFFERING

He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 7/8 time signature. It features a melody with eighth notes and quarter notes, including two triplet markings. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and eighth notes, also including two triplet markings.

he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It includes the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are split across two lines, with the phrase 'hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.' appearing in the middle of the second line. The musical notation includes triplet markings and concludes with a double bar line.

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The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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The Christmas Cycle celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

A Hymn of Praise is not appropriate during Advent because of the season's preparatory nature.

The liturgical color blue, symbolic of hope, is used for the Advent season.



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Vestry Greeters: Gary Wessner and Sherry Jessee

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Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: Becky Quirk and Sally Sweeney

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara and Chilly Lyaro

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. James Lorah in loving memory of our parents.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Shirley Latshaw in loving memory of parents Howard and Emma Ziegler and Frank and Mildred Latshaw.

The Wreaths on the church doors are given to the glory of God by the Holcombe Family.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Stan and Heather Lilienthal in memory of loved ones.

Altar Guild Help Wanted: Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience required! We will train you! Contact Deb Scholl at Schollde@aol.com.

Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed: Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for our congregants and friends. If you are interested in participating, please call Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109

been away from church?
RECONNECT!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24th 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, & 9:00 PM

OLD TRAPPE CHURCH

December 24, 5:00 PM Candlelight, Lessons & Carols
Candlelit pathways & Colonial Carolers

December 24, 7:00 PM Candlelight, Lessons & Carols
Candlelit pathways

HEATED BRICK CHURCH

December 24, 9:00 PM Candlelight, Lessons, Carols, & Communion
Newly restored and enhanced Christmas embellishments adorning the nave

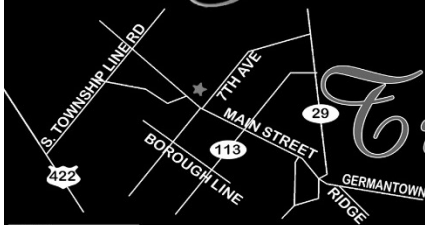
FREE GIFT!!!
for all attendees

Step back in time with our candlelit pathways, colonial carolers, and candlelight Christmas Eve Services in Historic Old Trappe Church! All services in Old Trappe Church are in a 1743 unheated and un electrified Colonial Church.



Please dress accordingly and remember your flashlights!

For the safety of the many younger visitors:
MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE OLD TRAPPE CHURCH
Check the website for latest updates and last minute changes



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Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion * 9:00 AM Sunday School * 10:30 AM Communion