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1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Growing, Serving, Celebrating



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November 27, 2022

10:00 am



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage
we bid you welcome
with the hope that here you will find the
love of God, which He offers
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us today!

Some things you should know:

- Children Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to Sunday School in the Christian Education wing following the Children's Sermon.
- Please stand as you are able when *asterisk appears.
- Communion is served every Sunday at the 8:30 am service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:00 am service.
- We live stream the 10 am service each Sunday and for special services.
- Please silence mobile devices when entering the sanctuary.

Additional assistance available from the ushers:

- Large print Hymnals, Bibles & Bulletins.
- Printed copies of today's sermon available prior to the services; available online on most Mondays.
- Location of the Elevator, Hearing Devices, Recorded Services.

Please join us after the Worship Service for refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Comfort My People"

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

A TIME FOR STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We light this candle for all God's messengers,
preparing the way for change,
signs pointing to a new age to come.

**God, as we wait for your promise,
give light, give hope.**

*HYMN: #83 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Stuttgart

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives,
ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.**
(moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: "Kyrie eleison"

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son (4x)

Chri-ste e-le-i-son (4x)

Hymn #578

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE: "We Are Forgiven"

Hymn #447

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is from God.
The peace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Children through grade 12 will leave for classes.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible p. 694

PSALM 25:1-10

Pew Bible p. 475

- ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- ² **O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**
- ³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- ⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**
- ⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
- ⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast
love,
for they have been from of old.**
- ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
- ⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
- ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
- ¹⁰ **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and
faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

*RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

Hymn #581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 24:36-44

Pew Bible p. 26

SERMON: "The Two Minute Warning"

*HYMN: #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Veni Emmanuel

*APOSTLES' CREED (Ecumenical)

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 to the dead.
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 living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our church family members who are in nursing homes or homebound: Ruth Deal,
Wayne Gardiner, Renee Mavis, Jane Schutz, Mary Stahley, and Wendy Taylor.

Our church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments and/or recovering at home:
Chuck Bernd, Bev Drake, Jared Grenzabach, Sue Kinnin, Norm Kreib, Scott Kronmuller,
Ginger Lindner, Debbie Meinzer, Janet Mustard, Sylvia Nascimben, Audrey Owen, Mary
Louise Rampolla, Eleanor Scott, Gerry Stevens, Margaret Thayer, Neil Turvey, Paull Utter,
and Kay West.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

(Hymnal page 16)

**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.**

OFFERTORY: "While We are Waiting, Come"

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*HYMN: #100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Star of the County Down

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "This Is My Father's World"



**Thank you to Allison Dentinger for her musical contribution
to our worship services this morning.**

Minister:	Rev. Dr. Gregory Hall
Director of Music Ministry:	Kotoe Shimojo
Sunday School Superintendent:	Sue Zografos
Bell Ringer:	Jim Owen
Acolyte:	Andrew Belanger
Bible Carrier:	Emma Chidester
Lay Reader:	Mary Whitcomb
Ushers:	Bren & Marilyn Price
Greeters:	Barbara & Phil Utter
Counters:	Paul Belanger, Jamie Dussing, Don Kaiser
Flowers:	In honor of our 30th Wedding Anniversary from Henry and Debbie Meinzer.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today—1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary
 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex
 9:20 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 10:00 am **Worship**—Sanctuary/Live Stream
 10:15 am Sunday School—Various Rooms
 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex
 11-11:30 am Pageant Rehearsal—Bodine Room

Monday, November 28th

9 am—2 pm Nursery School/UPK—Upper South End, Ed Wing
 9 am—2 pm Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room
 11:15 am CCNS & UPK Activity—Upper Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm Gordon Highlanders—Upper Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Theology on Tap—The Angry Buffalo

Tuesday, November 29th

9 am—2 pm CCNS & UPK—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
 10:30 am Ukrainian Resettlement Mission Mtg.—LFH

Wednesday, November 30th

9 am—2 pm CCNS & UPK—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
 9:00 am Loose Screws Social Club

Thursday, December 1st

9 am—2 pm CCNS & UPK—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
 7—9 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 2nd

9 am—2 pm CCNS & UPK—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing

Saturday, December 3rd

2:30 pm Funeral Service for Diane Green—Sanctuary

Sunday, December 4th—2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary
 Adult Education—Bodine Room
 9:15 am Coffee/Fellowship—Upper Fellowship Hall
 9:20 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 9:30 am Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
 10:00 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary & Online
 10:15 am Sunday School—Children leave during service
 10:45 am Coffee/Fellowship—Upper Fellowship Hall

The rosebuds on the Communion Table are in honor of the births of twins, Emma Louise and Graham Thompson, daughter and son of Kristyn and Chris Storey, Elaine and Rich Gergelis are the proud grandparents!

Special Christmas Music, Sunday, December 11 at 10 am Worship—There will be one service only on Sunday, December 11. Plan to join us at the 10 am service for our annual Christmas Music Sunday!

Our Congregational Meeting to elect officers will be held next Sunday, December 4 between services.. Please plan to meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am for this meeting. All members of the church are encouraged to participate!

Pantry needs this week are salsa, bread crumbs and honey. Thank you!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. If you would like to follow an Advent devotional for 2022, *Kindling the Flame of Love* is available in the Narthex. This Celtic Advent devotional calendar is produced by *Presbyterian Today* and written by Rev. Dr. Maureen Paterson, Assoc. Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

Theology on Tap will meet on Monday, November 28 at 6:30 pm for supper, 7:00 pm for discussion at the Angry Buffalo, 2753 Wehrle Rd., Williamsville. The topic is be “Just Power” taken from the sermon given on October 16, “Living with Power.” Sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex and pick up your reading or download from our website. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Angel Project offers our church family the opportunity to give to someone who might not otherwise receive. You make take a numbered angel from the display table in the hall outside the sanctuary. Each angel represents an individual or family from our own Clarence Food Pantry and has some information about the person (age, sex, sizes, needs) and their assigned identification number which needs to be clearly marked on the gift when brought in. Please bring your gifts on Sunday, December 11 or Sunday, December 18. If you have any questions, please call or text Jim Owen @ 310-5447.

Holiday Fruit Baskets—All are invited to help us prepare Christmas fruit baskets for the families served by the Clarence Community Food Pantry on Tuesday, December 13 in the Upper Fellowship Hall at 10 am. We will be collecting baskets of all sizes and non perishable items such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, candy, cookies, crackers and snacks in the weeks prior. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex for your contributions after Thanksgiving. Monetary donations for the purchase of fruit are also welcome. Thank you!

My Christmas Remembrance—Beginning today you have an opportunity to donate a Christmas Remembrance towards poinsettias or to the general gifts and memorials fund. If you wish to donate a poinsettia you may pick it up after the 10 PM Christmas Eve Service. Fill out the envelope to be found in the pew racks or contact the office (759-8396/office@clarencypresby.org). The deadline for information is Sunday, December 11 for Sunday, December 18 bulletins and for Christmas Eve bulletins.

Informational Brunch for New Members, Sunday, December 4 at 11:30 am—Anyone who is considering joining our congregation is invited to attend a “get acquainted” brunch that will be held after the second service. Your whole family is invited to this gathering, where you will meet other members and learn something about our congregation. Contact the office or speak to Greg to let us know of your interest.



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