



Because
you are a
God of **hope**,
we know that
you create all
the possibilities
of the future.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

11:00 am - Main St.

GATHERING

*Prayer Request Cards (blue) are inside the Pew Card Holder. The ushers will collect the request cards before the Prelude. The **bold print** invites the people to read aloud and/or sing. An asterisk * invites the people to stand. Please sign the register in the pew pads.*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Rev. Derek Campbell
2 Thess. 3:18

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Stephen, Lindsay and Frankie Balliett



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

*An asterisk * invites the people to stand.*

*HYMN 96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

*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.

(Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORY TO THE FATHER – HYMNAL 581

96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you. (*Greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

Psalm 71:1-8

Lector



My tongue will pro - claim your right-eous-ness, O Lord.

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 15:7-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Derek Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN 92 While We Are Waiting, Come**

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT FOR THOSE

UNITING WITH OUR CONGREGATION

insert

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Cady Henigin, Heritage Circle Committee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...and so with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Comfort, Comfort Now My People
The Chancel Choir
Text of Hymn 87

***DOXOLOGY-606**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SENDING

***HYMN 163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION - Romans 15:13**

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

POSTLUDE

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163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,

call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
 then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.

While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1-12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

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The **flowers** this morning are to the
Glory of God



USHERS serving you this morning are: **Team V – Deborah Irwin, Captain, Marge Buerger, Breanna Carini, Diana Kreiling, Lisa McCracken, Pat Speedy.**

GREETERS this morning are: **Steve Mills, Elder and Jackie Huska, Deacon**

The JOY Steering Committee invites all LPC members and their families and friends to attend the **JOY Christmas Luncheon** on **Saturday, December 14**, at noon in the Vogelsang Room. The afternoon will begin with appetizers and punch. Rizzo's Malabar Inn will cater the luncheon – Chicken Romano, cheese ravioli, roasted red potatoes, Italian mixed vegetables, and rolls and butter. Dessert and entertainment will follow the meal. As has become tradition, each guest will receive a handcrafted Christmas ornament to remember the occasion. The cost per person is \$20. The sign-up sheet and information sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. Sign up today! Reservations with a check payable to LPC are due to Nancy McKinnon or the Church Office by **December 6**. We look forward to spending the afternoon together at the JOY Christmas Luncheon!

Christmas Poinsettia order forms are on the back table and pew racks. If you wish to participate in this year's memorial/honor booklet, the forms are due in the office by **December 15**.

The **Dove Tree** gives you two options to make the holidays bright for area school children. You can either (1) choose a dove or doves(s) and purchase gifts. The suggested amount is \$50 per dove or, (2) you may send a check in any amount, designating "Dove Tree" in the memo line and the Deacons will choose doves and do your shopping. If you take a dove, please be sure to **sign out your dove** on the color coded sheets on the table near the tree. If you have **Dove G26** and/or **R7** please sign so we may keep track of the dove count. **The last day for the Dove Tree is December 8.**

The December **Supper Club** will meet on Wednesday, **December 11** at Denunzio's beginning at 5:30 pm. Please sign the sheet on the back table to ensure enough seating.

Committee Chairs: Your one-page annual report is due in the office, by e-mail, no later than Friday, December 27.

The **Club FRED** project is in need of cookies to complete the meals being prepared to support this local hunger program. Please mark your cookies Club Fred when you bring them to the church. Cookies are due December 15.

The Greater Latrobe Area Ministerial Association invites you to a **Blue Christmas** service at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Monday, December 23 beginning at 7 pm. This is a church service held on the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, to support people who are grieving or dealing with difficult times. The service is a time to acknowledge the darkness of life and the complex feelings that can come up during the holidays, and to offer healing and hope.

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday **12/2**

9:00 am Lights of Love Meeting

Tuesday **12/3**

7:00 pm ALAnon

Wednesday **12/4**

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

4:00 pm Wow

6:00 pm Personnel

6:30 pm Deacons

Thursday **12/5**

10:00 am Heritage Circle Committee

6:15 pm Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm Belles

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sunday **12/8** **Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

9:45 am Children's Sunday School

11:00 am Worship with Communion