

Worship
November 29, 2020
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The 1st Sunday in Advent

This is how much God loved the world: God gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.

God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling us how bad we are. He came to help, to put the world right again.

John 3:16-17, Eugene Peterson's The Message

SEN†

Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas

Gathering

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. G. Young

The Glad Tidings Joel Nogle

O Come, All Ye Faithful Isaiah 40:1-5 NIV Elizabeth Thorpe

Invitation *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Cody Toms
Words by Neale and Coffin/Music by Chapman

Lighting the Candle of *Salvation* The Rhodes Family

Our Prayers

God's Word Luke 2:8-14 NRSV

Anthem *Welcome to Our World* arr. by David Angerman Chancel Choir

Advent Meditation *The Answer to Our Deepest Longing*

- 1. Jesus comes to the unsuspecting**
- 2. Jesus comes to the unqualified**
- 3. Jesus comes to the undeserving**
- 4. Jesus comes to the uncertain**
- 5. Jesus comes to everyone**

Reflection – "I have learned that often our deepest longing is connected to God's desire for peace and reconciliation with others... The longing that keeps us up at night leads us to be part of God's longing for the world."
Rev. Jacob Armstrong, Providence Church in Mt. Juliet TN

Question: What do you long for?

+Please save your completed postcard and place it in the offering plates when you leave worship this morning.

Reading *Wouldn't it be Grand to be an Angel?*
by Ann Barr Weems ©1980

*Caroling
Angels, from the Realms of Glory **Screen**
How Great Our Joy **Screen**
O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1& 4) **Screen**

*Benediction Philippians 4:12-13 Good News Translation

*Postlude *March of the Magi Kings* T. Dubois

(*All who are able, please stand.)

2020 Advent Devotionals published by Brethren Press entitled "*Give Light*" by James Benedict are available in the Narthex and BLC Lobby. There are a limited number of large print available also. Help yourself and Enjoy!

Church Board will meet on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall (open to church members).

Mid-Week to Go.....plan to join us on Wednesday, December 2nd between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for a meal delivered to your car! First come-first served basis.

The Helping Hand Circle Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 (please note date change) at 6:00 p.m. at the church in the Brethren Life Center so that we can social distance. Bring a food item to share and a gift.

Opportunity to serve. On Saturday, Dec 12 at 3:00pm our church will be partnering with Maranatha Ministries for a dairy and food distribution. This will be conducted as a drive-up give-away in our BLC parking lot. Starting at 2:00pm between 15 to 20 volunteers are needed to help with putting the boxes into vehicles. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and the BLC Lobby.

"A Milk Truck For Christmas" - In the spring, our congregation was asked to help raise funds to support local organizations that were doing the good work of helping those in need during the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic. And how did this church contribute? When all was said and done, over \$8,000 was collected and distributed to nearly 10 local organizations. But the pandemic and need remains...As a continuation of this effort, Missions and Service Commission is conducting a special offering during December to raise funds for Maranatha Ministries. One of their most important outreaches is helping those with food insecurities. They have done this through several avenues including the food pantry. This year they have helped out by conducting several food and milk give-a-ways in the Chambersburg area (much like their upcoming partnership with our church). During December contribute to purchase "A Milk Truck For Christmas" for Maranatha by using special offering envelopes or taking it directly to the church office.