

Worship
December 13, 2020
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The 3rd Sunday in Advent

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through his prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel – which means, ‘God with us.’” Matthew 1:22-23

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Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas

Gathering Pamela Wert

The Glad Tidings Joel Nogle

Prelude *French Carol* arr. J. Dixon

Responsive Call to Worship *The Coming of God*
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Our God is the One who comes to us in a burning bush, in an angel’s song, in a newborn child.

Our God is the One who cannot be found locked in the church, not even in the sanctuary. Our God will be where God will be with no constraints, no predictability.

Our God lives where our God lives, and destruction has no power and even death cannot stop the living.

Our God will be born where God will be born, but there is no place to look for the One who comes to us. When God is ready God will come, even to a godforsaken place like a stable in Bethlehem.

Watch... for you know not when God comes.

Watch, that you might be found whenever and wherever God comes.

Response *I Have Seen the Light* **screen**

Lighting the Candle of *Waiting*

Our Prayers

A Moment for Mission Craig Newcomer

God’s Word Hebrews 4:14-16 GNT Alicia Hambright & Nicholas Wingert

Matthew 1:18-25 NIV – A Dialogue

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name, Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Testimony *Waiting* by Pepper Choplin Chancel Choir

Advent Meditation *Immanuel God, Will You be with Me?*

1. *God is with us where we are*
2. *God is with us in pain*
3. *God is with us in fear and uncertainty*
4. *God is with us in the waiting*
5. *God is with us in times of joy*

*Carols

What Child Is This **screen**
Go, Tell It on the Mountain **screen**

*Blessing Philippians 4:13 Good News Translation

*Response *I Will Not Be Afraid (verses 1, 2, & 5)* **screen**

*Postlude *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. R. Lau

(*All who are able, please stand.)

"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-aways 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.

In order to ensure our safety and effectively maintain social distancing, we will host two (2) services on Christmas Eve. You will have a choice of attending our new 5:00 p.m. family-friendly service, featuring carols, holy communion and candle lighting OR you may attend our traditional 7:30 p.m. service which will include the choir, hand bells and will also celebrate Christ with communion and candle lighting. The 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed with limitation. Come, worship Jesus, the newborn King!!

The Grand Sweep: 365 Days From Genesis through Revelation - This year-long comprehensive Bible Study guides adults and youth to read through the Bible in one year. It will be held every Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, January 14th. This will begin as a ZOOM Bible Study with a link being sent to your email each Wednesday. Pastor Joel will serve as the facilitator. You must register for the Bible Study by Sunday, December 20th this year. You will need to purchase a Grand Sweep study guide for \$20.

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 25, 2020 and Monday, December 28, 2020 in observance of Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Contributions for 2020 Giving – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by Tuesday, December 29th. Any giving received after December 29th will be credited to 2021 giving.