

**Welcome to worship at  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024**



Advent is about the “majestical coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor  
Nicole Young, seminarian minister  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermyer, Grace band leader**

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

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and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you  
with God's love and grace.**

Prelude

Welcome – Prayer of Advent

Our Father, we long for the simple beauty of Christmas – for all the old familiar melodies, words, and symbols that remind us of that great miracle when He who had made all things came one night as a babe, to lie in the crook of a woman's arm. But in that longing, let us even more yearn for your renewed presence among us even as we celebrate and expect the Coming of your Son.

Before such mystery we kneel, as we follow the shepherds and Wise Men to bring You the gift of our love – a love we confess has not always been as warm or sincere or real as it should have been. Now, as we journey in this Advent Season, we pray that love would find its Beloved, and from You receive the grace to make it pure again, warm and real.

We bring You our gratitude for every token of Your love, for all the ways You have heaped blessings upon us during the years that have gone. And we do pray, Lord Jesus, that as we continue on this journey of expectation and hope, we may do it in a manner well pleasing to You. May all we do and say, every tribute of our hearts, bring honor to Your name, that we, Your people, may remember Your birth and feel Your presence among us even yet.

May the loving kindness of this Advent Season and the true Spirit of Christmas not only creep into our hearts this season, but there abide, so that not even the return to earthly cares and

responsibilities, not all the festivities of our own devising may cause it to creep away weeping. May the joy and spirit of Christmas remain with us now and forever. In the name of Jesus, who came to save His people from their sins, even in that lovely name we pray.

**Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer for Christmas by Peter Marshall*

## The Advent Wreath

Nikki Young

Advent is a time of expectation, and this is symbolized, not only by the four-week period of preparation, but also by the lighting of an Advent Candle in an Advent Wreath on each Sunday of the season. The flame of each new candle reminds us, the worshipers, that something is happening, and something more is still to come.

The candles are arranged in a circle to remind us of the continuous power of God, which knows neither beginning nor ending. There is also symbolism of the candles. Three candles symbolize the coming of Christ from the royal line of David. He is coming as the King of Kings as well as the Prince of Peace. The fourth candle is to be lighted on the third [fourth] Sunday of the Advent season. This candle represents joy. The large white candle in the center is known as the Christ candle, and points to Jesus as the Christ, the Light of the world.

A progression is noted in the lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath each Sunday. Each candle symbolizes various aspects of our waiting experience. For us this year we are focusing on four ideas of the Christmas event: Wait, Watch, Prepare, and Proclaim. The culmination of the season comes as we light the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. We join in rejoicing that the promise of long ago has been fulfilled.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

In the beginning was the Word—spoken and breathed,  
a promise made and kept.

**Speak it loud and clear—God’s promise is true!**

The Word was in the beginning,  
and through him all things come into being.

**Eternal and near at hand,  
Already and not-yet,  
God's promise is the foundation of all life.**

Do not hold back!  
Speak out, giving voice to God's peace that passes all  
understanding.

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Quigley family  
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel  
*Repeat from beginning*

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*Please rise as you are able.*

Gathering Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with two verses provided. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass register.

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of  
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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**Call to Worship**

Pastor Scott

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Pastor Scott

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

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Message**

Nikki Young

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Scott Geiser

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation *Creator of the Stars of Night* ELW #245  
vs. 1

Gospel Luke 21:25-36 Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Message**

Pastor Scott

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**      *Everlasting God*  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

Grace Band

*Pre-Chorus:*

Our God, You reign forever  
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer

*Chorus:*

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

*Repeat from the beginning*

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus 2x*

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**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly  
sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us  
our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and  
things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and  
uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in  
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have  
been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are  
forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the  
Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Nikki Young

### Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

### The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

Nikki Young

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**



**and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

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*Please be seated.*

## **Communion**

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone. The usher will direct you when to come forward. Communion glasses are found on the stand at the front of the line to your right. Take an empty glass if you are choosing to commune with wine or a pre-filled glass (with grape juice) if you will be communing with grape juice. Receive your bread from the pastor, gluten-free bread from the plate, and the wine, or blessing over the grape juice from the lay assistant. There are two wine stations, so please, choose the open station. Persons not communing may receive a personal blessing (simply keep your hands down at your sides or folded across your heart).*

## **Communion Praise**

## *God with Us*

## **Grace Band**

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The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## **Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Peace**

**Nikki Young**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

*The people give a sign of peace to each other.*

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory**

**Choir Anthem *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Chancel Choir**

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**Doxology *Doxology for Advent***

Bb Major: B<sup>b</sup>                      E<sup>b</sup>                      B<sup>b</sup>      F<sup>7</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>  
A Major (Capo 1): A                      D                      A      E<sup>7</sup>      A

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise

E<sup>b</sup>                      C<sup>7</sup>                      F  
4 D                      B<sup>7</sup>                      E

God all crea - tures here be - low. Praise

B<sup>b</sup>      E<sup>b</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>      F<sup>7</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>      E<sup>b</sup>      F<sup>7</sup>      B<sup>b</sup>  
6 A      D      A      E<sup>7</sup>      A      D      E<sup>7</sup>      A

God a - bove, ye heaven- ly host. Praise Fa- ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

**Announcements**

Nikki Young

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Sending Hymn *People Look East***

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**Dismissal**

Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

## Postlude

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# Announcements

## Today

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and with thanks for the gift of Jenna, Nathan and grandsons, Logan and Preston by Greg and Janet Psota.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of their children, Janine Block and Allan Care, Jr. by Allan and Sue Care.

**The communion** is sponsored to the glory of God and in remembering an ordination by Don and Andrea Swavely.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Ushers: Barbara Repa and Steve Weidner, Lector: Scott Geiser, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne, Communion Assistants: Terry Santangelo and Brenda Hunsberger

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Scott Geiser, Ushers: Bill Allen and Georgann Geiser, Lector: Rae Bechtel, Children's Sermon: Janine Springer, Acolyte: Madelyn Artim

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan

**The Nursery room** is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship services as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

**Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing** remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

## Calendar

**Worship Service** – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

**Budget Information Meeting** – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1

**J.A.M.** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Kids for Christ Rehearsal** – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

**Advent Craft** – Today, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, room 1

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Cub Scout Pack 367** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-25, 27, 30, 33

**Family Learning Center Information** – Monday, 6:30 PM, sanctuary

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

**Book Club** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Barrel and Ale in Boyertown

**Food Drop Off** – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico

**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

**Budget Information Meeting** – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

**Property** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

**Handbell Choir** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

**Flutter Lock-in** – Friday, 7:00 PM – Saturday, 9:00 AM

**Family Learning Center Information** – Saturday, 9:00 AM, room 1

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

**Congregational Meeting** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

**J.A.M.** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Kids for Christ Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary  
**Confirmation** – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James Lutheran Church in Limerick

**Flutter is having a Christmas Lock-in** at the church beginning on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM until Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. Look for an email with more details. Want to be on the email list? Contact Lindsey Waltermeyer to be added: [GoldieLW@gmail.com](mailto:GoldieLW@gmail.com) or 610-772-1915.

## **Upcoming Congregational Meeting Schedule**

### **2025 Budget Informational Meetings**

- **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
10:00 AM in fellowship hall
- **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 PM in fellowship hall

### **Learning Center Informational Meetings**

- **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
6:30 PM in sanctuary
- **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 AM in fellowship hall

### **Special Congregational Meeting**

- **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM in sanctuary  
**Copies of the budget are available in the Welcome Center and in the information box on the portico next to the Sunday School Wing door.**

## **Upcoming Events**

**The Angel Tree** in the welcome center is decorated with angels, each with the name of a gift request printed on the back for a special needs child or youth. Select an angel(s) then purchase the gift. Bring the **unwrapped gift** to church by **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, and place it under the Angel Tree. Please note, gifts will be delivered to the Gemme Services for processing. Therefore, gifts

must be brought to the church by the deadline. Any questions about the Angel Tree, contact Rosalie Lisa or Marlene Hansley.

**Kids and youth** This year's Christmas Pageant requires very little rehearsal time! Rehearsals will be held during JAM on Sundays, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, (10:15-11:15). The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, following worship and in place of JAM. Parents, let Nikki Young know if your child would like to participate. Older kids and youth are needed to read. We have plenty of parts for the younger ones too. The pageant, Scuba Christmas, will feature both music from this year's Kids Camp program as well as holiday favorites.

**Come one, come all! This year's Christmas Pageant, Scuba Christmas** will be on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 AM. A fellowship will be enjoyed following the pageant. Bring some cookies or dessert to share.

**Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the Sanctuary** Sometimes the holiday season is just too much joy for how we are feeling. Maybe life is too much, or you are missing a loved one and are not feeling as happy as normal. Maybe you just want to slow down from the hustle of the days leading up to Christmas and reflect. The Blue Christmas Service gives you time to reflect and meditate.

This year's Blue Christmas Service **is held on the Loaves & Fishes dinner night**, so you may come at 5:45 for dinner and fellowship and then come to the service. See Nikki Young with any questions.

**The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit** presents the 20<sup>th</sup> holiday concert on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the MStar Church. Light refreshments will be available following the concert. A free-will offering for Boyertown Area Multi-Service will be received. MStar is located at 100 Limekiln Road in Bechtelsville.

**The Director's Big Band Christmas Concert** will be held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. St. John's is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. For more information, go to [stjohnsboyertown.org](http://stjohnsboyertown.org).

## Thank You

**TLC Sewing**, the new sewing ministry, has just completed 20 polar Fleece winter hats and 24 knit winter hats for the homeless and chemo patients. Congratulations ladies!! The next workshop will be in January. Stay tuned.

## Resources

**Want to keep up** with all the latest news from NHELHC?

Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



**Do you enjoy the praise band songs?** Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



**Peer Support Information** The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

**The Peer Support Ministry** webpage on the church's website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups.

NHELC has links with helpful information available on our website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

**NAMI Help Line** 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text “Helpline” to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

**PA Addiction Helpline** 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

**Online live chat** offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

## You Can Help

**Readers are needed for the Lessons and Carols service** on December 29<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

**You can donate to NHELC ministry electronically.** Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

**Tithe.ly QR Code**



**Simply Giving QR Code**



**Volunteers are needed** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children’s Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at [omiweidner@gmail.com](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Food Ministry

**Food ministry is accepting turkeys** for Thanksgiving meals. Can you help by donating a turkey?

**More than 200,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELC’s Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs.** 2) Donate money through Thrivent



Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

**Thank You Note:** NHELC Food Ministry,  
Please accept this small donation to help with your Christian example of sharing.  
And a special blessing for Vicki and Tim Mutter's reliable and cheerful delivery service. John M.

## Reconciling in Christ

**Do you want to participate in a one-to-one discussion** around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse? Contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

**Got a question for the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team** about their journey? Jot down your question (paper provided at the desk) and put it in the box on the desk in the Welcome Center. The team will try to answer your question(s). Be sure to provide your preferred contact information.

**“Taking a closer look: What the Bible does and doesn't say about homosexuality”** January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

The Bible is often used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people to prove that they are condemned by God, and sometimes to justify discrimination and even violence against them. Most often people point to a few verses scattered throughout scripture to justify this. In this workshop we will examine some of these texts, and explore how to respond when the Bible is used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people. The Rev. Bruce Davidson, a retired pastor in the ELCA, will be leading the presentation. At the end of his presentation questions will be received. We will meet in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Drinks and snacks will be available.

**“Allyship”** January 19<sup>th</sup> Allyship is an action verb defining the lifelong process of building relationships based on trust,

consistency, and accountability with minoritized individuals and/or groups of people with the strategic intentions to become collaborators to promote equity.

We welcome Dr. Dolly Singley, (she, hers, her), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College for a Temple Talk during worship on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, during the adult Sunday School hour, Dr. Singley and members of the RIC team will be available for questions and further discussion in Room 33 of the Christian Education Wing.

## Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of the Rev. George Harpel and Tina Farrell

Military: Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	Luann Hanley	Carol Estes
William Trotter	Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard
Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer
Betty Lou Shadle	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
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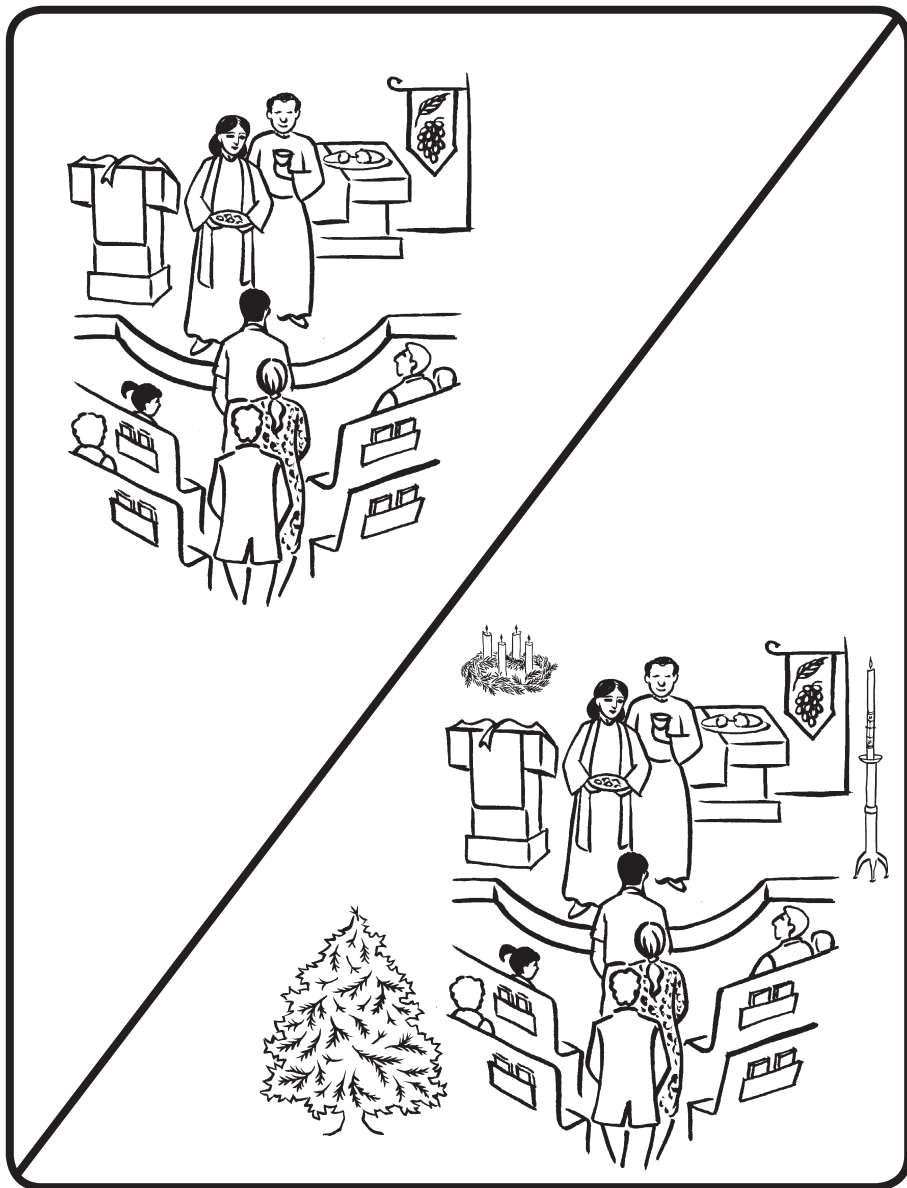
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*Still Making History*

For different seasons in the church, your worship space might look different. Below are two sanctuaries. One looks like the ordinary time of the church year. The other is decorated for Advent.

**Find the differences and circle them.**

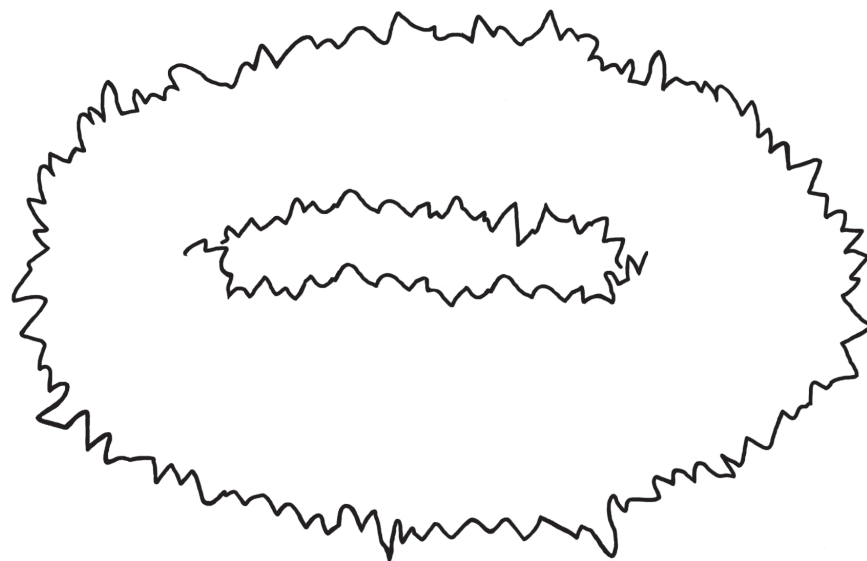


# PRE-READER

Advent 1

- Today is the **first Sunday** in **Advent**.
- The color we use for Advent is **blue**.
- Advent is the season when we prepare for the **coming of Jesus!**

**In Advent, we use candles to count the Sundays until Christmas. Draw four candles on the wreath below. Then color the candles and the wreath.**

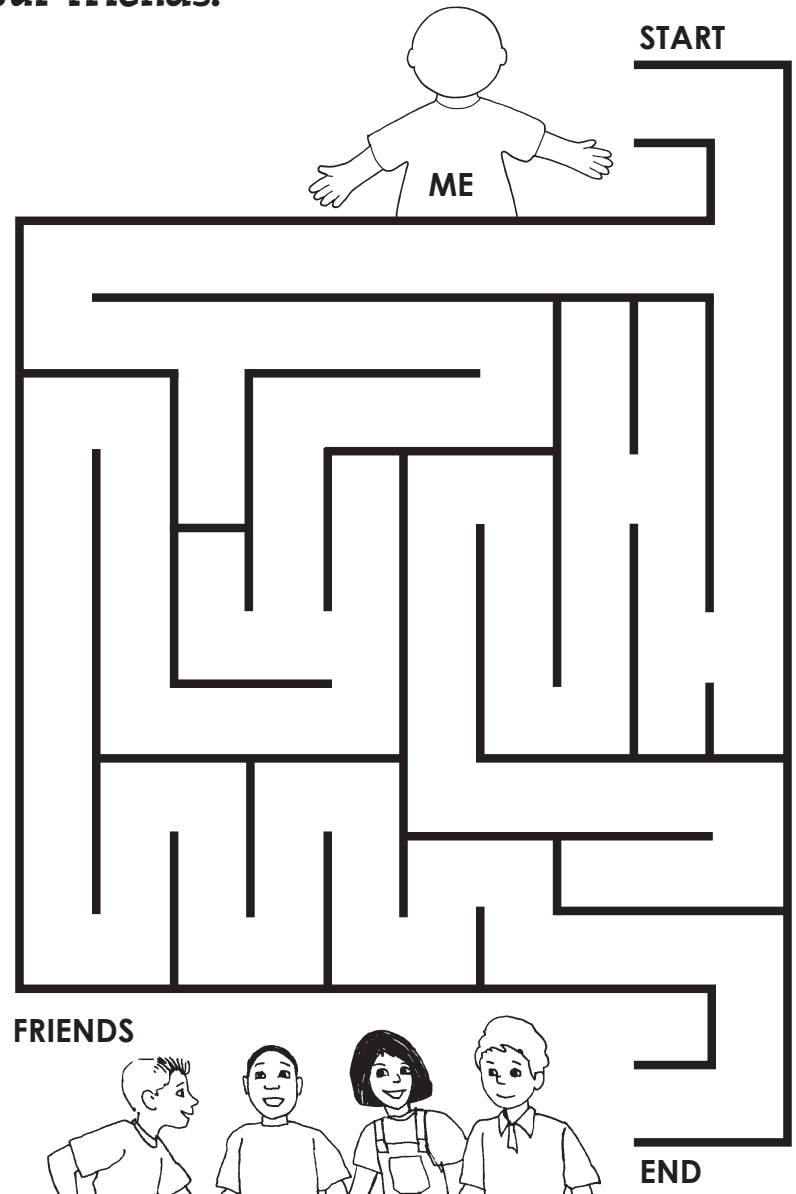




**God will send a leader from King David's family, and he will be a good ruler!**

Jeremiah told people that some good news was coming. You can share the good news of Jesus, too!

**Color in the picture of yourself at the START of the maze. Then complete the maze to help you get the good news to your friends!**



## Decorate for Advent

Below is a picture of a sanctuary. During Advent, many churches decorate their worship spaces. Decorate this sanctuary for Advent using the ideas provided below or ideas you see in your own worship space.

Candles  
Wreath

Garland  
Blue stole on pastor  
Blue cloth on altar

Blue cloth on lectern  
Christmas tree



# READER

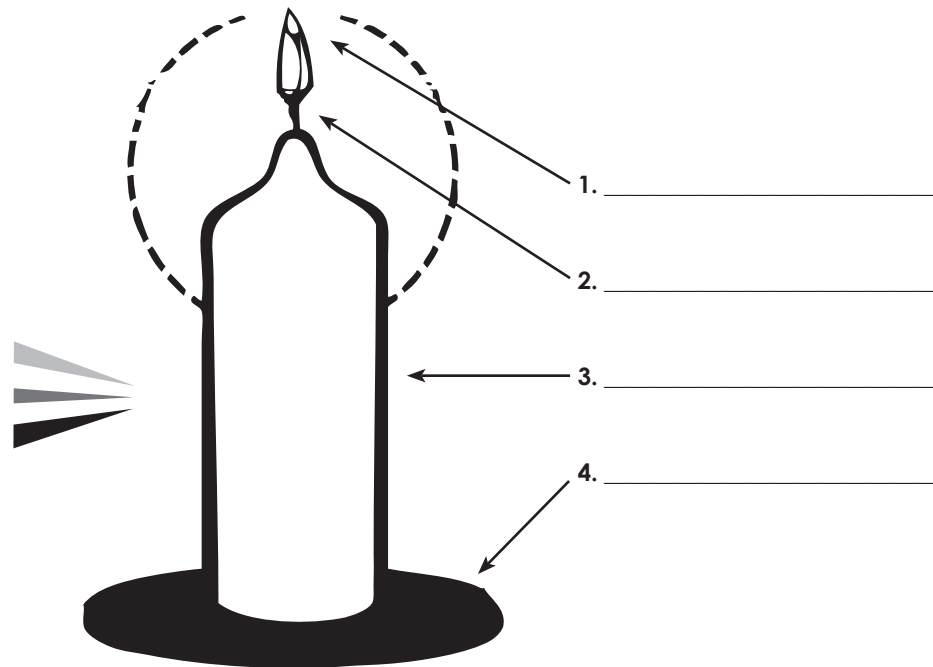
Advent 1

- Today is the **first** Sunday in **Advent**.
- The color of Advent is **blue**.
- During Advent we wait for God's **promise of Jesus**.

## Break It Down

In Advent, the church uses candles to count the Sundays until Christmas. Do you know the parts of a candle? Use the clues to fill in the candle diagram.

1. The lit part that gives off warmth and light
2. The long string or cord that holds the candle's flame
3. A sticky, yellow substance used by bees to make honeycombs. (It's also found in your ears!)
4. The plate (usually metal) on which candles stand.



## Learn Some Pig-Latin!

Want to learn a new language? Try Pig Latin! To speak Pig Latin, simply take the first letter of the word and move it to the end of the word. Then add the "ay" sound to the letter you moved. However if the word begins with a vowel, then just put -AY at the end.

**Example:** Pig Latin is fun!

**Pig Latin:** Igpay Atinlay isay unfay!

Now translate today's memory verse into Pig latin! To check your work, see the answer below.

"Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths."

**Pig Latin Translation:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Answer: Akemay meay olay nowkay ouryay aysway, Ohay  
ordlay : eachtay meay ouryay aithspay.



-Psalm 25:4

## Do the Math

Draw a line from each description to the correct number.

<b>Week of Advent</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>Number of total weeks of Advent</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Number of books in the Bible</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Number of days a year that Jesus loves you</b>	<b>4</b>

## I Promise

Today's reading talks about God fulfilling a promise to us. God promises to send his son Jesus because God loves us so much. What are some promises that you want to make to those that you love? Brainstorm your promises below.

I promise to my friend: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I promise to my teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I promise to my family: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I promise to God: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I promise to my church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





# Emmanuel

Words and Music by  
Bob McGee

♩ = 80

C/E F F/E Dm7 G7 C Gm6/B $\flat$  A7 A7/C $\sharp$

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, His name is

6 Dm Dm/C G7/B G C E7 F F/E Dm7 G7

called Em - man - u - el: God with us, re - vealed in

12 C Gm6/B $\flat$  A7 A7/C $\sharp$  Dm Dm/C G7/B G C

us! His name is called Em - man - u - el.

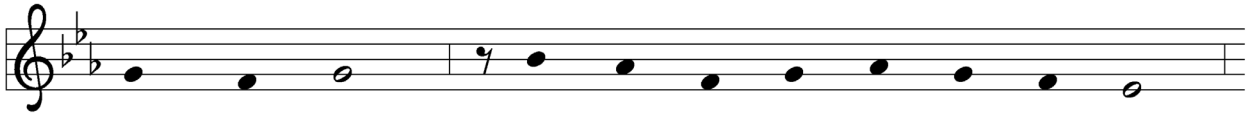
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# Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -  
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in  
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all  
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,  
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child  
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.  
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.  
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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# Everlasting God

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## VERSE

$\text{♩} = 100$   $B\flat$   $B\flat\text{sus}$   $B\flat$   $B\flat\text{sus}$

Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait

3  $B\flat$   $B\flat\text{sus}$   $B\flat$   $B\flat\text{sus}$

up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait

6  $B\flat$   $B\flat\text{sus}$   $B\flat$   $B\flat\text{sus}$   $B\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $E\flat$

up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Our God,

## PRE-CHORUS

$B\flat/D$   $E\flat$   $F$   $Gm$   $F$   $B\flat/D$   $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $E\flat$   $F$   $Gm$

You reign for - ev - er. Our Hope, our strong De - liv -

## CHORUS

14  $F$   $B\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $E\flat$

'rer. You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev -

19  $Gm$   $E\flat$

er - last - ing God, You do not faint, You won't grow wea - ry.

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24 B $\flat$                       B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$

You're the de - fend - er of the weak,                      You com - fort those in need.

**INSTRUMENTAL**

28 Gm                      E $\flat$                       1                      2                      B $\flat$

You lift us up on wings like ea - gles.                      ea - gles.

**PRE-CHORUS**

34 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$                       B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$                       B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$

Our God,                      You reign

40 F Gm                      F                      B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$                       B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$                       F Gm

for - ev - er.                      Our Hope,                      our strong De - liv - - -

**CHORUS**

45 F                      B $\flat$                       B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$

'rer.                      You are the ev - er - last - ing God,                      the ev - er - last - ing God,

50 Gm                      E $\flat$                       B $\flat$

You do not faint,                      You won't grow wea - ry.                      You're the de - fend -

55 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$                       Gm

er of the weak,                      You com - fort those in need.                      You lift us up on

60 E $\flat$                       1                      2                      B $\flat$

wings like ea - gles.                      ea - gles. —