

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

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024**



Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.**

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

Prelude

Welcome

The Advent Wreath

Pastor Scott

Both visual and performing arts have always been important ways to communicate the Christian faith. The use of music has helped believers understand their Godly hope. Other forms of visual art have been used from the beginning to help express various aspects of Christian doctrine and life.

Colors, altar paraments or coverings, and banners are some of the most important visual ways Christians have used to express their faith in worship. The objective in covering the Communion Table with cloths of various colors was to help focus the attention of worshippers on the special nature of Christ as the Perfect Sacrifice. In the early days of Christian worship, Advent and Christmas were seen as a somber time, much like Lent is today. Purple table coverings were used to speak of Christ's Kingship, but the mood was somber.

As Christians began to share their celebration of Christmas with their non-Christian neighbors they began to focus on the joy of the Christmas event. As the emphasis of Christmas began to change to one of joyful celebration the color used also changed to express Christ the King in that more happy way. While purple is still used in some churches and at certain times, many Christian churches now use blue to speak of the Kingship of Christ when the occasion

is joyful. At Advent we wait with anticipation and celebration for our coming Christ. At Advent we wait with anticipation and celebration for our coming Christ... so our hearts sing out, "O Come Emmanuel!"

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Dugan 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

Savior of the Nations, Come

ELW #263

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.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through 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

Janine Springer

First Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Rae Bechtel

A reading from the book of Philippians

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Creator of the Stars of Night* ELW #245
vs. 2

Gospel Luke 3:1-6 Pastor Scott
The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;
6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

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 *God with Us*

Grace Band

Oh You've come to bring peace, to be Love,

To be nearer to us

Oh You've come to bring life, to be Light,

To shine brighter in us

Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Chorus:

Our Deliverer, You are Savior

In Your presence we find our strength

Over ev'rything our Redemption

God with us

You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope, to this world,

For Your honor and name

Oh You've come to take sin, to bear shame,

And to conquer the grave

Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):

You are here

You are holy

We are standing in Your glory (Lord)

Chorus 2x

Ending:

Oh God with us

You are God with us

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Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Scott

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Scott

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.**

Peace

Pastor Scott

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

This is a time of silence for reflection.

Choir Anthem

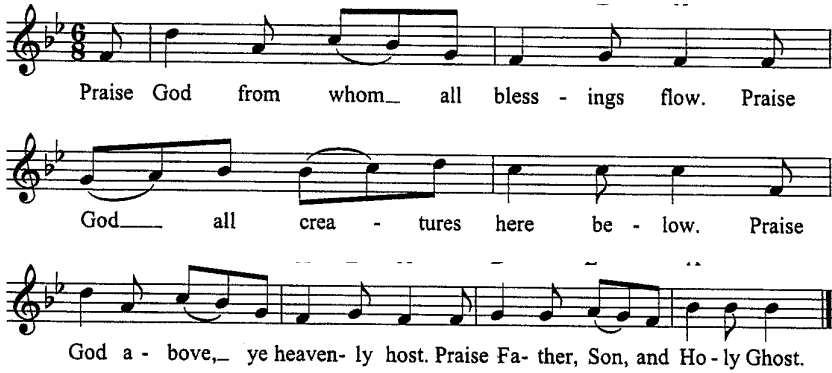
People, Look East

Chancel Choir

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Doxology

Doxology for Advent



Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise
God all creatures here below. Praise
God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*"Doxology for Advent" Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: CAROL, Richard Storrs Willis, 1850.
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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements

Pastor Scott

Presentation to Winners of 325th Anniversary Wine Label Contest

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW #631

Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Sing the Glad Song

Franklin Ritter

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Announcements

Today

A special congregational meeting will be held immediately following the worship service this morning. All confirmed members are asked to stay.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of her dear mother's 96th birthday – Marguerite J. Nyce by Patricia Nyce.

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

Next Sunday Head Usher: Ed Becker, Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Vicki Dotterer, Lector: Sue Care, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Alexa Moser

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

The Weary World Rejoices! Come join us each Sunday at 10:15 AM for an Advent Group Bible Study in room 33. Each week we meet to share and discuss holiday traditions, Bible passages and how each of us cope with living in the promise of peace and hope, even though we witness this world we live in. This study is a safe place to come to share, listen and/or just hang. So come join us this Advent.

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

Congregational Meeting – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James Lutheran Church in Limerick

AARP Luncheon – Monday, 11:00 AM, 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

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 30
Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1
Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Women’s Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty’s Sunflower Café, Pottstown

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, portico
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15
Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 33
Property – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 30
Cub Parents Planning – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 27

Christmas Carol Gathering – Thursday, 12:00 – 2:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Pizza Como and PC Pub Restaurant and Sports Bar in the Pennsburg

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32
Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 30

Men’s Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family Restaurant, Pottstown

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

Women’s Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty’s Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown.

Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy

Wesner at 215-679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

Christmas Carol Gathering Social Thursday, December 12th, Noon – 2:00 PM All are invited to a Christmas gathering social at NHELCC in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious luncheon (suggested donation of \$7.00) and friendly fellowship followed by a Christmas Carol sing. We ask that you bring cookies or a holiday dessert to share! A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center to help with planning this event; **reservations for the luncheon are due TODAY.**

God on Tap has been changed to this Thursday, December 12th, at 6:00 PM at the Pizza Como and PC Pub Restaurant and Sports Bar in the Pennsburg Shopping Plaza. This month's topic of discussion is "Holiday Traditions." RSVP to Randy Dotterer by Wednesday at RDPTW6489@gmail.com or call/text him at 610-306-0621.

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

Thank you for your Angel Tree gifts. Please leave the gifts under the Angel Tree in the Welcome Center.

Upcoming Events

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

Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 15th, 1 – 3 PM Gather your friends and family for a fun and uplifting time, singing favorite and beloved Christmas carols to our NHELCC homebound members as well as those in senior facilities. Carolers will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM to plan the routes and pick up the goodie bags prepared at the Advent Social. After caroling, we will return to the church to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Caroling is a wonderful opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer.

Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce or Jean Moser (610-367-0342) with any questions about the caroling.

Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 18th, 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 Director's Big Band Christmas Concert will be held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 14th, at 7:00 PM. St. John's is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. For more information, go to 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.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, "Your Voice from the Pew", located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off "Interest in Church Membership."

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELCC? 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) 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. NHELIC has links with helpful information available on our website (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

Live nativity volunteers are needed for the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

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

Attention Committee and Board Chair: 2024 reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025.

Pictorial Directory Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at Nance2237@yahoo.com as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

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

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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 or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

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/>.

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 12th 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 19th 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. Dee Singley, (she/they), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College for a Temple Talk during worship on January 19th. 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.

Contest Winners

Congratulations to Randy Dotterer, Barbara Eisenhart, Leslie Gates and Todd Rothermel for your winning submissions for the 325th

Anniversary Communion Wine label contest. Taking the unique elements of your submissions, the committee combined them to create the final label displayed here.



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, Tina Farrell and Carol Howells

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

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| 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 |
| Doug Weaver | Joan Wagner | Robert Ganovsky |
| Dorothy Bingaman | Emily Ocelus | Eric & Wendy Hess |
| Sue Care | Deb Matthews | Marceline |
| Anne Eshleman | Daniel Johnson | Chris Fatzinger |
| Hank Droneberg | Pena family | Kim Frain |
| Jen Perez | Frank D. | Pam Helfrich |
| Barb & Tom Faust | Andy Van Dyke | Janet |

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| Pam Abbott | Holli Muffler | Louise Karns |
| Pr. Jennifer Phelps | Jessica Trout | Verdie Smith |
| Mabel Gaugler | Sandy Wesner | Helen Foulke |
| Carla Hausmann | Joan Price | Betty Seroski |
| Ralph Borneman | Lucille Powell | Virginia Specht |
| Jeffrey Weems | Joan Scheffey | Arnold Amundsen |
| Chuck Beck | Ally Musser & family | Rich Freed |
| Joe | Joe | Casey Flack |
| Tim Mutter | Denton Quick | David Helfrich, Sr. |
| Tara Hauck | Patricia Kemp | Ron Seasholtz |
| Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick | | Penny Garber |
| Hazel LeVan | Lynn Amundsen | David Gottshall |

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Below is calendar for the season of Advent.

Shade these days on the calendar. Find out today's date and put it on the second Sunday on the calendar. Then follow the instructions below to create your own Advent calendar.

1. Count back one week from today to find the first Sunday of Advent. Draw one candle on that day.
2. Draw two candles on today's date.
3. Draw three candles on the third Sunday in Advent (hint: it's next Sunday!).
4. Draw four candles on the fourth Sunday in Advent.
5. Fill in the dates on the rest of the calendar starting with today's date. Now look for December 24th. That's Christmas Eve! Draw an angel on that day.
6. Christmas Day is December 25. Draw a star on that day.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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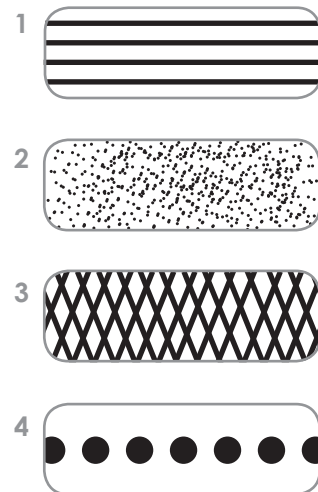
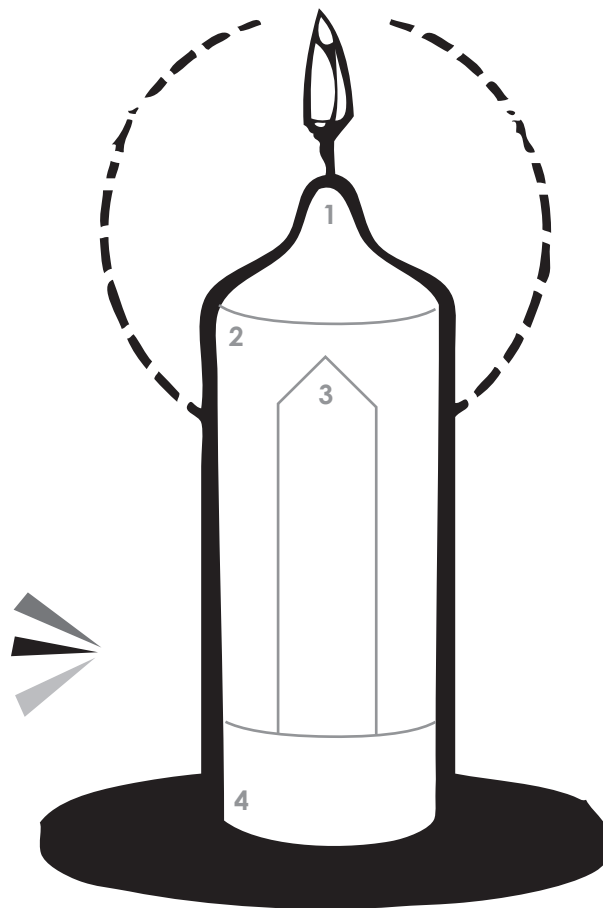


PRE-READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **second** Sunday in **Advent**.
- Advent is the church season **that begins the new church year**.
- Advent is the church season **before Christmas**.

Color the candle using the patterns on the key.





Zechariah told baby John that he will someday share the news far and wide that Jesus will come to help us and care for us.

Today's reading says that God will guide us along a path of peace. Below is a path.

Decorate it with trees, animals, and people to make your own path of peace.



How Closely Are You Listening?

During the sermon, readings, and prayers in worship today, see how many times you hear these words. For each time you hear a word, write a tally in the circle.

Jesus

Advent

Coming

Time

READY

SEASON

LIGHT

PREPARE

Wait



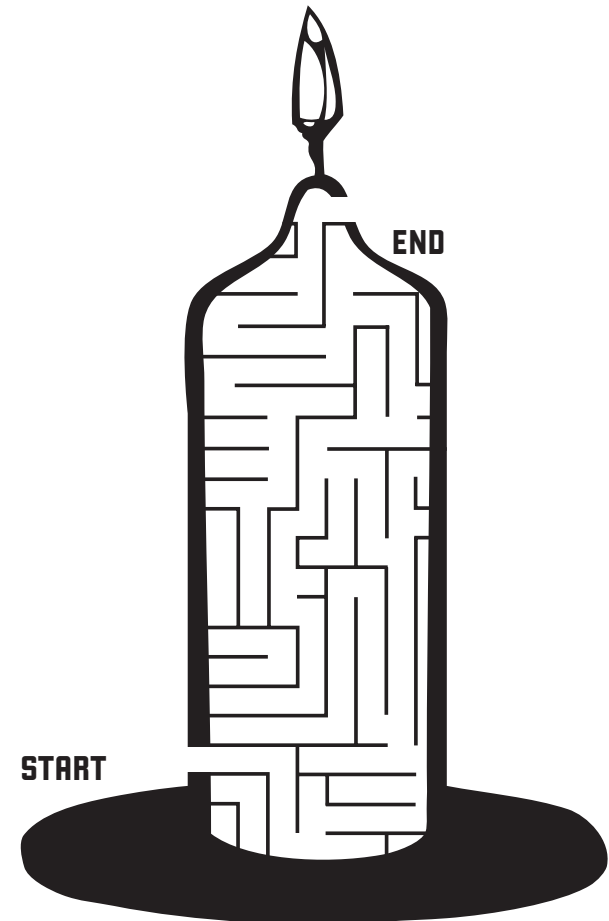
READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **second** Sunday in **Advent**.
- Advent is the church season before **Christmas**.
- During Advent we learn about **hope and peace**.

Work Your Way through Advent

Complete the candle maze. Do you know how many candles are on the Advent wreath this week?



Stories about Jesus' birth appear in two out of the four gospels. Matthew and Luke tell about what happened at Jesus' birth. Mark and John don't mention it.

Did You Know?

How Well Can YOU Write?

Take a look at the memory verse. In order to help memorize it, check out the silly ways to write it below!

**"He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David."
-Luke 1:69**

Write this verse with your regular writing hand in your BEST handwriting:

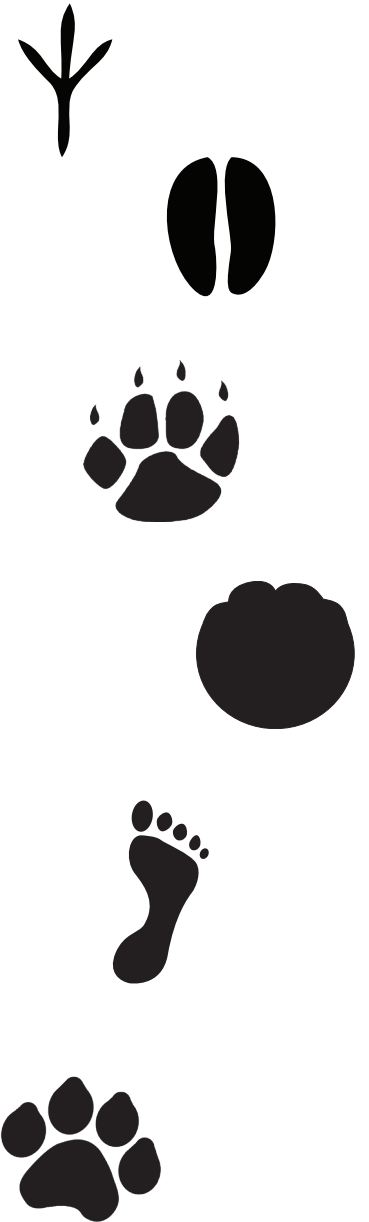
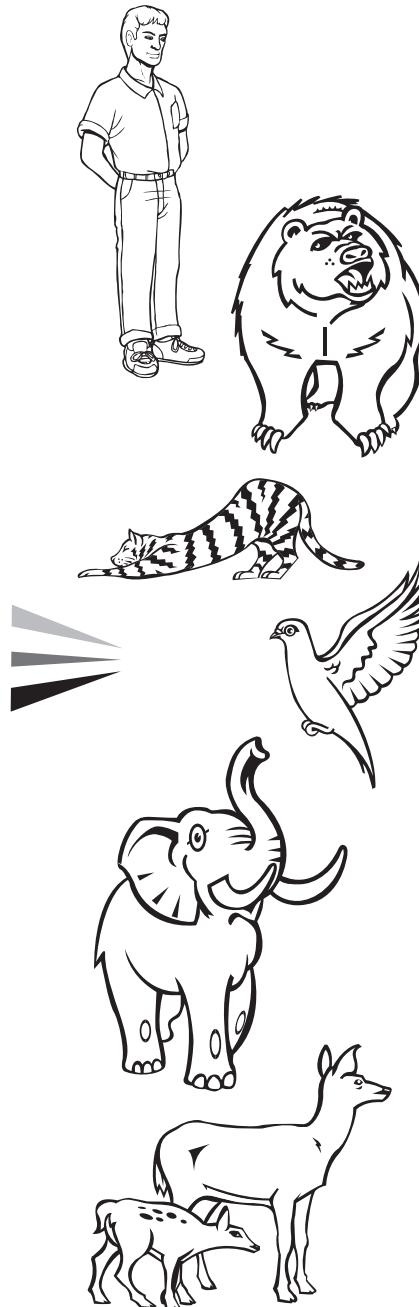
Now write it with the opposite hand:

Now, using your regular writing hand, close your eyes and write it:

Now see if you can write it behind your back:

Whose Feet?

Today's lesson says that God will guide our feet into the path of peace. See if you can match the footprints with the correct animal below.



Emmanuel

Words and Music by
Bob McGee

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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.

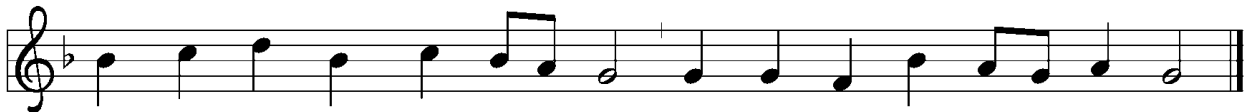
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Savior of the Nations, Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
- 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
- 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
- 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



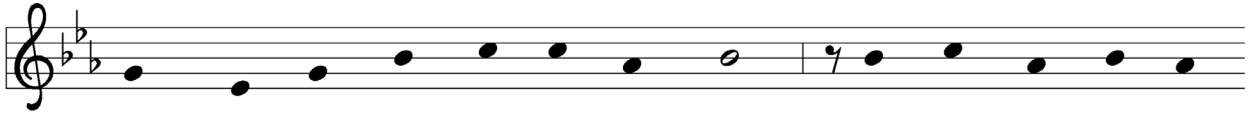
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

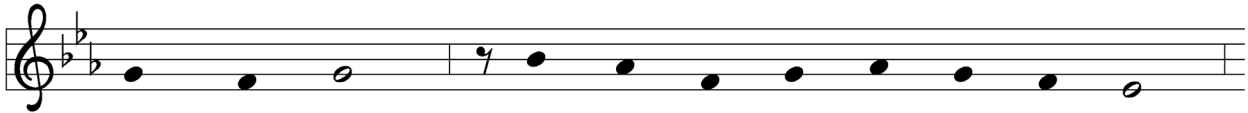
6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

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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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God With Us

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INTRO

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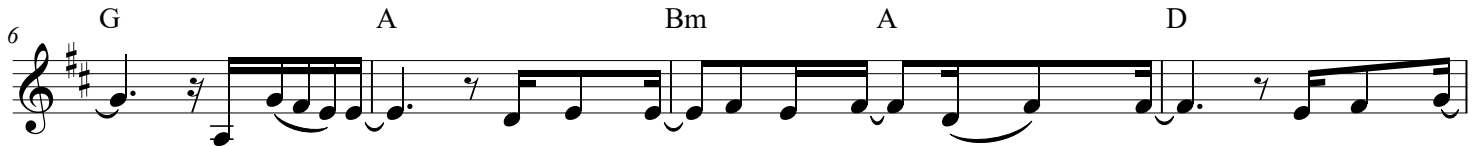
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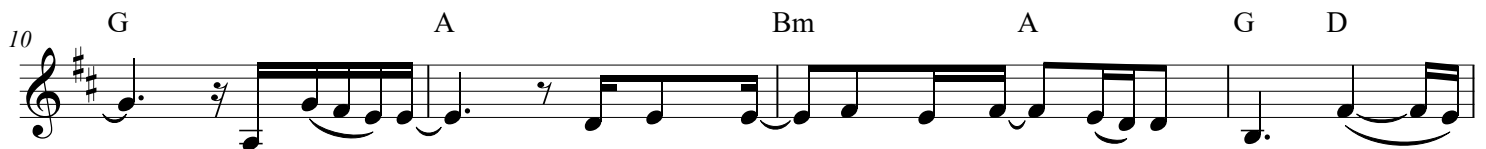
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1. Oh, You've come to bring peace,
(2. Oh, You've come) to be Hope



G A Bm A D

to be Love, to be near - er to us. You've come to bring life,
to this world, for Your hon - or and name. And You've come to take sin,



G A Bm A G D

to be Light, to shine bright - er in us. Oh, Em - man - u -
to bear shame, and to con - quer the grave. Oh, Em - man - u -

CHORUS

A G D A G D A



el, God with us. Our De - liv - er - er, You are Sav - ior.
el, God with us.



G Bm7 A G D A G Bm

In Your pres - ence, we find our strength o - ver ev - 'ry - thing, our Re - demp - tion, God with

1 2

A G Bm A A Bm



us. You are God with us. 2. Oh, You've come us.

BRIDGE

Bm

G

D

1

A

2

A

repeat as desired



You are here. You are ho - ly. We are stand - ing in Your glo - ry. in Your glo - ry,

CHORUS

G

G

D

A

G

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Lord. Our De - liv - er - er, You are Sav - ior. In Your pres - ence, we

40

Bm7

A

G

D

A

G

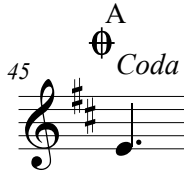
Bm

A

D.S. al Coda



find our strength o - ver ev - 'ry - thing, our Re - demp - tion, God with us.



us.

Oh,

ENDING

G

Bm

A

G

Bm

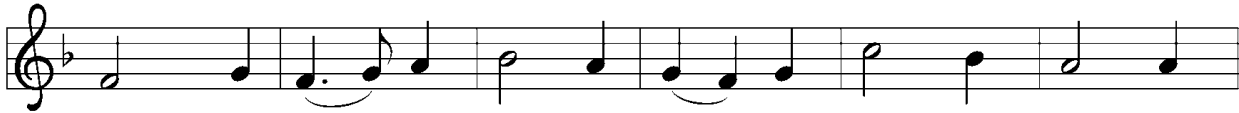
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G



God with us. You are God with us.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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