

Welcome to worship at  
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 7, 2025

## The Will to Dream



## ✦ Prophetic Peace ✦

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

**The Rev. Rebecca Knox, guest minister  
Nicole Young, seminarian minister  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermeyer, 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.**

### **Welcome Statement**

You are always welcome at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a growing community of believers in Jesus Christ, rooted in God's love and guided by Christ's example. We strive to reach out with compassion, offering a place where you can grow in faith, experience God's grace and feel safe and celebrated. At New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, we want you to gather with us at our table. Rooted in our Lutheran faith and belief that we are all children of God and made in God's image, we welcome all people with dignity and love.

In Romans 15:7, Paul writes, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

By this belief, we are committed to intentionally following Jesus' example of unconditional hospitality, love and justice. Here, you are not only included, you are respected. We affirm and value people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, cultures, ages, abilities, body sizes, relationship statuses and economic or immigration statuses. We are committed to the ongoing work toward racial equity and inclusion in all we do. You are invited to fully participate in our worship, sacraments, leadership positions, gatherings, and ministries. In our identities, we are united by the common faith we hold, and recognize we each offer unique gifts and perspectives. We believe that this transforms lives and deepens the faith of our community.

Christ's door is open to all, so is ours.

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

Nikki Young

We gather together in this place:

**prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,**  
we who dare to imagine a world renewed;  
**we who dare to dream God's dream.**

We watch with Malachi and John.

**God's peace will soon appear.**

The hills and valleys will meet,  
**and all things will be at rest.**

We long for a world restored, renewed.

**The fire of God's justice burns in our hearts.**

Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

**We have come to wonder and praise.**

### Opening Prayer

Nikki Young

God of promises, your vision for peace stretches our imaginations, pushing us beyond platitudes and stirring up the fire of justice in our hearts. Show us our place and our purpose in leveling mountains and raising valleys, in straightening roads and clearing pathways. We pray as people of anticipation, who long for peace with anxious energy as we await the arrival of Christ among us.

**Amen.**

### Advent Candle Lighting

The Young Family

The birth of Jesus has been told and retold a thousand times and in a thousand ways.

**Its impact cannot be contained in any one perspective. But who is telling the story changes how we hear it, how we imagine it, how we experience it.**

Close your eyes for a moment. What we often see this side of history in paintings or nativities is a peaceful still life of the blessed family, Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. Imagine visiting the newborn infant.

Open your eyes. Babies are not always quiet. If something is wrong or they need attention, they cry out regardless of what anyone else is saying or doing. Those around the baby must choose to respond to their cries.

The same is true for injustice. When needs go unmet or injustice occurs, the cries of those affected rise in hopes of being heard by those nearby.

A cry is a call for peace. Peace in an unfed belly, peace for safety and security, peace to be clean and have dignity. The infant Jesus broke the silence, crying out to bring peace to the world.

Jesus, like Malachi, John, and other prophets before him, calls us in the loudest of cries to peace.

**Today, we also light the candle of peace because peace requires us to pay attention to the needs of those around us.**

*He Came Down*

He came down that we may have love  
He came down that we may have love  
He came down that we may have love  
Hallelujah forevermore

*Interlude:*

He came down, He came down, He came down, He came down  
He came down, He came down, Hallelujah forevermore

He came down that we may have light  
He came down that we may have light  
He came down that we may have light  
Hallelujah forevermore

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*Please rise as you are able.*

Gathering Hymn

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

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Prayer of the Day

Nikki Young

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 nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

Ed Becker

A reading from the book of Isaiah

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

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

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 Pastor Rebecca Knox  
The holy gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his

threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Message

Pastor Rebecca Knox

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

Song of the Day                      *Days of Elijah*

Grace Praise Band

These are the days of Elijah

Declaring the Word of the Lord

And these are the days

Of Your servant Moses

Righteousness being restored

And though these are days

Of great trials

Of famine and darkness and sword

Still we are the voice

In the desert crying

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

*Chorus:*

Behold He comes Riding on the clouds

Shining like the sun At the trumpet call

So lift your voice It's the year of Jubilee

And out of Zion's hill Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel

The dry bones becoming as flesh

And these are the days

Of Your servant David

Rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest

The fields are as white in the world

And we are the labourers

In Your vineyard

Declaring the Word of the Lord

*Bridge (sing 2x):*

There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah

*Chorus (sing 2x)*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Rebecca Knox

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

Nikki Young

God of grace,  
**hear our prayers.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor Rebecca Knox

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

Pastor Rebecca Knox

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.**

*Please be seated.*

Communion

Pastor Rebecca Knox

*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).*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## Communion Songs

Grace Praise Band

### *Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

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### *Jesus Messiah*

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## Communion Prayer

Pastor Rebecca Knox

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

Where two or three of us are gathered, the prophetic Spirit is among us, inspiring our imagination and creating peace in our midst. Greet your fellow travelers now with the peace of Christ, and let these small doses of repair and reconciliation ripple out into a world in need of transformation.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

Offertory

Choir Anthem

*An Advent Alleluia*

Chancel Choir

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*The offering will be taken at this time.*

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*Please rise as you are able.*

Offertory Response *Doxology for Advent*

Praise God from whom\_ all bless - ings flow. Praise  
 God\_ all crea - tures here be - low. Praise  
 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.*

*Please be seated.*

Announcements

Nikki Young

*Please rise as you are able.*

Sending Hymn *The King Shall Come*

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Charge: A Call to Advocacy

Nikki Young

Go forth from this place, allowing God to forge you into instruments of peace for the hard work of peacemaking in our families, church, community, and world. Making peace requires us to enter into spaces of conflict. So many God harden our resolve, not our hearts; strengthen our will, not our arms; sharpen our minds, not our words. May we listen to the cries of others like John in the wilderness, guarding our hearts from being defensive or indifferent. And may we be moved to peace not for the sake of avoiding an argument, but for the sake of the gospel.

Benediction

Nikki Young

Go out in the world embracing the will to dream and may the peace we have experienced here sustain you for the days ahead.

Postlude

*Sing the Glad Song*

Franklin Ritter

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## Announcements

### Today

**We welcome The Rev. Rebecca Knox**, former Intern at New Hanover, to our worship service this morning as part of our 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Join in fellowship to honor Pastor Rebecca in the multi-purpose room this morning following the worship service.

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in remembrance of the ordination of Rebecca (Swavely) Schanely 25 years ago by Don and Andi Swavley.

**The communion** is presented to the glory of God on the 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary of Becky Schanely by her family.

**The Word in Season** devotion booklet is presented to the glory of God; may we harvest acceptance, and give thanks to God for the love of our Lord Jesus that was given to us, by Janet Psota.

**Serving Today:** Steve Weidner, head usher, Bryce Manthorne, usher, Ed Becker, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon; Genesis Garcia, acolyte; Terry Santangelo and Debbie Solazzo, communion assistants

**Next Sunday:** George Trowbridge, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Faye Weidner, lector; Nicole Ewing, children's sermon; Sadie Hubley, acolyte

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

**Angel Tree** gifts are due today. You may place your gifts under the Angel Tree in the welcome center.

**The Nursery room** is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship 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.

**Today is the deadline to sign up for the Advent Social** is on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHELCC homebound members. Snacks will be served. Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. to be put in the homebound members' December senior bags. There is a paper sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center and also on sign up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAA F4C16-60204971-advent>.

**The Coventry Singers will perform a Christmas concert**, “Holiday Journeys”, at NHELCC this afternoon at 3:00 PM. Come out for this festive holiday performance.

## **This Week**

**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, kitchen door

**Reception** – Today, 10:00 AM, room 14

**Budget Review** – Today, 10:00 AM, room 33

**J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

**J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal** – Today, 10:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

**KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal** – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

**Confirmation** – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 14  
**Coventry Singers Concert** – Today, 3:00 PM, sanctuary

**AARP** – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

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

**Cub Scout Pack 367** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 AM, rooms 1, 14, 21-24, 33, 34

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

**Finance** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

**Reconciling in Christ** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 27

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

**Endowment** – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 1

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

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, kitchen door

**Budget Review** – Wednesday, 6:00 PM, room 1

**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, 6:15 PM, room 15

**Food Ministry Board** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 14

**District Scout Committee** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 27

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

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34

**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, kitchen door

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

**J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

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

**KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

**Advent Christmas Crafts** – Next Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, room 1

**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 Lynn Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

**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.

## Upcoming Events

**Do you like to read?** Readers are needed for the Lessons and Carols service on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today to reserve your reading in this festive service. A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the Welcome Center.

**New Hanover Memorabilia** items collected over the years are available in the Welcome Center. You are invited to take home a piece of New Hanover's history; your donations will help our ministries to continue. Souvenirs from the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary are also on the table.

**History Booklets** printed for the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are available in the Welcome Center. If you didn't get one, pick up a copy today. Please, one booklet per family.

**Join NHELIC at 7:30 PM on Christmas Eve for a special Prelude of Instrumental Music.**

Arrive early and experience a selection of refined, thoughtfully curated instrumental works designed to prepare the heart and mind for the solemn beauty of the evening. From elegant arrangements of traditional carols to serene seasonal pieces, the Prelude will offer a moment of quiet reflection and graceful anticipation. We invite you to enjoy this musical offering as we prepare to welcome Christmas with reverence and joy.

## Help Needed

**Be Part of Our Live Nativity - We need your help!** When: Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM service. We're looking for: Baby Jesus (six months or younger), Mary & Joseph, shepherds, three wise people, a guiding star and angels. Families, kids, and all ages are encouraged to join in this meaningful tradition. Sign up on the

signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center OR text/call Dee Singley at 610-763-0406. Let's bring the story to life together!

**Pottstown Cluster** Throughout the months of November, December, January and February, NHELCC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall, and multi-purpose room for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the December issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

**Mission Service folks need your help!** Friends, our church has been helping to feed the hungry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church every month. We discovered their clothes closet needs help. We ask for used, clean, in good condition, warm clothes. Also, hats, gloves, mittens and hoodies are needed too! The ladies at the closet are in need of NEW socks and undergarments. Our junior/senior high Sunday School class decorated a box that is sitting in the welcome center for your donations.

## Thank You

I was deeply touched and delighted to be invited to preach at NHELCC this past Sunday! It was such a wonderful experience greeting friends both old and new. The music was a special highlight as was the reception following worship. Also, thank you for the NHELCC blanket which I used for my Sunday afternoon nap. It was so soft and warm!

I am very appreciative of the 325<sup>th</sup> planning team, the staff, Pr. Scott and Nikki, and the council for including me in two wonderful and memorable celebrations this month. God's blessings in these present moments and in the years to come! ~Pr. Tom Lang

## Want to be a member?

Please fill out "Your Voice from the Pew" card, located in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate. Check off "Interest in Church Membership."

## Resources

**Are you missing a Moments in Time insert?** Extra copies are available. Contact Barb Eisenhart, Lee Wesner or Susan Gutshall. Wrappers for the collection are available in the Welcome Center.

**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.

**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. NHELHC 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

**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

**Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered!** NHEL C’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 Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

In case you want any information, enter this link in your web browser:

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/>

or connect using this QR Code.



## Additional Information

**Facility Use for Meetings or Events Requests** All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the church office manager. The request will include the date and time, purpose, amount of people attending,

necessary space and equipment of the meeting or event. Given the information the meeting or event will be posted on the church calendar by the church office manager (only). Providing an announcement for the bulletin, newsletter or social media posting does not constitute a request or guarantee a space.

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## Prayer Requests

**Military:** Shawn Dietz, 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

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	Carol Estes	William Trotter
Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer
Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer	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
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Pam Helfrich	Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke
Janet	Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler
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Advent is the first season in the church year.

**Cross out the lower case letters to find some Advent words.**

I	c	M	y	M	r	A	t	N	p	U	w	E	h	L
i	M	l	E	f	S	t	S	w	I	g	A	e	H	f
i	u	W	p	e	b	A	d	w	q	I	m	r	v	T
m	d	R	s	b	E	n	w	A	k	m	D	r	i	Y
s	n	A	t	j	W	r	m	A	n	d	K	a	i	E

Look around! Other people are getting ready too. **Can you find these people in worship?**

- Someone wearing blue
- Someone holding a baby
- Someone with glasses
- Someone who is smiling
- Someone with white hair
- Someone who is wearing a sweater
- Someone who is reading the Bible

**Everyone waits together!**

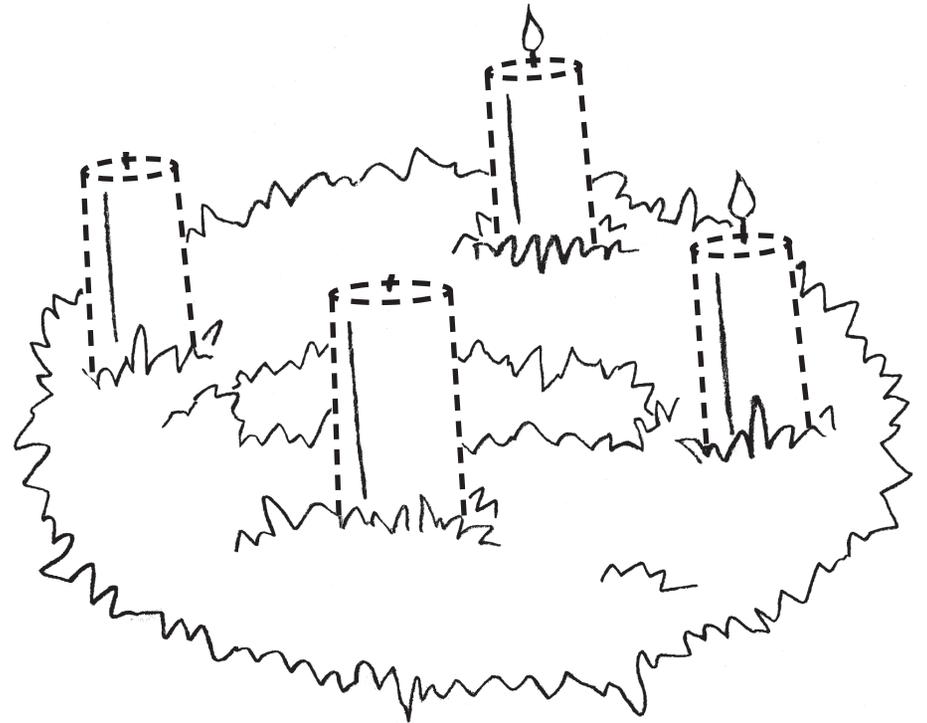


# PRE-READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** in **Advent**.
- The color we use for Advent is **blue**.
- Blue is a color that means **hope**.

**Trace the dotted lines to draw the Advent candles. Then color them blue.**



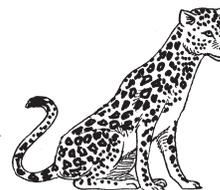
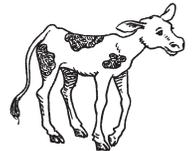
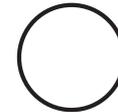
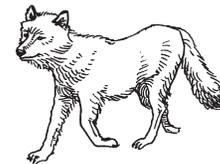
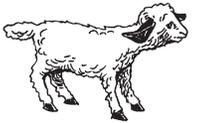
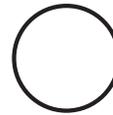


The child would show them how to live in peace and love each other.

Isaiah tells us that a **child** will bring **peace**.  
The child would bring peace to all **people**—and to **animals**, too!

During Advent we **hope** for **peace**.

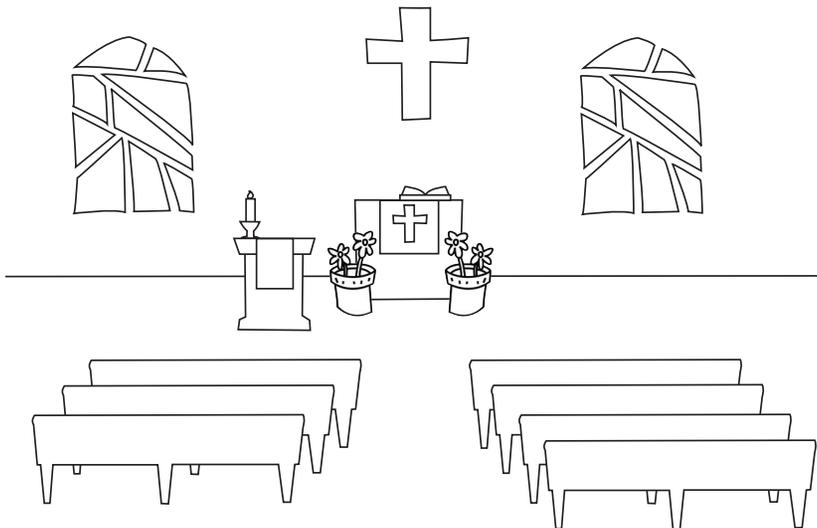
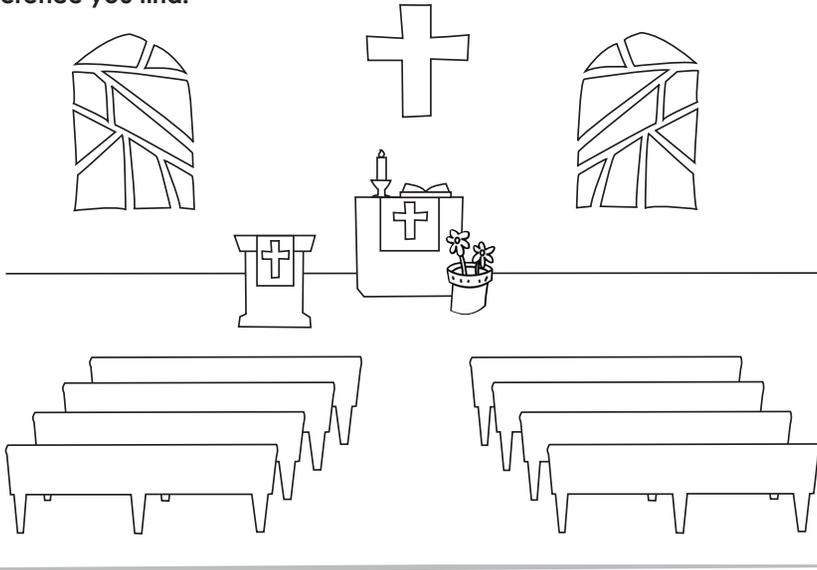
See who can live together in peace! Draw a line to connect each pair of matching shapes.



# Sanctuary Search

During Advent, we decorate the sanctuary, or worship space, in different ways. There is usually an Advent wreath with candles. The cloth that covers the altar might be blue. People hang evergreen garlands and decorate trees. Each church decorates a little differently.

Can you spot six differences between these two pictures? Circle each difference you find!



# READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **second Sunday** in Advent.
- The color we use during Advent is **blue**.



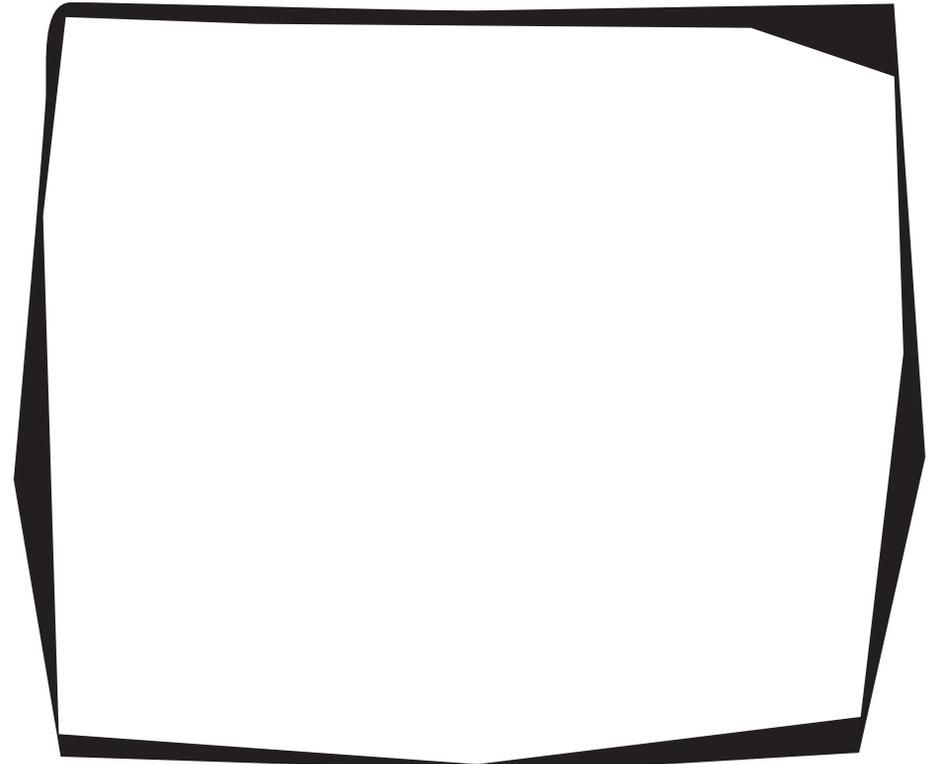
## Code Blue

Figure out this code to find out what the color blue means.

G \_\_\_ I, N \_\_\_ P, O \_\_\_ Q, D \_\_\_ F

spells: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you see in church today that is blue? Write or draw about it here.



Use the symbols to fill in the blanks for this week's memory verses. Check in your Bible to see if you're right!

**Memory Verse**

The \_\_\_\_\_ shall live with the \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ shall lie \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ will feed together, and a \_\_\_\_\_ shall lead them. Isaiah 11:6

The  shall live with the ; the  shall lie ↓ with the ; the  and the  will feed together, and a little  shall lead them. Isaiah 11:6

For the \_\_\_\_\_ will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the \_\_\_\_\_ cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9b

For the  will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the  cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9b

**Look It Up!**

Isaiah tells us about a new branch in the family tree of Jesse. King David is a son of Jesse and Jesus is in King David's family. **Write down the names of the people you find in each verse. Then draw a branch connecting the Old and New Testament families.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 17:5

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 21:3

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 25:26

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 21:3

  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Samuel 16:13

  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Samuel 16:1

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Luke 1:31

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Luke 1:27

John the Baptist was born right about the same time as Jesus. You can read more about these cousins in Luke 1:1-6.

**Did You Know?**

**Looking for John**

Figure out the word that goes on each line. Use the letters from the circles to spell the word in the last sentence.

John told people to \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_.

He was trying to help people get  \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.

John the Baptist wore funny clothes made from \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ hair.

John ate funny food, too, like \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_.

John the Baptist was a P       .

## Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



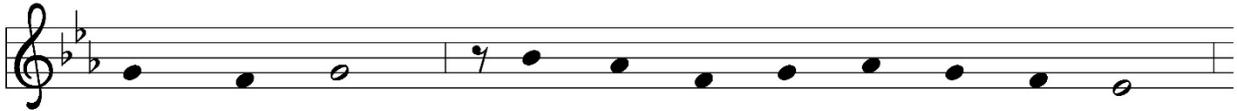
pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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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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# Days Of Elijah

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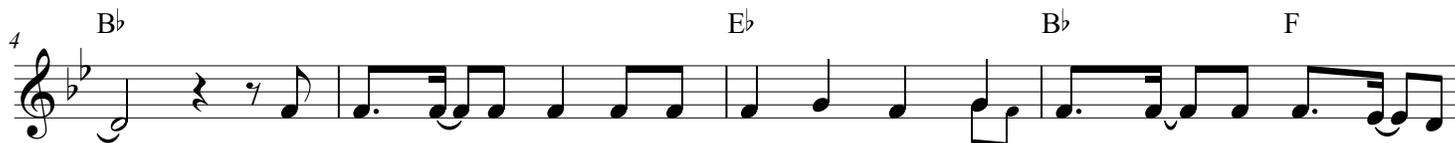
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## VERSE

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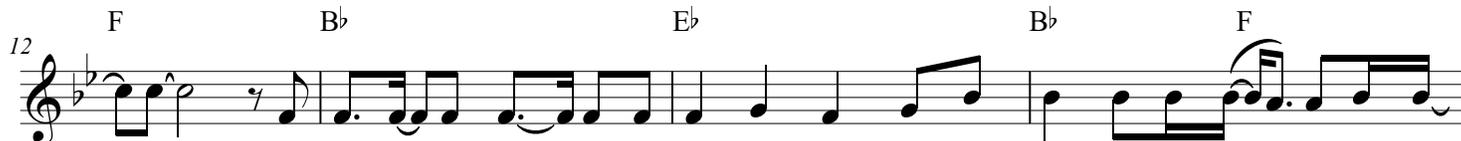
1. These are the days of E - li - jah, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord;  
(2.) these are the days of E - ze - kiel, the dry bones be - com - ing as



And these are the days of Your ser - vant, Mo - ses, right - eous - ness be - ing re -  
flesh; And these are the days of Your ser - vant, Dav - id, re build - ing a tem - ple of



stored; And though these are days of great tri - als, of fam - ine and dark - ness and  
praise; And these are the days of the har - vest, the fields are as white in the



sword; Still we are the voice in the des - ert cry - ing, "Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord."  
world; And we are the la - bour - ers in Your vine - yard, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord...

## CHORUS 1a



Be - hold He comes, rid - ing on the clouds, shin - ing like the sun at the trum - pet

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20 F B $\flat$ /F Cm/F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F

call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Ju - bi - lee, and out of Zi - on's hill sal - va - tion

**INSTRUMENTAL**

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F F

comes. 2. And

**BRIDGE**

B $\flat$  E $\flat$

There is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah,

31 B $\flat$  F

there is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah.

**BRIDGE**

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$

There is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah,

**CHORUS 1b**

36 F F/G Em/G Dm/G C

there is no god like Je - ho - vah. Hey! Be - hold He comes, rid - ing on the clouds,

39 F C G Dm/G C

shin - ing like the sun at the trum - pet call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Ju - bi - lee,

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F C G C Em/G Dm/G C

and out of Zi - on's hill sal - va - tion comes. Be - hold, He comes. \_\_\_\_\_

## The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

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