

Sunday
December 9, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

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Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Calm and Bright :

200 Years of Silent Night

“Glories
Stream”



*Indicates for the congregation to please stand as able.
The congregation's lines are in **bold**.

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Threshold Song

Silent Night, Holy Night (2 times)

It was the night when Joy was born

Silent Night

And just as now the world was torn

Holy Night

But all was calm and all was bright

Silent Night

The star above gave out its light

Holy Night

Dear people all around the world,

**Let us unite and we will show How Joy can change us, How
Joy can help us grow.**

As we continue our commemoration of the 200th anniversary of
the debut of "Silent Night, Holy Night," let's speak the second
verse together:

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing
"Alleluia"! Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is
born...**

The shepherds got quite a wake-up call that night when the sky
lit up "like a Christmas tree" — so to speak. Awe at the
transformative glory of what God can do in our lives is the
focus this week. Glories are streaming every day if we only
have eyes to see. How would our lives be renewed if we saw
the world and our lives through the lens of wonder?

So let your Joy shine in the night

Silent Night

And let your life burn warm and bright

Holy Night

This Joy we give the world is balm

Silent Night

And in this truth we find our calm.

Holy Night

Opening Prayer

Reader 1: We continue this season of waiting by lighting the second candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Reader 2: Wondrous God, we open ourselves to hear Your call today to become those who not only see the joy all around us, but can also be joy, and bring joy, to all around us – in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

Fill us with Your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

***Opening Hymn: #240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

***Pass the Peace**

As the children come forward, you are invited to greet those around you with a sign of God's joy, saying: "Joy to the world and to you!"

We Proclaim

Children's Time ~ Pastor Greg

Hymn: #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 1)

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade are invited to go to POP! with Therisa Gruber

Scriptures: Psalm 86:9-11; Luke 2:8-20

Witness to the Light in Music: Gloria! ~ Bell Choir

Witness to the Light in Word: "A Sign to You!"

We Respond

Prayers and Offering of the People

Song: (bulletin insert) Christ, Be Our Light (verse 2)

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your Word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

As we worship in Advent, each week we will have a time of praying with our actions. We have a table of candles for you to go and light a candle in prayer for someone or something, perhaps today in thanksgiving for that which brings you joy. You can place your offering of money, if you have one, in the baskets on the table or altar. Each week we will contribute to the peace and light, calm and bright, in the world by sending care packages into our community.

Pastoral Prayer

Let us speak our response:

Wrap them in your love so tight, Guide them with your holy light.

Christ, Be Our Light Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

You are invited to go to the candle station.

Carol of the Bells ~ Bell Choir

Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer

We Go

***Closing Hymn: #89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

*Benediction

I invite you to face the center aisle as the light moves out into the world and say our Advent/Christmas blessing with me:

Go with God into this day. May the Spirit guide your way. Offer joy to all you greet. Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

*We Need a Silent Night in Here Refrain ~ *Choir*

*Postlude

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Eric Goldsmith (Betty Thomas's grandson) is at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor and is making progress but has a long road of rehab and chemo ahead of him.

Two cousins of Lori Lash are in really bad health. Garry Melvin (Tim's brother) is hospitalized with congestive heart failure.

Jim and Joan Smola and family are mourning the loss of Jim's mother, Dorothy.

Karen VanStelle (John and Linda Cleveland's friend) lost her job and has health issues.

Gene and Janet Zang welcome visits or calls. Janet is recovering at home from a broken arm, and Gene is recovering from a bladder infection.

Previous Requests

Peg Bird faces serious and life altering health challenges.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Danielle (Tamra Stafford's co-worker) survived breast cancer and now has a spot on her spine.

Derek (Lynne Melvin's coworker) is now on medical leave, and Hospice has been called in.

Carol Eaton is recovering from surgery this past week to remove cancerous tumors.

Aileen Greanya and family are mourning the loss of her brother, Lynn Lohrberg, who passed away due to a fall at his home.

Ed Haberle has moved to Illinois to be closer to his family. His new address is: 404 S Stillwater Dr Apt 215, Chillicothe IL 61523.

Wayne (Lori Lash's 3-yr-old great-grandson) has kidney problems.

Carl Pauli is recovering at home from surgery on his neck following a car accident.

Prayers for family and friends of Sharon Phillips, who passed away.

Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait.

Arden Sult is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Grant Swinehart (Laverne's son) has been diagnosed with cancer.



In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait

Tyler Smith

Geoff White

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The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson
David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland

Beverly Nimmo
Robert & Carmen Parsons
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Mina Willett

Today's acolytes are
Gabriel Cleveland and Xavier Cleveland

December 2 attendance:
Worship 119 Sunday School 44

Coming deadlines

- Minutes and reports for the Church Council are due in the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 11.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Monday, Dec. 17.

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission needs bread

We are collecting bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered to KGM.

Book 2 of the Apprentice Bible Study starts in January

Wow! What a wonderful experience has been the first 12 weeks in this series based on James Bryan Smith's The Good and Beautiful God. Starting Thursday, January 3, we will delve into his second book, The Good and Beautiful Life.

"The problem is, he tells us, we have bought into false notions of happiness and success. These self-centered decisions lead us further into the vices that cause ruin: anger, lust, lying, worry and judging. Eventually we find ourselves living a beautifully packaged life of self-destruction. Following the Sermon on the Mount, this follow-up to The Good and Beautiful God guides us to look behind these character flaws and to replace our false beliefs with Jesus' narratives about life in the kingdom of God."

Won't you join us Thursday evenings at 7:00 for this spirit lifting series. Let us know of your interest as soon as you can so we can order enough books. The cost is approx. \$20 – but don't let that stop you from signing up. God will find a way! Also, you may be able to find a less expensive copy at Amazon, etc. Please contact John Cleveland at 269-649-1405 or Jcleveland327@gmail.com, or the church office at 269-649-2343.

This Week's Calendar

Today

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. *Confirmation Class is going to the Catholic Church*
- 7:00 p.m. *Beginnings Bible Study in the Library*

Monday, December 10

- 6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting in the Taylor Room

Tuesday, December 11

- 6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Room 107
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts in the FLC
- 7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*

Wednesday, December 12

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
- 2:45 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach), Rm 107
- 5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), Room 107
NO HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
- 6:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary till 8:00
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC

Thursday, December 13

- 9:30 a.m. *Angel Tree gift distribution in Room 219 till 6:00*
- 12:00 p.m. *Staff Christmas Lunch at Main St. Pub*
- 5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board in the Library*
- 6:30 p.m. *Scouts in the Taylor Room*
- 7:00 p.m. *Apprentice class in the Library*

Friday, December 14 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, December 15

- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball in the FLC
- 9:00 a.m. *Choir practice in the Sanctuary*

Monday through Friday

- 9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Next Week

Sunday, December 16

- 10:30 a.m. *Choir Cantata in the Sanctuary*

Monday, December 17

- 7:00 p.m. *Church Council in the Library*

Friday, December 21

- 11:30 a.m. *SCCS Senior Holiday Party, Taylor Rm.*
- 7:00 p.m. *Stamm piano recital in the Sanctuary*

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

12/10 Briar Luegge
Jack Page

12/12 Marshall Linebaugh

12/14 Hannah Fenwick
Madeleine Geiger

Dennis Sellers

12/15 Tyler Fenwick
Danne Willoughby

Anniversaries

12/15 Andrea & Rollie
Read



Children ages 3 yrs. to third grade leave the adult worship service right after the kids' message and are returned to service after the offering.

Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade.

Christ, Be Our Light



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,

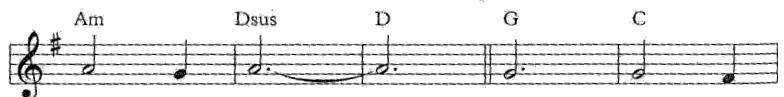


Long - ing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your
 Long - ing for hope, man - y des - pair. Your word a -
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be

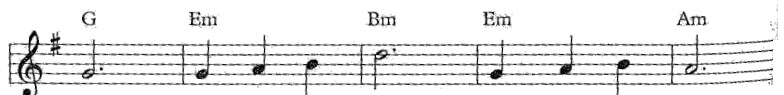


own, your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the
 lone has power to save us. Make us your
 bread, bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til
 build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of
 ser - vants to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your

Refrain



world to see. _____
 liv - ing voice. _____
 all are fed. _____ Christ, be our
 liv - ing stone. _____
 king - dom come. _____



light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark -



ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day. _____

24-Hour prayer vigil

We would like to have prayer for our church, our church family, and others for 24 hours a day, if possible. If you would like to sign up for an hour (as many as you would like), please write your name in available spaces on the chart near the welcome center.

The Confirmation Class will be going to the Catholic Church at 1:00 this afternoon.

Sew What Now God will not meet in December.

Caring Ministries will meet quarterly, with the next meeting being Wednesday, January 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

Thank you

I do not know to whom this really applies, but a big THANK YOU to the person or group that provided the new chairs for the Fish Room. They are quite comfortable and reduce the need to search for chairs from time to time. The Kum Join Us class really likes them. ~ *John Cleveland*

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Dec. 9:
 Dec. 16: Marshall Linebaugh