

Those for Whom We Pray

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If you have any changes for the prayer list, please call the office.
Thank you.

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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

Messiah, Bedford – 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad to have you worship with us today.

December 9, 2012

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Prelude

+Confession and Forgiveness: page 94

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+Kyrie: page 98

+Prayer of the Day: **℟** 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**

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lighting of Advent Candles: #257 stanza 2

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the | God of Israel;*

he has come to his people and | set them free.

⁶⁹He has raised up for us a | mighty Savior,*

born of the house of his | servant David.

⁷⁰Through his holy prophets he promised of old

⁷¹that he would save us | from our enemies,*

from the hands of | all who hate us.

⁷²He promised to show mercy | to our fathers*

and to remember his | holy covenant.

⁷³This was the oath he swore to our | father

Abraham:*

to set us free from the hands | of our enemies,

⁷⁴free to worship him | without fear,*

⁷⁵holy and righteous in his sight

all the days | of our life.

⁷⁶You, my child, shall be called the prophet of | the

Most High,*

**for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare
his way,**

⁷⁷to give his people knowledge | of salvation*

by the forgiveness | of their sins.

⁷⁸In the tender compassion | of our God*

the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shad- | ow of death,*

and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you,

⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation pg. 102

+ GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

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 Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

⁴as 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.'

⁵Every 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;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+Nicene Creed: page 104

+Prayers of Intercession:

A With longing for the fullness of redemption, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

A For preachers, teachers, and missionaries, that with bold and compassionate words they may prepare the way of the Lord: God of hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For all places where people are divided by sin,
that God's gift of reconciliation may enter in: God of
hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For those who are ill and who look to God's
healing light to restore them (*especially*): God of
hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For *this community of faith* and for our
mission, that the good news of Jesus Christ may
direct our planning and decision making throughout
the coming year: God of hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We offer thanks for all who have loved God,
and who now rest from their labors. Preserve us with
them in faith until the day we see you face to face:
God of hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of salvation, hear the prayers we make in
the name of Jesus Christ, whose coming is certain
and whose day draws near.

C **Amen**

+**Peace:** page 106

OFFERING

+**Offertory: hymn #182**

(Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord)

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+**Great Thanksgiving** pages 107-108

+**Lord's Prayer:** page 112

Communion

+**Post Communion Hymn:** 313

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Announcements and Blessings

+**Sending Hymn**

+**Dismissal:** page 115

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

- ⌚ St. Peter's **Christmas brunch** will be held today, immediately after the church service. The ladies will provide the food, and a free will offering basket will be available. The Women's Group will match the donations up to \$200; this money will be given to the general fund for the upkeep of the church.
- ⌚ Messiah will have election of council members next Sunday, December 16th.
- ⌚ From Pastor Donna:
There is no cell phone reception in the parsonage; I don't use the phone when driving or visiting. Please use the home number (276-3036) for messages. Pastor Donna will be off duty during the week of Dec. 18 (weekdays only). Dug will be taking calls & will arrange coverage as needed.
- ⌚ Parish Children's Christmas program Dec. 16th, 7p.m. at St. Peter's. Practice every Sunday at 7:00. A family fellowship time will immediately follow. We need volunteers to make cookies for refreshments. Please bring 2 dozen cookies each
- ⌚ Future **blood drive** at St. Peter's is scheduled for **January 30th** from **12-6PM**. Volunteers are always needed.
- ⌚ Happy Birthday to Denise Kagarise, Ernie Draeger and Fay Imler.
- ⌚ Happy Anniversary to David & Lynda Miller.

Candlelight Service of Remembrance at Christmas is Tuesday, December 18th, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed Church, Osterburg. This is for anyone who has lost a loved one. Everyone is welcome.

Monthly Schedule

St. Peter's Bible Study every Tuesday or Thursday
10-noon at Mary Kay Osman's

Outreach Sunday – 1st Sunday

St. Peter's WELCA meeting – 1st Sunday

Parish Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 7:00

Healing Hearts spousal bereavement support group –
2nd Wednesday 7:00 at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Council meeting - 3rd Monday

Comforting Friends – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity
Reformed Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday

New Paris Food Bank

Pick up date

MONDAY December 17th