

### **Those for Whom We Pray**

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Kitty Swaynos	Ted Figura	Mike Horowitz
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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.

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### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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## Prelude

+**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:**

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+**Opening Hymn:**

+**Greeting:** page 98

+**Kyrie:** page 98

+**Prayer of the Day:**

P Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.      **C      Amen**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion--

to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has  
blessed.  
<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of  
righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

**PSALM: Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19**

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth**

2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

**Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

3 Restore us, O God;

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

4 O Lord God of hosts,

**how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, **and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

6 You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

**our enemies laugh among themselves.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

**the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

18 Then we will never turn back from you;

**give us life, and we will call on your name.**  
19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**Lighting of Advent candle**

#257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 3  
“O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai’s height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.”

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

+**Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

+**GOSPEL 1:6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

## Children's Sermon

## Sermon

### +Hymn of the Day

### +Apostles' Creed page 105

### +Prayers:

A Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await the dawn of God's justice.

A God, who by your Spirit prepares the way, make us ready to receive the Light of lights, and enable us to continue our Advent waiting with courage. We pray to the Lord: C **show us your light.**

A Anoint the whole church with your Spirit so that we may proclaim your freedom where we see captivity and oppression. We pray to the Lord: C **show us your light.**

A Make us sensitive to the needs of the whole human family, the unemployed, the homeless, and all who are ill or who are grieving losses in this season of celebration (*especially*). We pray to the Lord: C **show us your light.**

A Give us strength to cry out into the wilderness of our world that in Jesus you have come to bind up, to heal, and to forgive. We pray to the Lord:

C **show us your light.**

A United with those who have gone before us in the communion of saints, may we with (*names*, and) all the blessed dead walk in the light of your eternal presence now and forever. We pray to the Lord:

C **show us your light.**

P Show us your light, O God, and bring us to see the day of our redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+**Peace:** page 106

## **OFFERING**

+**Offertory:** hymn #182 (Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord)

+**Offertory Prayer** page 107

+**Great Thanksgiving** pages 107-108

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

## **Communion**

### **+Post Communion Canticle:**

#313 O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

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### **Announcements and Blessings**

+**Sending Hymn**

+**Dismissal:** page 115

### **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

### **Announcements:**

Next Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 80:1-7 17-19, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

- Worship with Holy Communion Schedule: Sundays at St. Peter's at 9:00am, at Messiah at 10:30am. Sunday School classes meet at Messiah at 9:30am and at St. Peter's at 10:15am.
- If you would like Communion on Wednesday evening, please contact Pastor Donna by noon that day at 276-3036.

- Messiah council election today immediately following church.
- Singers, actors, and actresses needed! Practice for the children's Christmas play 2 p.m. –3 p. m. at St. Peter's every Sunday afternoon till Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. The performance will be at St. Peter's Sun. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Cookies and punch will be served immediately afterwards. Santa will also make a visit.
- Messiah is taking donations of non-perishable items to donate to the Bedford Food Bank from now till a week before Christmas. We know that with the holidays coming that everyone can use a helping hand. God calls us to reach out and help our neighbors.
- Happy Birthday to Connie Biselx, Roy Claycomb, Denise Kagarise and Ernie Draeger.
- Happy Anniversary to David & Lynda Miller.

Non-perishable food items are being collected at St. Peter's and will be delivered to New Paris food bank on the following Mondays.

**December 15**

### **Parish Office hours:**

Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 8-12:30

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> **CLOSED**

Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 8-12:30

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> **CLOSED**

Please have all announcements into the office by 10:30 a.m. on those Tuesdays. Thank you.

### **Monthly Schedule**

Every Wednesday evening "Quiet Hour" service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter's at 5:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Donna by noon on Wednesday if you want Communion that evening 276-3036.

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

Outreach Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

St. Peter's WELCA meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
after the service

Parish Council meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 7:00  
(odd months only 3,5,7...)

St. Peter's Council meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6:00

Messiah Council Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30

Comforting Friends – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed  
Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Exercise Fellowship Group –

**Monday** - Regular Exercise 6:30-7:30PM

**Tuesday** - Very Gentle Exercise 1-1:40PM

**Thursday** - Gentle Exercise 6PM & Regular Exercise 6:30-  
7:30PM at St. Peter's