

## Those for Whom We Pray

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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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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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## Prelude

### +Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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### +Opening Hymn:

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+Kyrie: page 98

### +Prayer of the Day:

**P** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to

refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

### 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

#240 Light One Candle... v.4

### SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**+Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

### **+GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

### **+Hymn of the Day**

**+Nicene Creed** page 104

**+Prayers:**

A As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A For the church universal and all servants of the gospel, for poets and artists, for musicians and preachers, and for theologians and teachers; that all proclaim that God is with us in Christ, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For all plants and animals, seas and skies, snow and rain, and all of God's marvels; that all of creation grow and thrive as we bless, protect, and use with care what God has made, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the nations and those in authority, for peace and justice throughout the whole world, and for those who advocate on behalf of others; that all in positions of leadership choose what is good for the community, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the thirsty and hungry, the weak and fearful, those in childbirth, those who mourn, and the sick (*especially*); that they know Christ the Anointed One who dries up every tear and comforts those who suffer, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For those who travel near and far, for those who prepare our congregation for worship and celebration, and for those who gather around word and sacrament; that all experience welcome and refreshment, let us pray

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

A In thanksgiving for the saints who have died and are now at rest; that the witness of their faith point us to the promises of grace and resurrection in Christ, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to You, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

**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

**+Post Communion Prayer:** page 114

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## **Announcements and Blessings**

**+Sending Hymn**

**+Dismissal:** page 115

## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

## **Announcements:**

Christmas Eve Service - Messiah 6:00

St Peter's 7:30

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 9:00am and at St. Peter's at 10:15am. If you want Communion contact Pastor Donna.

- The Children's Christmas Program tonight, 5:45 at St. Peter's. There will be punch and cookies afterwards as well as a visit from Santa.
- Bible Study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 2-3:30 starting in January 2017.
- Exercise group 6:30 in St. Peter's social hall, every Monday & Thursday. Come & join the fun.
- Parish Election, today, after church at Messiah.
- Happy Birthday to Chelsea Dawson, Yvette Hawn, Ken Corle, Donna Miller, Simon Montgomery Osman, Collin James Osman, Pat Clemson, Magaly Ickes and Mike Peterson.
- Happy Anniversary Galen & Tina Henderson and Dean & Kathy Claycomb.

## Monthly Schedule

Every Tuesday “Quiet Hour” service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter’s at approximately 3:45 p.m. Contact Pastor Donna if you want Communion that afternoon 276-3036.

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> Sunday 6:00

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

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