

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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**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY**

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Prelude

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

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+**Opening Hymn:**

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+**Prayer of the Day:**

P Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

²The LORD has made known his victory;
**he has revealed his vindication in the sight of
the nations.**

³He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth
**break forth into joyous song and sing
praises.**

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
**make a joyful noise before the King,
the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and
various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he
has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of
all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact
imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things
by his powerful word. When he had made purification
for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty
on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as
the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the
world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

⁸But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of
your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated
wickedness; therefore God, your God, has
anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond
your companions."

¹⁰And,
"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your
hands;
¹¹they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
¹²like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will never end."

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+Nicene Creed page 104

+Prayers:

A Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation

A brief silence.

A Holy God, you raise up leaders throughout the church to proclaim your word of hope. Unite the church through the good news of salvation, so that all will know and experience your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Holy God, you created mountains and hills, seas and rivers, and all creatures. Reveal to us the goodness of all you have made so that we live wisely with these your gifts. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Holy God, you desire that all people live in peace. Guide all in positions of authority to lead with equity, and give courage to advocates who speak for the voiceless. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Holy God, you sent your Son to be our physician and remedy. Strengthen medical professionals and counselors to care for the sick and grieving (especially), so that all people experience healing and consolation.

Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, you gather us together in community, blessing us with friends and family. Make yourself known to all who participate in worship today, and send us forth to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered

A Holy God, you show your love and faithfulness in every generation. Through the witness of our ancestors in the faith, you have shown us how to testify to your grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

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OFFERING

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

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Communion

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Announcements and Blessings

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Postlude

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Announcements:

January 1st - Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

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 Saturday, December 31st, 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 2nd & 4th 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.
- Happy Birthday to Kevin Young, Adam Osman, Charles Maxwell Jr, Nikolas Custer, Deborah Winesickle.

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 – 1st Sunday

St. Peter’s WELCA meeting – 1st Sunday
after the service

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

St. Peter’s Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 6:00

Messiah Council Meeting – 2nd Sunday 6:00

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

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday