

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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 40:1-11

1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." 6 A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. 9 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" 10 See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

1 Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin. (Selah)

8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he
will speak peace to his people,
**to his faithful, to those who turn to him in
their hearts.**

9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear
him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
**and righteousness will look down from the
sky.**

12 The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

Lighting of Advent Candle

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with
the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a
thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not
slow about his promise, as some think of slowness,
but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish,
but all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the
Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will
pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will
be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything
that is done on it will be disclosed. 11 Since all these
things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of
persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness
and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the
coming of the day of God, because of which the
heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the
elements will melt with fire? 13 But, in accordance
with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a
new earth, where righteousness is at home. 14
Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these
things, strive to be found by him at peace, without
spot or blemish; 15 and regard the patience of our
Lord as salvation.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+Nicene Creed page 104

+Prayers:

A Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

A brief silence.

A We long to see your glory. Prepare our hearts for your arrival by healing divisions in your church and blessing those who work for reconciliation within it.

Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray for your creation. Bring renewal to open spaces, parks, forests, mountains, and grasslands.

Restore the creatures and lands that are damaged or destroyed. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We long for your peace. Make places of welcome for people fleeing violence. For nations facing conflict or crisis, deliver relief. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We seek healing for all people who long for justice, freedom, and comfort. Sustain them in their time of need. Be with all who wait for you, who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for those who are ready to help in times of crisis. Give courage to disaster and emergency response teams, police officers, nurses, doctors, surgeons, chaplains, and all who work for the sake of others. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered

A We are your beloved flock and you are our shepherd, O God. Along with the saints already at rest in you, bring us together as your people under your holy rule. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, 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

+Post Communion Prayer: page 114

+Benediction: page 114

Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn

+Dismissal: page 115

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

November Financial Statement

Income \$2,754

Expenses \$3,825

Year-to-date under budget \$8,889

November coins & match \$128.24

Hoss's Fundraiser \$458

Announcements:

December 17th - Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126,
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

- **NOTICE:**
Anyone who works with children, representing Messiah, needs to have copies of clearances on file with the council. This is required by the Allegheny Synod of the ELCA and Pennsylvania State Law. Please have copies of your clearances turned in by January 1, 2018. If you would like a copy of the details and instructions for obtaining the needed documents, they are available from Pastor Donna. The clearances for volunteers are simpler than those needed for employment.
- Messiah will hold its election of 2018 Church Council Members next Sunday Dec. 17th.
- Everyone is invited to a Christmas Hymn/Carol Sing today at 2:00pm at Messiah, co-hosted by Messiah and the Dutch Corner History Group. Refreshments will be served following the singing. Come and enjoy your favorite Holiday Songs with us.

- Christmas Eve Services
Messiah – 6:00
St. Peter's – 7:30
- Happy Birthday to Ernie Draeger, and Ryan Hengst.
- Happy Anniversary to David & Lynda Miller.

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

Bible Study 2nd & 4th Wednesday 1-2:30 at St. Peter's

Exercise Group Mondays & Thursdays, 6:30 at St. Peter's

Corn Hole Tournaments Wednesdays, 6:00 at St. Peter's

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

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday