

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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+**Prayer of the Day:**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

1 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." 3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." 4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?

6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" 8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 16 Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ **for he has looked with favor on the
lowliness of his servant.**

Surely, from now on all generations will call me
blessed;

**for the Mighty One has done great things for
me, and holy is his name.**

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

**he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of
their hearts.**

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their
thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Lighting of Advent Candle

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

25 Now to God who is able to strengthen you
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus
Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that
was kept secret for long ages 26 but is now disclosed,
and through the prophetic writings is made known to
all the Gentiles, according to the command of the
eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- 27
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom
be the glory forever! Amen.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by
God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a
virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of
the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28
And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one!
The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much perplexed
by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this
might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And
now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and
will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord
God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.
33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and
of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to
the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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 Your eternal reign has come into the world. Give us ears to hear your call to serve your kingdom, and send us out to those who are hurting and in need of good news. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A You created the mystery and beauty of the earth. Replenish rivers, lakes, seas, and all bodies of water, so that plants, animals, and humans can have life and be refreshed. Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

A You bring down the powerful and raise up the lowly. Where war rages, shatter hatred with forgiveness and peace. Where fear rules, make your all-powerful and eternal presence known. Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

A You remember us with mercy, Lord, as you have done for all generations. Fill us, comfort us, strengthen us, and enlighten us. Make your will known to all in need. Today we pray especially for.... Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

A You called Mary to bear your Son. We pray for pregnant women, for mothers and fathers of infants and small children, and especially for couples who bear the pain of infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth. Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

A Your kingdom has no end. With servants throughout time, women and men, old and young, unite us forever in your reign of peace and joy. 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)

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Communion

+Post Communion Canticle:
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Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn

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Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

December 31st - Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148,
Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

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.

- Christmas Eve Services
Messiah – 6:00
St. Peter's – 7:30
- 40,000 can challenge Synod current total 1,956
- Happy Birthday to Mike Peterson, Kevin Young, Adam Osman, Charles Maxwell, Jr. Nikolas Custer, and Deborah Winesickle.

Prayers & Deepest Sympathy to the Family & Friends of Steve Domonkos.

Corn hole signup sheets are in back of churches. It will be held on Thursdays at 6:30, and exercise will be Mon. & Wed. at 6:30. Starting 2018, a \$1 donation is requested when attending either.

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

- **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.