

THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

TODAY: 11:00 — Virtual Video Worship Service
THURS: 6:30 — Session w/ Deacon's & Trustee presidents.
New officer interviews & consults. (Zoom Mtg / details to follow)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Session and the Deacon's & Trustee presidents have moved us back to virtual-only services and meetings for the next two weeks in an attempt to protect our ability to meet together for Christmas Eve, if at all possible. We have had three positive or expected-positive COVID test results returned in this week. When taken in tandem with the current super-spike in cases, we do this out of an abundance of caution and for the good of the body.

Remember to check the The Church Website weekly for new material and for the worship videos: <http://northlibertypc.org>
The Worship Service videos are being loaded weekly to Pastor Rusty's YouTube channel (Albert Stuart), and to the Church's channel (North Liberty).

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the North Liberty Presbyterian Church is to *serve Christ*. We seek to *introduce Jesus* as the Christ and *become disciples* so that together we are enabled to *love one another* and *share His love* with those around us.

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Michele Bonnici, pianist
Josiah Stuart, Solist

The Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS:

✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: “While by the Sheep We Watched at Night”

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Hemmerlin Family

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Reader: Our lists are long, . . . O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Verse 2) # 245

Prayer:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: LORD You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from your hot anger.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Unison: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

(Psalm 85:1 – 3 & 8 - 13)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

HYMN: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” # 259

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Unison: Eternal God, in Whom we live, move and have our being; Whose face is hidden from us because of our sins, and Whose mercy we have forgotten in the blindness of our hearts; Cleanse us, we pray, from all of our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and

vain desires which we have nurtured deep within us. Grant that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to You, and that in confessing our faults and clinging to Your grace, we might find our true refuge through Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

* GLORIA PATRI:

✠ ✠ HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

CHILDRENS’ MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Mark 1:1 - 8
II Peter 3:8 - 15[a]

ANTHEM:

SERMON: “The Shepherd Comes:
He Will Tend His Flock”
The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

✠ ✠ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

HYMN: “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” (V 1, 3 & 4) # 267

* ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE: (Jude 24-25)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: “He Comes! Messiah Comes”

PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospitalized

Johnny Hubel -TBI
(in HS Football game)

Upcoming Surgery

Recuperating

Evelyn Koprivnikar
David Dunkerely
Joan Dickey
Nancy Baker
Paul Rizza
Jack Hemmerlin
Sue Black (probable COVID)
Bill & Brenda Martin & Amanda
Petroff (Bill has COVID)
Tom & Barb Linko (COVID)
Betty Holmes (Amanda Lucco's mother
— broken ankle w/ surgery)
Sherrie Young - Dana Uber's niece

Cancer Warriors

Bill Cooper (Home Hospice)
Lisa Boesch
Dave Beatty
John Petrack (Sue Black's brother-in-law)

Health and Other Concerns

Bob Barger
Gwen Best (Nina's sister)
Brandy Brown
Pat Burns (Anne Treanor's Sis-in-law)
Ed Buchert
Nancy Clark
Thomas Cooper (Dorry's nephew)
Kay Dannels (friend of Beth Black)
Jesse Duncan
John Duncan
Martha Dunlap

Ray Hoagland
(Marianne McCreight's father)
Carter Kerr (Carolyn Rizza's Cousin)
Linda Knight
John Koprivnikar
Tony Nicoletto
Virginia Palmer
David O'Planik (Denny Youshock's
Cousin)
Theresa & Stephanie Snyder
(Joyce Youshock's cousins)
Avery Reynolds
(Friend of Marie Duncan)
Kaitlyn Spinoso
(Pastor's Bob McCreight's
granddaughter)
Olivia Williams
(grandniece of Sue Black)
Sam Williamson
Dawn Carothers
Bill & Helen Sevin
Peggy Coulter (Reece's Mother)
Gerry & Dorry Sankey (Travel
mercies & comfort)
Ken & Bonnie Luckock
Sarah Watson — (Health concerns)

Bereavement

Special Prayers

Thanksgiving

Joy

Jessy (Pizor) & Justin Osborne had
a little girl, Maeve Rozella at 7 lbs,
3 oz. They are home. She joins
brothers Mac & Trent. Elated grandparents
are Terri & Bob Pizor.

Work & Worship of the Church

Sunday School Teachers
CE
Liberty Lambs & Lions

Shut-ins

June McClelland

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1525 Wigwam #111
Henderson, NV 89074

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20 Orchard Drive
Grove City, PA 16127
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7271 W. Market St.
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353 North Duffy Road
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600 Slippery Rock Road
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Mission

Pecos Valley Hispanic Ministries
The Presbyterian Church in
North and South Sudan
Dominican Republic
Mission Partners



Kyle Campbell
(Alex's brother)
Jake and Jessica Corey
(Lockheart) Orman
(Erin Stoops' Cousins)
Kirby Buchanan
(Tom & Nina Cooper's
Grandson)

***** Abbey Novotny requests that
anyone who planned to bring
donations for the soldier care
package can contact her to schedule a
pick-up. *****

