

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES:

OFFERTORY: "Reflections of Bethlehem"

* THE DOXOLOGY:

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

HYMN:

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

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[1] Infant holy, Infant lowly,

For His bed— a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing

Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing,

Noels ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all!

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[2] Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping

Vigil till the morning new

Saw the glory, heard the story—

Tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,

Praises voicing greet the morrow:

Christ, the Babe, was born for you!

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

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.

NORTH LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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King Jesus Is Lord!

The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart, pastor
Michele Bonnici, Pianist || Mark Bonnici, Videographer
Josiah Stuart, Soloist

1st Sunday in Advent

Sunday, November 28th, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS:

✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: The Coulter Family

Scripture Passage: Isaiah 64:1 - 9

Meditation: If ever. . . . O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verse 1

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Glory to the Father in Whom all things began!**People:** Glory to the Son Who became the Son of Man!**Pastor:** Glory to the Spirit Who inspires and renews, the Lord our God forever! Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!**People:** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**Pastor:** O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.**People:** Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!*(Psalm 80:1 - 6)*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 244

[1] Come, thou long expected Jesus,
 born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release us,
 let us find our rest in thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art;
 dear desire of every nation,
 joy of every longing heart.

[2] Born thy people to deliver,
 born a child and yet a King,
 born to reign in us forever,
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal spirit
 rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all sufficient merit,
 raise us to thy glorious throne.

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Unison: Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit the Comforter and Advocate. We ask this through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen. *[Adapted from Our Modern Services; the Anglican Church of Kenya; pg 35.]*

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

* GLORIA PATRI:

✠ ✠ ✠ HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Jeremiah 33:14 - 18
 Luke 21:25 - 36

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

ANTHEM: "Jesus, the Light of the World"

SERMON: "Watching Ourselves:
 Hope Comes with Warning!"

✠ ✠ ✠ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospitalized

Jim Swisher [Hospice || Rusty's Uncle]
Bob McGhee || Friend of Tony & Janice McElhinny
Bob Barger

Upcoming Surgery

Dr. Sherrick & Son
Ed Turnbull (Rotator Cuff Repair)

Recuperating

Cathy Hemmerlin || Foot surgery
John Petrack || Stem Cell trans on Thurs
Chris Shaw (Surgical Recovery)
Rick Shaner || Tumor - Ear Canal
Jason Weyerich (To Rehab / TBI)
Linda Beatty
Johnny Hubel (TBI Home Recovery)
Barb Linko (Heart Surgery – Waiting)
Ed Buchert (Recovering & PT)
Brittany Glace (Double Lung Trans from COVID)

Cancer Warriors

John Petrack (Sue Black's B-in-L)
Nick Cooper (Dorry's nephew – Lymphoma)
Adam Shields (Leukemia)
Sally Riddle (No Cancer || trach 'til Oct)
Allan Morris (Evelyn K's cousin-in-law ||
Colon/Prostate)
Matt Porter (Brain || Joyce Youshock's Cousin)
Donnie Porterfield
John McElhinny
Dave Dunkerly
Evelyn Koprivnikar (secondary tumor)

Health and Other Concerns

Sharon Magalis || Spot on Pancreas w/ testing
Michael Henderson || Heart Attack &
Coronary aneurism

Phyllis Buchanan | CHF & Blood Clots
Dean Kildoo || Move to Grove Manor
Rick Sankey || ALS & Parkinsons
Bob Kedanis || Work accident
Garalynn Barlow (Parkinson's)
Bob Barger & Joann Barger
Brandy Brown
Pat Burns (Anne Treanor's Sis-in-law)
Nancy Clark
Thomas Cooper (Dorry's nephew)
Kay Dannels (friend of Beth Black)
Mike Yuricha | COVID & Sepsis
Martha Dunlap
Dick Dunlap
Ray Hoagland (M. McCreight's Dad)
Carter Kerr (Carolyn Rizza's Cousin)
Linda Knight
Tony Nicoletto
Theresa & Stephanie Snyder (Joyce Youshock's
cousins)
Avery Reynolds
(Friend of Marie Duncan)
Kaitlyn Spinosa
(Pastor's Bob McCreight's granddaughter)
Sam Williamson
Helen Sevin
Paul Bonnici (Mark's brother)
Julie Roberts
Scott Burns (Stroke recovery)
Jack Hemmerlin (Eye Press. Good | still has Double
Vision post-surgery)
Gwen Best (COVID)
Trish Turnbull (Kidney Dis. / Bad Hip)
Paul Rizza (Long-term yeast infection)
Larry Shannon (improving)
George Pokrant
John & Edna Mae Tissue (John's health issues)
Al || Homeless Gent. (Barkeyville)
Paul Eperthener || COVID & Anemia
Marion Wood || Dementia onset

Bereavement

Joe Gregg Family
Bob Dickey Family
Joan McClellan Family

Special Prayers

The State of the Nation
COVID Vaccinations & cases
Police, Fire, EMS, Med. Personnel
Afghanistan

Thanksgiving

Joy

Work & Worship of the Church

Presbytery of Shenango (re-organization & new
officers | Sue Black, Vice-Mod.)
Sunday School Teachers
CE & Liberty Lambs & Lions

Shut-ins

Erma Campbell –Rm 316B

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724-418-4446

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Mission

Kidnapped Missionaries in Haiti

Pecos Valley Hispanic Ministries

Presbyterian Church in N. & S. Sudan

(New churches planted | COVID | Reconciliation)

Dominican Republic Mission Partners

Shenango Pres DR Team 2022 Trip Planning

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY



Kyle Campbell

(Alex's brother)

Jake & Jessica Corey (Lockheart) Orman

(Erin Stoops' Cousins)

Kirby Buchanan

(Tom & Nina Cooper's Grandson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Week in Brief

TODAY: 9:45 AM — Prayer Time
10:00 AM — Sunday School
11:00 AM — Worship Service
7:00 PM — Screening of The Chosen. || Trinity Lutheran Ch.

MONDAY: 6:00 PM — GriefShare || Support Group
Leesburg Presbyterian Church || Open mtg

TUES.: 6:30 PM — Presbytery Meeting || Trinity Church, Mercer
7:00 PM — Choir Practice
— Newsletter Submission DUE!

WEDS: 9:00 AM — GC Ministerium Meeting || Grace UMC

THURS.: 10:30 AM — PW Morning Circle
6:30 PM — PW Evening Circle

Next

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The Offering is collected in the offering plates on the center table in the Narthex. It will be brought forward during the Offertory for the prayer of Dedication. On Communion Sundays there are two different plates out. The Standard offering goes in the gold plates.

Please remain seated through the end of the postlude.

- Children's Church has resumed. The children will be dismissed from the service following the Children's Message. Additional volunteers to staff Children's Church would help immensely; if anyone would like to help with Children's Church, please contact either Joyce Youshock or Dorry Sankey. Thank you, in advance.

• Nov. Items for Bob's Food Cupboard:

- ☒ Chunky Soups
- ☒ Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ☒ Side dish mixes
- ☒ Noodles(all kinds) / Rice

For December:

- ☒ Salt, Pepper
- ☒ Basic Spices

NOTICE: We have returned to "Normal" in attendance & gathering restrictions. Masking is not required, though it is suggested for those who are unvaccinated or have chronic illness or autoimmune conditions that make them more vulnerable to COVID-19 or one of its variants. We video record worship services for distribution on DVD and on the Church website & YouTube channels; Our short range AM signal around the building also continues for those who wish to attend, but cannot come inside to expose themselves.

Video recordings of services available via YouTube & the Church website.

Albert Stuart Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgskXHNKPjvAwEeH6CKeQNA>

North Liberty Channel:

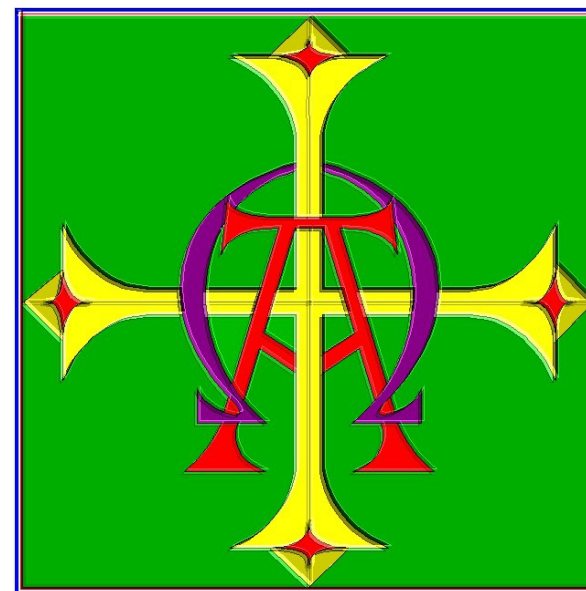
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzi4d3I8gQuFwtER3o6xFyA>

Church Website:

<http://northlibertypc.org/blog/highlights-upcoming-events/>

or:

<http://www.northlibertypc.org/category/recordedsermons/>



Jeremiah 33:14 - 18

¹⁴ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

¹⁷ “For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸ and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever.”

Luke 21:25 - 36

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.

³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

As we look at our prayer list each week, we should also remember our college students. Please pray for them, and send them a card or two. They really are excited from us and know that we are praying for them.

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