

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES:

OFFERTORY: "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

\* THE DOXOLOGY:

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

HYMN: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" # 267

[1] I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

[2] I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along th'unbroken song Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

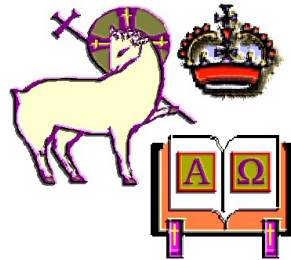
[3] And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

[4] Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men."

[5] Then ringing, singing on its way, The world revolved from night to day—  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

CHARGE & BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: "The King Shall Come"



### 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

209 N. Liberty-Plain Grove Road, Grove City, PA 16127

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## King Jesus Is Lord!

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS &amp; CONCERNS:

## ✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: "Gesu Bambino"

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: The Bonnici Family

Scripture Passage: II Samuel 7:4 - 12

Meditation: **Reader:** We live on the brink every day. We stand . . . It is the love that knows that company is coming. O Come, O Come Emmanuel!Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verse 4  
[4] O come Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
[Refrain]  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Pastor:** Her soul magnified the Lord, and her spirit rejoiced in God our Savior, for He looked with favor on the lowliness of His servant. Surely, all generations call her blessed; because the Mighty One did great things for her and for us, holy is His name.**People:** His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**Pastor:** He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.**People:** His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**Unison:** He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, according to the promise He made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

## 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:** 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: Luke 1:26 - 38

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

ANTHEM: "Noel! Noel!"

SERMON: "Greeting the Son of the Most High"

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

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Hospitalized

Diane Thompson || On Vent w/ COVID  
Bob Barger  
Bill Johnston

### Upcoming Surgery

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

### Recuperating

Jim Swisher [Rusty's Uncle]  
Cathy Hemmerlin || Foot surgery & had a fall  
John Petrack || Stem Cell trans. recovery  
Chris Shaw (Surgical Recovery)  
Rick Shaner || Tumor - Ear Canal  
Jason Weyerich (To Rehab / TBI)  
Linda Beatty  
Johnny Hubel (TBI Home Recovery)  
Barb Linko (Good Report!!! No Surgery needed)  
Ed Buchert (Recovering & PT)  
Brittany Glace (Double Lung Trans from COVID )  
Dorry Sankey  
Lee Covert  
Ginny McClymonds

### Cancer Warriors

John Petrack (S. Black's B-in-L || Dvlping. new blood)  
Adam Shields (Leukemia)  
Sally Riddle (No Cancer || Still has trach in place)  
Allan Morris (Evelyn K's cousin || Colon & Pros.  
Matt Porter (Brain || Joyce Youshock's Cousin)  
Donnie Porterfield (recovering from COVID)  
John McElhinny  
Dave Dunkerly || No new tumors - tumors shrinking  
Evelyn Koprivnikar (secondary tumor & treatment)

### Health and Other Concerns

Janice Rosen || Nancy's Baker's niece – COVID  
Bob McGhee || Friend of McElhinnys - home hospice  
Carolyn Rizza || COVID Recovery

Sharon Magalis || Spot on Pancreas w/ testing  
Michael Henderson || Long Recovery | Heart Attack)  
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  
Martha Dunlap  
Dick Dunlap  
Ray Hoagland (M. McCreight's Dad | 101 years |  
breathing difficulties)  
Carter Kerr (Carolyn Rizza's Cousin)  
Linda Knight  
Tony Nicoletto  
Theresa & Stephanie Snyder (Stephanie hosp. again  
Joyce Youshock's cousins)  
Avery Reynolds  
(Friend of Marie Duncan)  
Kaitlyn Spinoso  
(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. / Foot recovered)  
Paul Rizza (Long-term yeast infection)  
Larry Shannon (improving)  
George Pokrant  
John & Edna Mae Tissue (John's health issues)

Al || (has moved to Apartment in Parker)  
Paul Eperthener || Anemia but back at work!!!  
Marion Wood || Dementia onset

### Bereavement

Tammy Wagner Family  
Dick Yard Family  
Bob McCutcheon Family  
Lori Conkle Family  
Kathy Jarvie Family || Erin Stoops' Aunt

### Special Prayers

The State of the Nation  
COVID Vaccinations & cases  
Police, Fire, EMS, Med. Personnel  
Afghanistan  
6-State Tornado / Storm recovery

### 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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### Joan Dickey

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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

<u>TODAY:</u>	9 <sup>:45</sup> AM	—	Prayer Time
	10 <sup>:00</sup> AM	—	Sunday School
	11 <sup>:00</sup> AM	—	Worship Service
	7 <sup>:00</sup> PM	—	Screening of The Chosen.    Trinity Lutheran Ch.
<u>MONDAY:</u>	6 <sup>:00</sup> PM	—	GriefShare    Support Group Leesburg Presbyterian Church    Open mtg
<u>TUES.:</u>	7 <sup>:00</sup> PM	—	Choir Practice
<u>FRIDAY:</u>	7 <sup>:00</sup> PM	—	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons, Carols & Communion
Next			
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	9 <sup>:45</sup> AM	—	Prayer Time
	10 <sup>:00</sup> AM	—	Sunday School
	11 <sup>:00</sup> AM	—	Worship Service
	7 <sup>:00</sup> PM	—	Screening of The Chosen    All Saint's Lutheran

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.**
- December Items for Bob's Food Cupboard:
  - ✠ 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/UCgskXHNPjvAwEeH6CKeQNA>

North Liberty Channel:

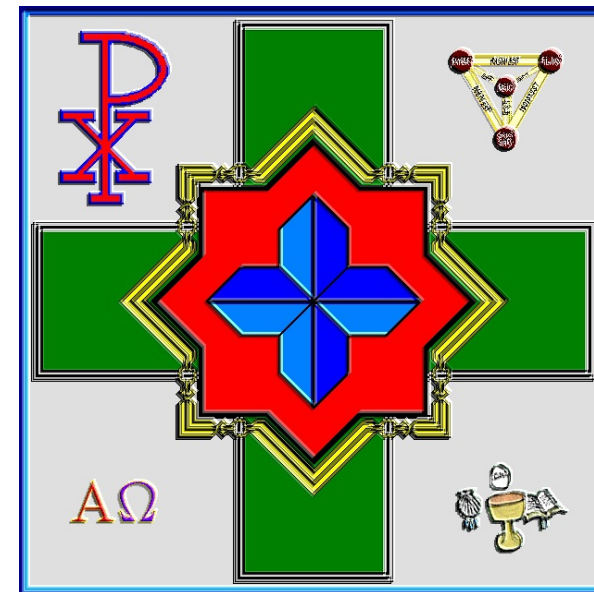
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzi4d3I8gQuFwtER3o6xFyA>

Church Website:

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

or:

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



## Luke 1:26 - 38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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 father David, <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered 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 called holy — the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**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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