



Following Christ and Being His Beacon in Our Community



Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Organ & Piano Prelude

“Away in a Manger” arr. Mercer
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” arr. Mercer
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. Mercer

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Rev. Dr. Bill and Vicki Netting

Opening Carol: #141

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Welcome and Greeting

We are glad you are here worshipping with us today! Please take a moment to stand and wave to those around you.

Announcements & Opportunities to Serve the Lord

Sharing of Joys, Concerns & God Sightings

Pastoral Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: *“The Apostles’ Creed”*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Sounds of the Christmas Season: Bob Trimble & Rick Rineer

“No Room” arr. DeCou

“The Twelve Songs of Christmas” arr. Althouse

Tithes and Offerings

There are offering boxes at each exit for you to continue giving to God’s work at Little Britain. If you prefer to give electronically, please visit our website and scroll to the bottom of the main page and click on “Give”.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Response to the Scripture:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Pastor Tom Milligan

“Census Time”

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation:

Hymn: #170 (Verses 1 & 2)

“One Day”

Prayer of Consecration:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn: #170 (Verses 4 & 5)

“One Day”

Benediction

Congregational Response: #242

“While We Are Waiting” (Verse 1)

While we are waiting come. While we are waiting come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting come.

Organ & Piano Postlude:

“Christmas Carol Medley” by Various

In His Service Today:

- Pastor: Rev. Thomas Milligan
- Ministers: The Congregation
- Administrative Assistant: Peggy McCauley
- Choir Director: Peggy Gordon
- Guest Organist: Bob Trimble
- Pianist: Rick Rineer
- Nursery: Open but not staffed

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Announcements & Opportunities to Serve the Lord



Join Pastor Tom this advent season with his sermon series “**The Most Inconvenient Christmas**”. Here are the upcoming sermon titles in this series:

- Sunday, December 13, 2020: “Fleeing to Egypt”
- Sunday, December 20, 2020: “Becoming Nothing”
- Thursday, December 24, 2020: “No More Gloom”



Today we welcome Bob Trimble at the organ and Rick Rineer at the piano as lead us in worship and bring us some sounds of the Christmas season.



Today’s altar flowers are given with thanks to God for the act of forgiveness. “And ye be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” Ephesians 4:32.

Last week’s altar flowers were given by Judy and Glenn Aument in celebration of Margaret Black’s 98th birthday. Happy Belated Birthday, Margaret! God Bless.



Christmas poinsettias are available to purchase and will be used in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. You may take your poinsettias at the end of the service. The 7-1/2” pot holds one branch with 3-5 blooms. Colors are red or white and the cost is \$8.00 per plant. Order forms can be found inside the glass doors on the first floor. Order deadline is **Sunday, December 13, 2020**. Questions? Contact Trish Blough at 717-548-2630.



A big thank you from Peggy McCauley to everyone for all your cards and prayers!



The Session will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020** at **7:00 p.m.**

Friday Prayer Time: You are welcome to join us each **Friday** at **2:00 p.m.** for a time of prayer through Zoom. Please see Pastor Tom for more information.

There's an App for That: Well no not really, but the church bulletin is available under the resources tab of the church website if you prefer an electronic version over a paper copy.



Please mark your calendar for the upcoming special offerings:

- **December 24, 2020:** Our Christmas Eve offering will go to support Solanco Neighborhood Ministries
- **December 27, 2020:** An offering will be taken to support retired EPC ministers and missionaries in need.



Covid may have stopped some things but it has not stopped our choir. The choir will be holding a brief socially distant rehearsal each Sunday following the morning worship service. Currently they are practicing for Christmas Anyone interested in joining is welcome to stay after the church service.

Please Be Seated? As we get adjusted to worshipping indoors we will remain seated during the singing of hymns and praise songs. Thank you in advance for your flexibility!



Children's Church will be meeting indoors (with masks) during the worship service. Come join our teachers Jenny, Becky and Amanda for a time of worshipping God (and have some fun too).

Time of Sharing: Following the Postlude, we will have a time for sharing additional announcements and prayer requests that were not able to be shared during the worship service.



Please check out the Sharing Table for baked goods. Donations will be given to the Food Bank. The Sharing Table is located by the main entrance on the first floor.



Announcements? If you have anything for the announcements please call or email the church or you can email Rick Rineer directly at [jriner2@comcast](mailto:jrineer2@comcast). Please have announcements for following week in by **5:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday**. Thank you!



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 19, 2020** from **5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.** as members of Little Britain Church will be participating in Live Nativity. Come out and drive through five scenes of the Christmas Story.

Nativity Needs: Here are a few items we are looking for or need help with. Please contact/see Rick Rineer if you can help!

- A nice chair for Mary to sit on
- A small platform for an angel to stand on
- Straw bales
- Sand for luminaries

- Candles for luminaries
- A volunteer or two to assemble 127 luminaries (the plastic jugs have already been cut)

Noteworthy Nativity Notes: There will be a dress rehearsal/costume distribution for those participating in the nativity on **Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

The Bloopers are Back

- The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.



