



Following Christ and Being His Beacon in Our Community



Sunday, December 13, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Organ Prelude

“Still, Still, Still” arr. Ritter
“Christmas Carol Medley” arr. Hughes
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. Broughton

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:

Margaret & John Kreider

Opening Carol: #131

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

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

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: Matthew 2:13-18

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."^[a]

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."^[b]

Response to the Scripture:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Pastor Tom Milligan

"Fleeing to Egypt"

Closing Carol: #123

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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 Postlude:

“There’s a Song in the Air” arr. Parks

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In His Service Today:

Pastor: Rev. Tom Milligan
Ministers: The Congregation
Administrative Assistant: Peggy McCauley
Choir Director: Peggy Gordon
Organist: 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 20, 2020: “Becoming Nothing”
- Thursday, December 24, 2020: “No More Gloom”



Today’s altar flowers are given with thanks for a place to worship God. “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1



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 **TODAY**. Questions? Contact Trish Blough at 717-548-2630.



Let’s spread some Christmas cheer to our shut-ins. If you are able to stay after the worship service **TODAY** we would like to record some Christmas carols that we will be sending to them.

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.



Our Christmas Eve service will be held on **Thursday, December 24, 2020** at **7:30 p.m.** with the prelude beginning at **7:00 p.m.** We hope to have a second screen in the social hall so that we can maintain social distancing and still open our doors for the community to come worship the Lord.



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. The choir will be presenting a musicale during the first part of the worship Service next **Sunday, December 20, 2020.**

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—Thanks Karl
- Candles for luminaries—Thanks Amy
- A volunteer or two to assemble 127 luminaries (the plastic jugs have already been cut)— Thanks Karl & Amy!



