

**Shavertown  
United Methodist Church  
Second Weekend of Advent**

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world!*

*\* = if you are able, we invite you to please stand*

**PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING**

Nancy

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Centering Meditation:*

“But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.  
At an acceptable time, O God,  
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.”  
Psalm 69:13 NRSV

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nick, Liturgist

Long ago, a voice cried out in the wilderness  
**Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight the pathways.**  
Something new was about to happen.  
**God would visit God’s people in a new way!**  
Lord, open our hearts to receive this good news!  
**Prepare us to be people of great faith and compassion**  
**as we look forward to this wondrous event you have proclaimed to us. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord of Darkness and of Light, come to us this day in the midst of our growing darkness  
bringing the light of hope to our lives. Keep our hearts and minds alert to your presence.  
Give peace to our stressed spirits. In this season of Advent, prepare us to greet the One  
who will lift our burdens and change our lives forever. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

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Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go. Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree,  
and ensign of thy people be;  
Before thee rulers silent fall;  
All peoples on thy mercy call. Refrain

**ADVENT MEDITATION AND LIGHTING**

Gary and Jack

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S (DISCIPLE’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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Giver of the most precious Gift of all, we return to you this day our thanks, represented in these gifts and in our lives. Bless our offering that it may be the light of your love in our dark world. Amen.

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

Chancel Choir Ensemble

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Luke 1:5-25 NRSV

**THE MESSAGE**

"Pray"

Pastor Robin

**\*SONG OF GOING FORTH**

*God Almighty, We Are Waiting*

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God Almighty, we are waiting for a Savior to appear.  
Meet us in our desert journey; give a sign that you are near:  
Burning bushes, parted waters, food aplenty in the wild.  
As we look for signs and wonders, help us see you in a child.

God Incarnate, we are waiting for the feast day of your birth.  
Looking back and looking forward to the Christ's return to earth.  
Help us to proclaim the gospel, 'til the world is reconciled.  
Let us set your holy table for each woman, man, and child.

God the Spirit, we are waiting for your presence here and now.  
Humbled by our sinful weakness, at your mercy we will bow.  
Search our hearts and make us ready, speak in language strong and mild,  
Help each one of us, your people, to receive you like a child.

**\*BENEDICTION**

God heard the prayers of his people in Israel as they awaited the Messiah.  
**And God will hear ours too as we await Jesus' return.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Sharon



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## Prepare Ye!

**Second Weekend of Advent, 2020**

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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 THROUGH DECEMBER 12**

Please contact Pastor Robin at 570-220-1138 or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery or in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org or by calling 570-675-3616.

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church; victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer & hurricane victims.

**Concerns:** our homebound friends, Benjamin Jones, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jen Prutzman, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Alan Kinsman, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Hottenstein, Sharon's Family, Wally Richardson, Tom and Mary Ellen Pajor, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, David Jenkins, Sandy Richardson, Joe Lisewski

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

**Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson**, US Air Force  
**LCDR John W. Gilligan**, US Navy  
**Sgt. Scott Kocher**  
**Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips**  
**Todd Mark**, US Army, South Korea  
**Col. P.J. Perrone Jr.**, Fort Belvoir, VA  
**Major Erika Reese**, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA  
**Specialist Alex Barilla**, US Army, Kansas  
**Spc. Brandon Pall**, Fort Hood, Texas  
**Jon Laity**, US Navy, Japan  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock**, US Air Force  
**Elijah Geise**, U.S. Marines

**Sgt. Amy Polachek**, US Marines, Quantico, VA  
**Rick Hodle, Jr.**, US Navy  
**Sgt. Josh McCue**, US Air Force  
**Specialist Charles Yavorski**, FT. Bragg, N.C.  
**Gregory Navestad**, US Air Force, Utah  
**Travis Butler**, US Navy Reserves  
**Lt. Mary Ketchner**, Silverdate, Wa  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson**, 109<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.  
**Rick Hodle III**, US Army  
**Pfc. Michael Biesecker**, US Marine Corps Reserves  
**Jackson Rogers**, US Marines, Okinawa  
**Raphael Zbyszeski**, U.S. Marine Corp., Hawaii

**Welcome To Worship**

**We are so glad to worship with you this morning!**

*Church Office Hours:* Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

**DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**LITURGIST:** Nick Michalisin

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6-12:** John Nicks

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Rich Zbyszeski by Nancy Evans and Sons

Sun. Dec. 6	Worship Live Nativity 6-7:30pm
Mon. Dec. 7	Women's Bible Study on Zoom 1pm
Tues. Dec. 8	Worship Team on Zoom 7pm
Wed. Dec. 9	Prayer Group on Zoom 9-10 am on zoom Grief Share by Conference Call Chancel Choir Practice 7:30pm
Fri. Dec. 11	Community Care Cabinet 10-10:30am Live Nativity 6-7:30
Sat. Dec. 12	Worship Recording 10am Holiday Meal Drive Thru Giveaway noon Worship Live Nativity 6-7:30pm

**THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers) Margaret Gorman**

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