

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

November 27-28, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Week 1: Come Home for Christmas

Global Migration Sunday

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

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

## PRELUDE

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

By Douglas Wagner  
Organ: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God”  
Ephesians 2:19

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie (Sat)/Michelle (Sun)

Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God’s love.

**We gather as a people of Hope.**

Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

**Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.**

As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

**We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.**

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Ellie (Sat)/Michelle (Sun)

God of all hopefulness, help us to keep alive your vision of peace and wholeness, where there is a home for all. Where hope is a small seed, teach us to have faith in its growing, where

people are finding healing and new life, teach us to recognize you at work. When you come to us in unexpected ways, may we know you, through the grace of Jesus Christ. May we find our home in you. Amen.

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

#196

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

#204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 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.**

## CHILDREN’S CHAT

Where Children Belong

#2233

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

## CALL TO OFFERING

## \*DOXOLOGY

#94

*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

Ellie (Sat)/Michelle (Sun)

**God’s love for us knows no bounds. In grateful response, may our gifts to others abound. Giver of all good things, as we offer these gifts to you, open our eyes to see more clearly all that we have been given and all that we have to give. Stretch our capacity to give of ourselves: our love, our companionship, and our material resources, wherever they are needed. Amen.**

<b>GIFT OF MUSIC</b>	“Here Comes the Light”	By Joseph Graham Chancel Choir & God’s Handful
<b>WORD OF GOD</b>	Matthew 25: 34-40 Hebrews 13:2	Ellie (Sat)/Michelle (Sun)
<b>MESSAGE</b>	“Come Home for Christmas”	Pastor Jon
<b>HYMN OF PREPARATION</b>	“Come to the Table”	#2264
<b>THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
	<b>Invitation</b>	
	<b>Silent Prayer of Confession</b>	
	<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>	
	The Lord be with you.	
	<b>And also, with you.</b>	
	Lift up your hearts.	
	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>	
	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .</b>	
	<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>	
	<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.</b>	
	<b>Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</b>	
	<b>Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,</b>	
	<b>as we forgive those who trespass against us.</b>	
	<b>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,</b>	
	<b>for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.</b>	
	<b>Amen.</b>	
<b>*HYMN OF GOING FORTH</b>	“Star-Child” Vs 1,3,5	#2095
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	Arr. by Bill Wolaver Piano: Nancy



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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27**

Please contact Pastor Jon Buxton or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery, 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

**OUR PRAYER LIST:** The United Methodist Church, civilian and military families of the Afghan crisis, victims of Hurricane Ida, 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 and Covid 19 victims, families dealing with Alzheimers

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, Jane Ketchner, Schickner Family, Marilyn Klick, Ashley, Duane Dicker, Michelle Jackubowski, Amanda, Zia, Family of David Daniels, D.J. Mikulka, Family of Carol Thomas, Lou Rabel, Jimmy Tighe  
*Names will be kept on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!*

**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, KS  
Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX  
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA  
Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy  
Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force  
Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, NC  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT  
Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves  
Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdale, WA  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson, 109<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.  
Rick Hodle III, US Army  
CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves  
Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa

**Financial Goal: \$6,214 Weekly November 20/21: \$7,253**

**Faithfulness in Person Worship Attendance: 132 On-Line Worship: 36**

**Think of this friend** (with cards and prayers)  
Susan Cawley, 651 Locke Heights Rd., Bangor, Pa. 18013

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We are so glad to worship with you today!**

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

**DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge  
**LITURGIST:** Weekend of Nov 27/28: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)  
**USHERS:** Donna & Sarah Church (Saturday) Harold Stout (Sunday)  
**GREETER:** Donna & Sarah Church (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)  
**ACOLYTE:** Landon  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28:** Dave Kelly

Sun. Nov. 28      Worship 9:30am with Communion  
Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30am  
Fine Arts Meeting 10:30am  
God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm

Mon. Nov.29      Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm  
Poinsettia Orders Due

Tues. Nov. 30      Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge  
Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
Trustee Meeting 7pm Lounge

Wed. Dec. 1      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thurs. Dec. 2      Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House  
Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5pm  
Grief Share 6:30pm Lounge  
Connected in Christ 7pm H.S. Sunday School Room

Fri. Dec. 3      Community Care Cabinet 10am  
Live Nativity 6-8pm Luzerne County Fair Grounds

Sat. Dec. 4      Musical Practice 10am  
Worship 5:30pm  
Live Nativity 6-8pm Luzerne County Fair Grounds

**COMING UP DECEMBER 5 THROUGH DECEMBER 11**

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

**LITURGIST:** Weekend of Dec.4/5: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michael Jackubowski (Sun)

**USHERS:** Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Saturday) (Sunday)

**GREETER:** Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)

**ACOLYTE:** Ava

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5:** Kim Donlin

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Sun. Dec.5	Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30am God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm Social Hall
Mon. Dec.6	Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
Tues. Dec.7	Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6pm Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom Church Council Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Wed. Dec.8	Prayer 9am on Zoom Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
Thurs. Dec.9	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5pm Grief Share 6:30pm Lounge Connected in Christ 7pm H.S. Sunday School Room
Fri. Dec.10	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Dec.11	Musical Practice 10am Worship 5:30pm

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**POINSETTIAS:** Our poinsettia sale will be happening once again this year to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas worship. Please look for an envelope and order form in the narthex. All orders will be due into the office by Monday, November 29.

**MEN'S ECUMENICAL GROUP:** All are invited to participate in the Men's Ecumenical Meeting every Thursday, 8am, at KB'S Coffee House in Shavertown. There will be a speaker at each meeting. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food!

**THANK YOU!** A big thank you goes out to everyone who gave towards the Angel Tree collection. Five families will have a special Christmas due to your generosity.

**DRIVE THRU NATIVITY:** Come and enjoy a live nativity from the comfort of your car at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Dec. 3 & 4, 6-8pm. The spirit of the season comes alive!

**CONCERT:** Carols by Candlelight will be Dec.12 at 7pm. Come enjoy our voices of Christmas, sung and played by our choirs and the Praise Band Ensemble. There will be a sweet reception following the show.

**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL:** Carol & The Belles, a Fabulous 50's Children's Christmas Musical will be performed on Dec. 18 after the 5:30pm worship and Dec. 19 after the 9:30am worship. Take yourself back in time and enjoy a Christmas past.

**OTHER MISSIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**CRAFT FAIR:** First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre will be holding a Christmas Craft Fair Dec.4 from 10am to 3pm. This will help get you in the spirit and get some shopping done too!

**NATIVITY DISPLAY:** 500 Nativity sets from a private collection will be on display at Forty-Fort Presbyterian Church Dec. 4 & 11 from 4-8pm and Dec. 5 & 12 from noon-4pm. Admission is free; however, any good will offering will benefit the Salvation Army Kirby Family House.