

Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church
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December 19, 2021

Worship Service to Jesus Christ

"*If Jesus were born ten thousand times in Bethlehem,*
and not in me, then I would still be lost."
~ Corrie Ten Boom

CALL TO WORSHIP – John 7:42
"Has not the Scripture said that Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

MOMENT OF PERSONAL PREPARATION

*SONGS OF WORSHIP ……..…... *"O Come All Ye Faithful!" (No. 178)*

1 Corinthians 1:27
"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;"

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"
(words on next page)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLES: "**FORETOLD** – **THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS' BIRTH**"
CANDLE 3: **BIRTHPLACE** CANDLE
Lighting of the Candle
Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2
New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

CONFESSION OF FAITH …….. *Nicene Creed*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
AND SPECIAL MUSIC ……..……. Emily McComas, violin
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF WORSHIP …….. "*Once in Royal David's City"*
(words on next page)

**PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT

MESSAGE ..... **Little Bethlehem – Big Prophecy**

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE ...…….…….. No. 192
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
(words on next page)

BENEDICTION

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
**CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 1ST GRADE
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE

December 19, 2021
"Jesus Christ for West Beaver County."

Songs and Words for Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful (No. 178)

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

Chorus: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye bright host of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest. ***Chorus***

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. ***Chorus***

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King,
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity,
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come,
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man,
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin,
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand.

3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree,
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory,
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold.

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life,
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive,
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope,
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes.

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary was the mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly
maiden in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must
be mild, obedient, good as he.

4. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and
gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children
on to the place where he is gone.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by,
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God and King, And peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome

Visitors, welcome to worship. We hope you encounter the living God here and a company of new friends. Feel free to contact Pastor Jeff with any questions about faith, Christ, or our church. pastorjeff@fairviewpca.org.

- ***Nursery is available*** (in the nursery). Call JoAnna with any questions. 724-601-7153.
- ***Children's Worship,*** led by Amber Harteis & Helper Hannah Oosting
- ***Children's Activity Bags*** – are available on the rack in the vestibule.

The Lord's Day

9:30am – Sunday School

Sunday School opening at 9:30am in the sanctuary. We provide Sunday school for all ages.

Kids and Youth Classes

Nursery: Ages 0-2 –Coordinator – LL 201 JoAnna Zehnder

Toddlers thru Pre-K: Room LL 203 Ms. Marie, Ms. Diane & Ms. Marci

K thru 2nd: Room LL310 Ms. Kara & Ms. Becky

3rd thru 5th: Room LL 204 Mr. & Mrs. Masters

6th thru 9th: Library downstairs - Mr. & Mrs. Billheimer

10th thru 12th: Youth Room- Mr. & Mrs. Oosting

Adult Classes

Pastor Ric Raines – "Advent the Redemptive Story" Fellowship Hall

Sunday Worship

Morning Advent Worship 10:45am – We meet to reflect on the third of 5 birth prophecies: Jesus' Birthplace. The sermon is "Little Bethlehem – Big Prophecy" Is the Bible the Word of God? Is there a god? Matthew 2:1-12 is about God caring about a little place and changing the world. Invite your family and friends to worship this amazing God.

6pm Evening Worship - Christmas Carol Sing – Come chose your favorite Christmas carols to sing. The Christmas carols teach great theology and the wonderful true story of Christ's birth. Let us worship and adore our Savior and King.

6pm Jesus Discovery Group – at the Zehnders' house Why did Jesus come?

This Week

Monday

10am Bowling – All are welcome to join us at Calcutta Lanes.

Tuesday

First Day of Winter

Wednesday

6:30pm–8pm – The Covenant Kids - 4yrs. old -5th grade – are invited to come and celebrate Jesus' Birthday! We will read the Christmas Story, sing Christmas songs, play games that teach the true meaning of Christmas and eat a snack that shares the Christmas story of God's love to us. Come on out and let's celebrate the birth of our Savior together.

6:30pm–8:30pm – The Rock Christmas Caroling – The youth will go caroling to the shut-ins from our church. They will come back to the church for refreshments.

6:30pm – 7:30pm Evening Prayer **– Prayer and Spiritual Growth** – Prayer is about more than just receiving answers to prayer. It is about how God changes us and helps us to grow spiritually in our faith and life. We will look at I John 3:22 and other passages about the connection between prayer and our spiritual growth. Christmas is not a time of spiritual vacation.

Friday 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is a simple but elegant reminder that in this dark world, a great light shines. Jesus is the Light of the world. We will also light a remembrance candle in memory of family members whose light now shines in heaven. An offering will be received this evening to go to retired ministers, missionaries and widows. We will live stream the service.

Saturday *Merry Christmas! Christ is Born!*

Next Sunday

9:30am Sunday School – First we meet in the Sanctuary and then head to your class. There are classes for all ages.

10:45am Advent Worship Service – We meet to reflect on the fifth of 5 birth prophecies: Jesus' Brutal Escape – Matthew 2:16-23. In truth, Jesus' escape was not brutal in what happened to Jesus himself. The escape was brutal in what happened to all of Judea around him. It is yet another time when the Scriptures give us a mirror to show us what life in this sin-broken and power-thirsty world is like. And how Jesus is our way out.

Congregational Announcements

Treasurers - All church treasurers are asked to turn in their books and reports to the church office by **Wednesday, January 5, 2022**. The Auditors will go over the treasurer books and give a report to the Deacons by the end of the month. We want to thank the treasurers, auditors and Deacons for their faithful work.

Angel Tree – Angel Tree gifts are due in today. **We need deliverers!** If you'd like the joy of delivering the gifts, please notify Edie Chaffee or the missions committee. Pick up the gift(s) today if you can or contact Edie or missions committee through the week. Team up with a friend to deliver them if you like. You can deliver them anytime Monday to Thursday.

Church Christmas Cards – Connect with your church family by writing and giving each other Christmas cards. There is a Church Family List of all members and attenders of Fairview. Drop your cards in our supersized Christmas mailbox in the vestibule and our youth will happily deliver them!

Youth Big Event – Wednesday, **December 29th** Ice Skating at PPG Place in Pittsburgh. Meet at the church at 1pm & will return around 7pm. Cost: TBA – Bring money for snacks (cookies, hot chocolate, pretzels etc.) if desired. Bring money for dinner on the way home at the Robinson Mall Food Court.

Snow Camp Registrations – The theme this year is "Into the Jungle". Snow Camp is February 4-6th 2022. Registration deadlines Regular Registration - $120 Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2021; Late Registration - $140 Jan 1-16, 2022; January 17 the last day to sign up! Camp will be held at Seneca Hills Bible Camp.
https://ascension.breezechms.com/form/snowcamp2022?

Youth Big Event - The Lord of the Rings Marathon (Extended addition) **Saturday, January 8**, 2022 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. The Oosting's home (160 Brooks Dr, Beaver Falls, PA 15010) Lunch & dinner provided. Free!

Table Talk – The January issue is available in the crossover on the missions table.

Dining to Donate – **CEF of Beaver County** invites you to dine at Applebee's in Chippewa Town Center Drive Beaver Falls, PA 15010. On Monday, December 20th 11am – close. Applebee's will donate 15% of your check to CEF of Beaver County. You can present the flyer or order online. (not valid on delivery orders).

Worship Helpers

Worship Leader……..……..……..……**Pastor Jeff**
Audio-visual ……..……..……...**Mark Oosting & Gideon te Velde**
Musician…….....…..**Linda D'Angelo**
Vocalist……..……**Rachel Sullivan**
Children's Worship…....**Amber Harteis & Hannah Oosting**
Nursery……..…**Charity & Esther te Velde**
Ushers…….....**Tim Shepler, John Shepler**
Daniel Shepler & Jacob Shepler

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader……..……..…… **Giles te Velde**
Audio–visual ……..……..…**Noah Oosting & Jason Dudek**
Musicians.....**Linda D'Angelo, Josh Sullivan**
& Kara Masters
Vocalist……..……..…**Lindsey Hollabaugh**
Nursery…….**Heidi Shepler & Linda Lyden**
Ushers…….....**Giles te Velde, Brad Billheimer**
Gideon te Velde & Josiah te Velde



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Sermon Notes

Matthew 2:1-12 – “Little Bethlehem – Big Prophecy”