



The King is Coming

*"Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he...."*
Zechariah 9:9



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December 3, 2023

Worship Service to our Coming King

Today begins advent, a season of preparing and waiting.
Today is also a preparatory service, to prepare to take the Lord's Supper this evening.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

*SONGS OF WORSHIP *"Come Away From Rush and Hurry"*
"Behold Our God"
(words on next page)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

NEW MEMBERSHIP

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
(1 Corinthians 12:27)

Explanation of Membership

Profession of Faith – Nate and Katie Meek

Reception of Members – Tony and Abi Carroscia

Vows of Membership

Explanation of Baptism and Exhortation to the Parents

Covenant Promises and Vows

Sacrament of Baptism, with Prayer

Church Covenant

*PSALM OF FELLOWSHIP *Psalms 127A*
TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS AND THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SCRIPTURE **Zechariah 1:1-17 (p.1008)**

**PRAYER

MESSAGE **The King is Coming – Repent and Believe**

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE No. 172

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(words on next page)

BENEDICTION

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

**CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 1ST GRADE

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE

December 3, 2023

"Jesus Christ for West Beaver County."

Songs for Worship

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

1. Come away from rush and hurry

to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry,
Come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
Life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here
to seek and find God's face.

2. In the pastures of God's goodness

we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.

3. Come, then, children, with your burdens,

life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
Take instead His kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them,
He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands

Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus –

Behold our God, seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him

Behold our King, nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord

Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds. **Chorus**

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands

Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign. **Chorus**

Bridge (twice) – Men: You will reign forever

Women: *Let Your glory fill the earth* (3x)

Chorus

Psalm 127 A

1. Unless the Lord the house shall build

The weary builders toil in vain;
Unless the Lord the city shield,
The guards a useless watch maintain.

2. In vain you rise ere morning break,

And late your nightly vigils keep;
And of the bread of toil partake;
God gives to his beloved sleep.

3. Lo, children are a great reward,

A gift from God in very truth;
With arrows is his quiver stored
Who joys in children of his youth.

4. And blest the man whose age is cheered

By stalwart sons and daughters fair;
No enemies by him are feared,
No lack of love, no want of care.

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,

Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art:
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,

Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome

Welcome to worship. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you have any questions about God, Scripture, or our church, or would just like to say hello, please talk with Pastor Jeff.

Nursery is available See or call JoAnna with any questions. 724-601-7153.

- **Children's Worship**, led by Melissa D'Angelo & Helper Anna Zehnder

The Lord's Day

9:30am – Sunday Education Hour

Sunday School opens at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Superintendent – Kara Masters

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 1st: Room LL302 - Mrs. Charity te Velde

2nd thru 4th: Room LL 204 Mrs. Bre Hooks

5th thru 8th Library – Mrs. Heidi Shepler

9th thru 12th: Youth Room – Mr. Tony Carroscia

*Youth are joining Gallo's adult class below right now

Adult Class

Staying the Course in a Turbulent World – Led by John Gallo
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday Worship

10:45am Worship Service – Today, is a special service on many levels – we welcome new members, hold a baptism, and prepare for the Lord's Supper tonight. Providentially, an infant baptism starts our advent theme, on the "Infant King" Jesus. And in our sermon, we take a break from Ephesians to break open the prophecy of Zechariah. As we prepare for Christ.

6pm Evening Lord's Supper Service –With instant Google and next-day deliveries, waiting is something few of us appreciate. But "hope" is waiting by faith. This evening is a service themed on **hope**. We consider two eras of hope – *Ancient* hope fulfilled, in Christ's coming as a baby, by starting advent tonight. And *present* hope for Christ's return. Scripture says the Lord's Supper is a table of hope, to be practiced "until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). With hope in mind, Pastor will open Revelation 4-5, and teach about heaven, our 'holding place' before Jesus returns. So let us join with our Old Testament saints, and turn our "waiting" into "hope."

This Week

Monday

10am Bowling – All welcome, Calcutta Lanes.

11am to Close - 'Dining to donate' – Help support Child Evangelism Fellowship of Beaver County by eating. Dine at Applebee's (Monaca or Chippewa), present the attached flyer. And 15% will be donated to CEF!

3pm Midland Good News Club

6:30pm Session Meeting

Tuesday

7pm Men's Bible Study – The men study Luke.

Wednesday

10am Ladies Bible Study – The ladies are doing a Christmas devotional, "The Christmas We Didn't Expect" by David Mathis. We are on the Chapters of "Christmas Tests Our Treasure & "God Grew Up in a Forgotten Town" Babysitting is available, donations accepted.

6:30pm Congregational Meeting – We announce two new candidates for ordination to the deacon office for your vote: Stephen Hapach and Ethan Masters. These men were nominated, trained, and passed an exam. There will be votes on retaining elders and deacons. A vote on filling our church committees for 2024, and on our 2024 budget. You will hear committee reports from the previous year. We have a handful of bylaw changes, too, given by Presbytery – they will be explained. We hope you come out and make your vote count for our new deacon candidates. Covenant Kids, the Rock and Prayer & Study will not meet on this night. They will resume on Wednesday, December 13th.

Thursday

3pm Fairview GNC - at Fairview Elementary School in the cafeteria.

6pm Ya-dult Christmas Party - (18-30 yr. olds) at the church "YA-dult Final Event is going to be a Christmas Party with a White Elephant Gift Exchange! Gift can be max \$20. There will be the gift exchange, food, beverages, volleyball and games!

Next Sunday

9:30am Sunday School & Adult Education Hour - Meet in the sanctuary first and then head to classes.

10:45am Worship Service – Next week we continue advent and the Messiah prophecies of Zechariah – "The King is Coming." Minor prophet, major message.

6pm Evening Worship – In the evening, we continue to open the magnificent and humbling Book of Revelation.

Congregational Announcements

Welcome New Members – Today, please welcome Nate and Katie Meek and their children Lucy, Silas, and Charlie. Also, show welcome to Tony and Abi Carroscia, and join in thanksgiving for the baptism of Ray.

50th Anniversary – Today we thank God for the 50th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in America, which started December 7, 1973. Reformed theology and the Presbyterian church of course come out of previous denominations dating back to the 17th century, and theologically back to the early church after Christ. PCA testimonies and prayers can be found at <https://www.pcaac.org/commemorating-the-official-birthday-of-the-pca/>

Church Christmas Cards – Our Christmas mailbox is located in the vestibule of the church for Christmas cards to fellow members and friends in the church. Young people will deliver the cards to the church “mailcans”. A list of all the members and friends of Fairview Church with mailcans and addresses for military, shut-ins and members who have moved away is available on the information table in the vestibule. This year we have attached a list of missionaries addresses that we support if you would like to send them a card.

Angel Tree – The Fairview Missions Committee invites you to bless others this Christmas season by participating in our Angel Tree Project. We help children and their caregivers who live in the Midland area whose loved one is incarcerated. Pick up an angel to read about the need. Purchase a toy and clothing item listed on the card for the child and purchase a personal hygiene item for the caregiver. All gifts must be wrapped and placed under the tree by December 17. If you’d like the blessing of delivering the gifts to families in our area on December 17, please notify the Missions Committee.

2 New Adult Education Classes coming next week – (1) Seasons of Sorrow: The Pain of Loss & The Comfort of God – Led by Scott & Heidi Shepler (Fellowship Hall) December 10 thru March 3.

After the death of his twenty-year-old son in November 2020, reformed pastor Tim Challies began to process his grief through writing. In this book, Tim shares real-time reflections from the first year of grief—through the seasons from fall to summer—introducing readers to what he describes as the “ministry of sorrow.”

(2) Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End - Led by Nick Orell (Kitchen) December 10 thru March 3

What constitutes a meaningful life? We seek fulfillment in success, prosperity, recognition, relationships, and even self-sufficiency, but we always seem to come up short. If you feel you are coming up empty in your life and need a bigger vision and greater purpose, this accessible study of Ecclesiastes by David Gibson will show you that all of your hope for meaning lies in getting to know your Creator.

Covenant Kids Christmas Party - Wed., December 13th 6:30pm The Covenant Kids 4yrs. old -5th grade – are invited to come and celebrate Jesus’ Birthday! We will read the Christmas Story, sing Christmas songs, make a snack, play games that teach the true meaning of Christmas. Come on out and let’s celebrate the birth of our Savior together.

The Rock Christmas Party - Wed. December 13th 6:30pm Christmas Party bring a white elephant gift (\$5 limit) Coffee bar & cookies provided. Come for great fellowship with friends.

Young In Heart Christmas Party - Thursday, December 14 at 11am (ages 50 & up). Will meet at the church for a Bible Study on Judges 15, led by Director of Student Ministries Tony Carroscia. Then a covered dish lunch. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share. Come for fellowship and games.

The Rock Christmas Caroling - Wed. Dec. 20 6pm – 8:30pm. The youth will be caroling to our shut-ins, and whoever would like to go sing with them too. If you would like them to come to your home please call the church and ask for Tony Carroscia.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Sunday, December 24 at 7pm. -The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is a simple but elegant reminder that into this dark world, a great light shines. Jesus is “the Light of the world” (John 8:12). Offerings received that night will go to the Look/After Fund, for PCA pastors or widows-of-pastors in need, which include missionaries as well as pastors who are in need.

Worship Helpers

Worship LeaderGiles te Velde
Audio-VisualPaul Hardesty Grace Billheimer
Musicians..... Linda D’Angelo, Josh Sullivan
Children’s Worship ..Melissa D’Angelo & Anna Zehnder
Nursery.....Diane Justice & Diane Melendez
Ushers.....Tim Shepler & John Shepler
Daniel Shepler & Jacob Shepler

Next Week’s Helpers

Worship Leader.....Ben Hardesty
Audio-Visual.....Grace Billheimer & William Phillips
Musicians.....Linda D’Angelo, Sarah Sullivan
Vocalist.....Dan & Rosemaree Sullivan
& Lindsey Hollabaugh
Nursery.....Charity & Esther te Velde
Ushers.....Doug Masters, Noah Oosting
Micah Oosting & Rosh Raines

Sermon Notes

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Zechariah 1:1-6 (p. 1008)

Prayers & Praises

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