



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 10, 2023

Worship to our King and Priest

This morning we gather together to worship Christ.
He is our true King and great High Priest.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Zechariah 6:12-13

“Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from this place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD. It is he who shall build the temple of the LORD and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne.”

SONGS OF WORSHIP.....“Joy to the World” (No. 170)

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
Hebrews 4:15-16

“Before the Throne of God Above”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

OUR CHILD KING – Advent Scripture Preparation
Joseph and the Infant King – Matthew 1:18-25
Placement – Joseph
Prayer for Covenant Children

SONG OF PRAISE “Lift Up Your Heads” (No. 174)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SCRIPTURE READING..... Zechariah 6:9-15 (p. 1011)**

****PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT**

MESSAGE The King is Coming – as a Priest?

***SONG OF TRUST “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (No. 181)**

BENEDICTION

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

****CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 1ST GRADE,**
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE

December 10, 2023

“Jesus Christ for West Beaver County.”

Songs for Worship

Joy to the World (No. 170)

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth The Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Lift Up Your Heads (No. 174)

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates:

Behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

2. O blest the land, the city blest,

Where Christ the ruler of confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King of triumph comes!

3. Fling wide the portals of your heart:

Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4. Redeemer, come! I open wide

My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel:
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

5. So come, my Sov'reign, enter in!

Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair

And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb

My perfect spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (No. 181)

1. **Hark! The herald angels sing,** Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Chorus:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!*

2. **Christ, by highest heav'n adored,** Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Chorus

3. **Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!**

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

Chorus

4. **Come, Desire of nations come,** Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conq'ring seed, Bruise in us the serpent's head.
Adam's likeness now efface, Stamp Thine image in its place:
Second Adam from above, Reinstat us in Thy love.

Chorus

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. Amy Hardesty

5th thru 8th Library – Mrs. Linda D'Angelo

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

Adult Classes

Seasons of Sorrow: The Pain of Loss & The Comfort of God
Led by Scott & Heidi Shepler (Fellowship Hall)

Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End
Led by Nick Orell (Kitchen)

Sunday Worship

10:45am Morning Worship Service – The King is Coming! Ever hear the phrase “Expect the Unexpected?” This is exactly the kind of thing that could be said about Zechariah’s prophecies of the Messiah. The King is coming, Zechariah prophesies. But not as you expect.

We continue the advent path to Christmas by reading nativity passages and praying for our covenant children.

6pm Evening Worship Service – “Now for the rest of the story.” This was how a radio newscaster named Paul Harvey used to begin his broadcasts. Tonight we begin “the rest of the story” of *your own history* – the history of the end of time. Come as we begin unfolding Revelation 6.

Also, hymns and prayer. It is the PCA’s 50th anniversary. We will hear online testimony about the PCA, and how we can pray for our church.

This Week

Monday 10am Bowling – All welcome, Calcutta Lanes.
3pm Midland Good News Club

7pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday 6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry will be open.

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 Chapter 17 “Learning the habit of Christmas”, Chapter 18 “Christmas Doesn’t ignore Your Pain”, & Chapter 23 “The Real Festive Miracle”. Come earlier for snacks for our Christmas party. Babysitting is available, donations accepted.

6:30pm – 8pm Covenant Kids Christmas Party - 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.

6:30pm–8:30pm – The Rock Christmas Party - The youth will have a fun-filled evening, bring a white elephant gift (no more than \$5), games, coffee bar & cookies provided, and lots of fellowship.

6:30pm Evening Prayer - Come and pray.

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

7pm Evening Ladies Bible Study – They are doing a study on “At His Feet” Luke Part 1. See Melissa D'Angelo for more info.

Next Sunday

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

10:45am Morning Worship Service – The King is Coming! Next week, we continue advent and the Messiah prophecies of Zechariah. Our Director of Student Ministries, Tony Carroscia, will preach on Zechariah 13, another prophecy about our Unexpected Messiah. The King is Coming!

6pm Special Evening Worship Service – With the holidays in mind, session has decided to *hold off on small groups* this month (no small group) and to *hold a* Christmas evening worship. Come and choose any of your favorite Christmas hymns.

Congregational Announcements

Condolences – Fairview Church extends its sympathy to the family of Gladys Shepler who passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Please keep Scott Shepler's family and Tim Shepler's family in prayer. Gladys believed in Jesus, "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25) We thank God for Gladys' life. We grieve her passing.

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.

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.

Youth Ice Skating at PPG Place – Wednesday Dec 27th. Meet at the church at 12:30pm & we will return around 7pm. Cost: \$9 for admission to skate, \$5 for ice skates - 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.

Fairview Food Pantry – For the month of December, the food pantry would like to restock the shelves with spaghetti, sauce, cereal, instant oatmeal, crackers, canned chicken, canned tuna, egg noodles, spaghetti O's and can ravioli. We want to encourage families or individuals who would appreciate this help to contact Angel Shepler. Monetary donations would greatly be appreciated at any time.

Treasurers - All church treasurers are asked to turn in their books and reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 10, 2024. 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.

Ordination & Installation of Officers - Sunday, January 14, 2024. We will be ordaining Stephen Hapach and Ethan Masters as Deacons, and we will also have the installation of new church officers during the 10:45am Worship Service. May we make this a time of re-dedication as a church to worship faithfully: to witness regularly, to grow spiritually, and serve one another and Christ with sacrificial hearts.

After the worship service we will have a **congregational covered-dish dinner**. The Hospitality Committee is requesting that families bring a covered dish and dessert to share. Everyone is invited to this church dinner.

Snow Camp – for 6-12 graders. "Out of this World" Laurelville Retreat Center February 9-11, 2024, Speaker: Rev. Seth Gurley, Murrysburg Community Church (PCA) **Register Now**
Regular Registration – \$120 until Dec. 31, 2023
Late Registration – \$150 Jan. 1 until Jan. 19, 2024
The Guest House rooms sleep up to three (3) people (1 double and 2 twins), have a private bathroom, and linens and towels are provided. These premium rooms are more expensive, so we have to charge more for them:

Guest House Pricing and Dates:

Regular Registration – **\$150** until Dec. 31, 2023

Late Registration – **\$180** Jan. 1 until Jan. 19, 2024

<https://ascensionpresbytery.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1639501>

Worship Helpers

Worship Leader **Ben Hardesty**
Audio-Visual **Grace Bilheimer & William Phillips**
Musicians..... **Linda D'Angelo, Sarah Sullivan**
Vocalist..... **Dan & Rosemaree Sullivan & Lindsey Hollabaugh**
Children's Worship .. **Melissa D'Angelo & Anna Zehnder**
Nursery..... **Charity & Esther te Velde**
Ushers..... **Doug Masters, Noah Oosting**
Micah Oosting & Rosh Raines

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader..... **Tony Carroscia**
Audio-Visual..... **William Phillips & Gideon te Velde**
Musicians..... **Linda D'Angelo, Josh Sullivan & Kara Masters**
Nursery..... **Kim & Bethany Forton**
Ushers..... **Brad Billheimer, Gideon te Velde**
Josiah te Velde & William Phillips

Sermon Notes

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Zechariah 6:9-15 (p. 1011)

Prayers & Praises

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