



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 17, 2023

Worship to our Sacrificial King

This morning we gather together to worship King Jesus.
His rescue is glorious. But it was not without pain.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 40:1-5

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.’”

*SONGS OF WORSHIP “Jesus Messiah”

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (No. 193)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

OUR CHILD KING – Advent Scripture Preparation

Mary and the Infant King – Luke 1:26-38

Placement – Mary

Prayer for Covenant Children

*SONG OF PRAISE “How Firm a Foundation” (No. 338)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Zechariah 13:7-9 (p.1016)**

**PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT

MESSAGE **“The King Who Came to be Struck”**

*SONG OF TRUST “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (No. 178)

BENEDICTION

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

December 17, 2023

“Jesus Christ for West Beaver County.”

1. He became sin Who knew no sin;

That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

Chorus *Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

2. His body the bread, His blood the wine

Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled,
and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. **Chorus**

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You,
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

*Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear, The glorious song of old,

From angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heav'n's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

2. Still thru the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,

And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3. And ye, beneath life's crushed load, Whose forms are bending low

Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

4. For lo, the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,

When with the evercircling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

How Firm a Foundation (338)

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. Fear not, I am with thee O be not dismayed,

For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.

3. When thru the deep waters I call thee to go,

The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. When thru fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,

I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never no, never no, never forsake!

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**

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. What should we believe about this coming savior? How should our lives be affected? Our Director of Student Ministries, Tony Carroscia, will preach on Zechariah 13:7-8, another prophecy about our Unexpected Messiah.

We continue advent by reading nativity passages and praying for our covenant children.

6pm Special Evening Worship Service – We are holding a special focus to our evening service: *“Christmas Evening Worship and PCA Thanks and Prayer.”* Remember Christmas by choosing your favorite Christmas hymns. And, this being our 50th anniversary of the PCA, Pastor Ric will teach about “Fairview and the PCA.” He will teach about Fairview’s former denomination called the RPCES, “Joining and receiving” in 1983, and the PCA. Our first identity is Christian. But being in a denomination allows for biblical depth, joint mission, and accountability.

The PCA is *“Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.”*

This Week

Monday

10am Bowling – All welcome, Calcutta Lanes.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6:30pm Evening Prayer – Come and pray.

Thursday

First Day of Winter

6pm–8:30pm – The Rock Christmas Caroling - The youth will be caroling to our shut-ins, and whoever would like to go sing with them too.

Next Sunday

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year!
Normal Sabbath worship is in the morning.
And a candlelight service in the evening.

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 Zechariah's prophecies of the Messiah: *“Come to the King and Be Cleansed”* (Zechariah 12:10-13:1). We will continue setting up the advent nativity and we will pray for our covenant children.

7pm Christmas Eve Worship Service – “We have come to worship him” (Matthew 2:2), said the Magi to Herod. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is a simple but elegant reminder that into this dark world, a great light shines: Jesus, who is *“Light of the world”* (John 8:12). Offerings received on Christmas Eve night will go to the Look/After Fund, a fund for PCA pastors or widows-of-pastors in need, which include missionaries as well as pastors who are in need.

The message pulls Zechariah into the Nativity: **“The King Comes in Humility.”**

Invite neighbors, family, and friends to remember the central meaning of Christmas together by gathering for worship.

Congregational Announcements

Congratulations – Curtis & Rebecca Kovalesky are the proud parents of a son, Andrew Louis Kovalesky, born on Sunday, December 10, 2023. 8 lbs., 11oz., 21 ½ in. long. Grandparents are Tim and Angel Shepler, and great grandparents are Dick and Grace Benzio.

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

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.

Offering Envelopes – Please check your mailcans for the new offering envelopes. Also don't forget to get your Christmas cards from your mailcans.

November Financial Report – The Elders and Deacons, in a desire to keep the congregation informed, will include financial summaries each month.

General Fund Budget: \$263,463.75 Mission Fund Budget: \$61,237.00
General Fund Income: \$184,829.60 Mission Fund Income: \$57,897.62
Over/ (Under): (\$ 78,634.15) Over/ (Under) \$(3,339.38)

Account balances:

General Fund\$91,644.00
Missions Fund.....\$11,732.71
Deacons Fund\$24,307.97
Christian Education Fund.....\$2,482.10
Food Pantry\$1,635.33

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 LeaderTony Carroscia
Audio-VisualWilliam Phillips & Gideon te Velde
Musicians..... Linda D'Angelo, Josh Sullivan & Kara Masters

Children's Worship ..Melissa D'Angelo & Anna Zehnder
Nursery.....Kim & Bethany Forton
Ushers.....Brad Billheimer, Gideon te Velde
Josiah te Velde & William Phillips

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader.....Jeff Lyden
Audio-Visual.....Gideon te Velde & Noah Oosting
Musicians.....Linda D'Angelo, Sarah Sullivan
Vocalist.....Dan & Rosemarie Sullivan & Lindsey Hollabaugh
Nursery.....JoAnna & Ayla Zehnder
Ushers.....Ed Shaffer, Josh Chaffee
Stephen Hapach & Chase Thoman

Sermon Notes

"The King who Came to be Struck"

Zechariah 13:7-9 (p. 1016)

Prayers & Praises

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