



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 24, 2023 | 10:45am

Worship to our Cleansing King

This morning we gather together to worship Jesus,
the King who cleanses His people.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Hebrews 10:19-22

(Leader): “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus”

(People): “by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,”

(Leader): “and since we have a great priest over the house of God,”

(People): “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

*SONGS OF WORSHIP..... *“The First Noel”* (No. 188)

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” (No. 176)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

OUR CHILD KING – Advent Scripture Preparation
Shepherds and the Infant King – Luke 2:8-12
Placement – Shepherds and Animals
Prayer for Covenant Children

*SONG OF PRAISE No. 189

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SCRIPTURE READING..... Zechariah 12:10-13:1 (p.1016)**

**PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT

MESSAGE “Come to the King and be Cleansed”

*SONG OF TRUSTNo. 265

“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood” (vv. 1-3, 5)

BENEDICTION

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

December 24, 2023

“Jesus Christ for West Beaver County.”

Songs for Worship

The First Noel

1. The first noel the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel!

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel!

2. Then did appear a wondrous star

Shining in the east, beyond them far;
Unto the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **Chorus**

3. And by the light of that same star,

Three wise men came from country afar;
To seek a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. **Chorus**

4. Now let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath brought. **Chorus**

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Chorus: *Go tell it on the mountain*

Over the hills and everywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born

1. While shepherds kept their watching

O'er silent flocks by night;
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. **Chorus**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled

When lo above the earth;
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth. **Chorus**

3. Down in a lowly manger

The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. **Chorus**

While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks

1. While shepherds watch their flocks by night,

All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around, And glory shown around.

2. Fear not! Said he, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled mind;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind, to you and all mankind.

3. To you in David's town this day

Is born, of David's line,
The Savior who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign And this shall be the sign.

4. The heavenly Babe you there shall find

To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapt in swathing bands
And in a manger laid, And in a manger laid.

5. All glory be to God on high,

And to the earth be peace,
Good will hence-forth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease.

There is a Fountain

1. There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see

That fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away,
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood

Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

5. When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue

Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
Then in nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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. Zechariah prepares us. This morning, come to the Lord: "Come to the King and Be Cleansed" (Zechariah 12:10-13:1). This King did not come just as a figurehead or a royal authority. He had a specific mission: to bring spiritual restoration. We will continue setting up the advent nativity and we will pray for our covenant children.

7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight 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*, for PCA pastors or their widows in need, which include missionaries as well.

Zechariah points to the Nativity: "The King Comes in Humility" (Zechariah 9:9-10).

This Week

Monday *Merry Christmas!*

Tuesday

10am Bowling – All welcome, Calcutta Lanes.

6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry will be open If you or anyone you know needs help, please contact Angel Shepler..

Wednesday

Note: There are no kids or adult activities this week, as we reflect upon Christmas. These activities will resume on January 3, 2024 at 6:30pm. Feel free to meet up with others of your church family.

12:30pm -7pm Youth Ice Skating at PPG Place –Meet at the church at 12:30pm & we will return around 7pm. Cost: \$10 for admission to skate, \$6 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.

Next Sunday

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

10:45am Morning Worship Service – Director of Student Ministries, Tony Carroscia, will be bringing the final message in our series on Zechariah's prophecies of the Messiah. We will place the last parts of our nativity object lesson and we will pray for our last six Covenant Children by name.

No Evening Worship Service – Evening worship will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024 with Pastor Ric Raines bringing the message.

Congregational Announcements

Thank you – JoAnna and I express our deep thanks for your anonymous, generous gifts. I just don't know what to say. I know that inflation has tightened us all. So every dollar was thoughtful, kind, and appreciated. Merriest Christmas. I pray we all at Fairview remain faithful to the Lord and might love God even more in 2024.

Thank You – The Missions Committee would like to express their gratitude to all who gave and prayed for this past year's Angel tree project. We were able to touch many lives with the love of Christ. One family of 5 children in particular were surprised, respectful, talkative and excited "that we get to have presents under the tree!"

Thank You - We would like to thank everyone who used the church mail service and sent Christmas greetings to one another. We especially thank the youth group for sorting the cards and faithfully distributing them to the church mailcans. The Youth Group did a great job!

Pastor Away – Pastor Jeff and his family will be away this week and next following Christmas. If you have any needs, please contact Pastor Ric or one of your elders.

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

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.

Fairview Food Pantry – For the month of January, the food pantry would like to restock the shelves with pasta, egg noodles, pancake mix, cereal, can veggies, can chicken, instant potatoes, oatmeal packets, shampoo, bar soap and tooth paste. 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.

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. This is a time of re-dedication as a church, to worship faithfully, to witness regularly, to grow spiritually, to honor our leaders, and to serve one another as Christ has loved you.

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.***

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

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**Jeff Lyden**
Audio-Visual**Jason Dudek & Noah Oosting**
Musicians..... **Linda D'Angelo & Amy Hardesty**
Vocalist.....**Dan & Rosemaree Sullivan**
& Lindsey Hollabaugh

Children's Worship ..**Melissa D'Angelo & Anna Zehnder**
Nursery.....**JoAnna & Ayla Zehnder**
Ushers.....**Ed Shaffer, Josh Chaffee**
Stephen Hapach & Chase Thoman

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader.....**Mark Oosting**
Audio-Visual.....**Noah Oosting & Jason Dudek**
Musicians.....**Linda D'Angelo, Josh Sullivan
& Kara Masters**

Nursery.....**Sandy Christian & Linda Lyden**
Ushers.....**Tim Shepler, John Shepler
Daniel Shepler & Jacob Shepler**

Sermon Notes

"Come to the King and Be Cleansed"

Zechariah 12:10 -13:1 (p. 1016)

Prayers & Praises

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