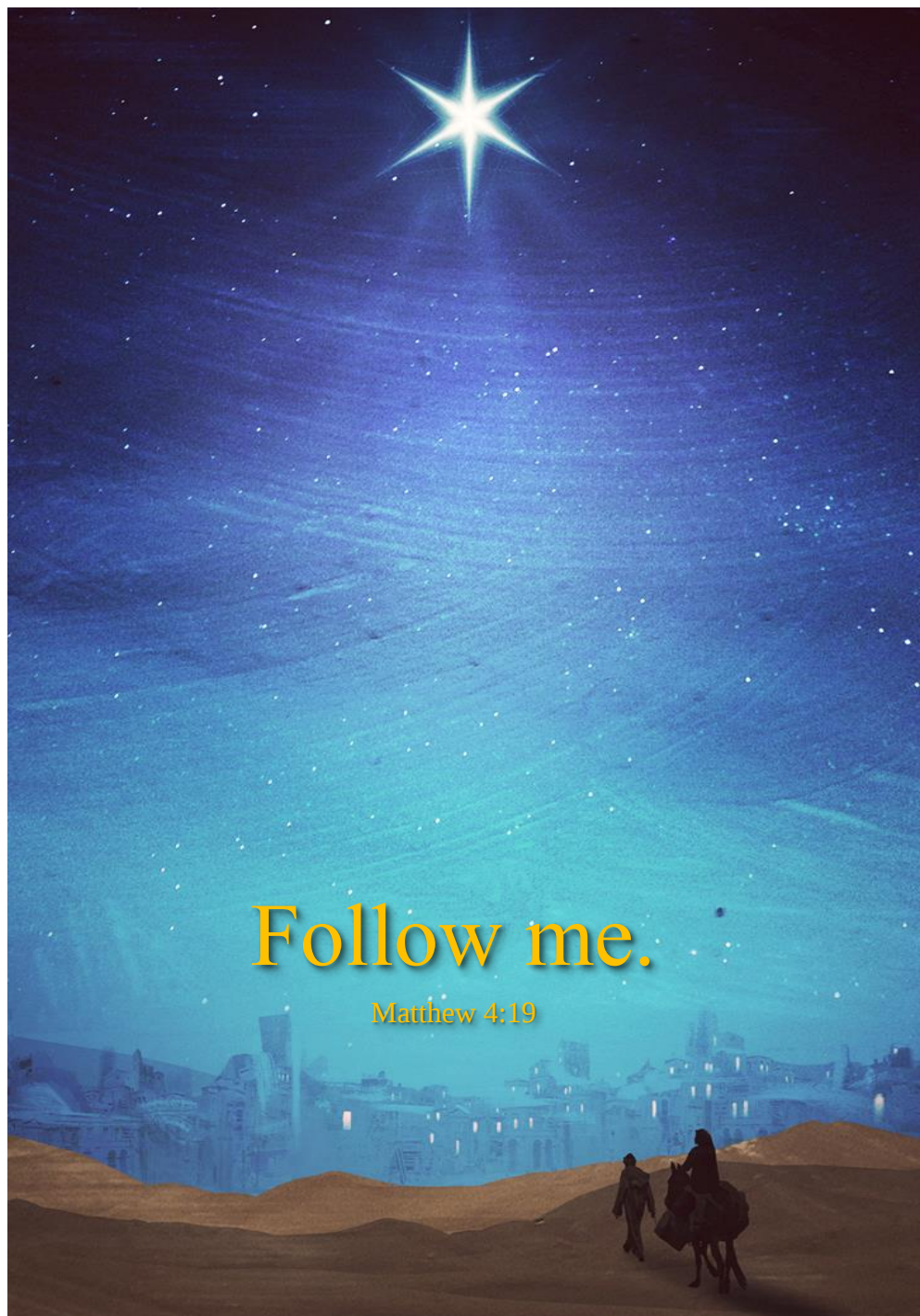




Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church

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December 8, 2024 | 10:45am

Advent Worship Service

Today, as we continue in the season of Advent, we consider the virgin birth of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 7:14

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

*SONGS OF WORSHIP “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (No. 171)

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (No. 179)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

THE SONGS OF JESUS – Advent Candle Scripture Preparation

“Elizabeth’s Song” – Tony Carroscia and Grant Miller

Scripture Reading – Luke 1:39-45

Candle Lighting

Prayer

Advent candle-lighting is like a visual object lesson for Scripture readings during advent. Lit candles one by one remind us of promises and scriptures about Jesus, the light of the world.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 21 & 22

Q: Who is the Redeemer of God’s elect?

A: The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A: Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

*HYMN OF HOPE “O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”

PRAISES AND REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 1026)

**PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT

MESSAGE The Virgin Birth

*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 8, 2024

“Jesus Christ for West Beaver County.”

Songs for Worship

1 | O Come O Come Emmanuel (171)

1. O come O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

***Chorus - Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

2. O come Thou rod of Jesse
Free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. ***Chorus***

3. O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
O drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light. ***Chorus***

4. O come Thou key of David come
And open wide our heav'nly home
Where all Thy saints with Thee shall dwell
O come, O come, Emmanuel! ***Chorus***

2 | Angels We Have Heard on High (179)

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains, in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

***Chorus: Glo- - - -ria In excelsis Deo!
Glo- - - -ria In excelsis Deo!***

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? ***Chorus***

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore, on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the new born King. ***Chorus***

4. See Him in a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing your Savior's birth. ***Chorus***

3 | O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

1. O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace a well to deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need.

2. O Lord my Rock and Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise
My joy, when trials are bounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

3. O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
Oh Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your name.

4 | 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

This Week

Welcome

Welcome to worship. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you have any questions about God, the Bible, 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 Marie Fowler & Helper Saphira Fowler

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

Toddlers thru Pre-K: Room LL 203 Marie Fowler, Diane Justice & Marci Thoman

K thru 2nd: Room LL302 - Charity & Giles te Velde

3rd thru 4th: Room LL204 – Bre Hooks & JoAnna Zehnder

5th thru 8th: Library – Heidi Shepler

9th thru 12th: Fellowship Hall with Adults

Adult Classes

Conversational Christianity – Led by Jeff Lyden
(Video Room)

Love & Relationships – Led by John Gallo
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday Worship

10:45am Morning Worship – Matthew 1:18-25 “The Birth of Jesus.” All of Jesus’ origin story points to his uniqueness and transcendence, the one and only savior for all people. Jesus’ birth shows himself to be unique from all other humans who were ever born. Jesus, then, is our Savior.

Last Small Groups of the year!

For this last small group of 2024, groups *can* use the Worship Engagement Questions. Or they may also use the entire time as a time of Christmas fellowship.

12:45pm Lyden's Small Group (Ohioville) (meets for lunch & study), Location: Type in “148 Fairlane” into GPS. The Lydens have a paved driveway next to a home, that goes up to a log house. A small sign is on the road that says Lyden.

6pm Carroscia Small Group (Chippewa) 110 Gill Dr. Unit B Beaver Falls, 15010

6pm D'Angelo Small Group (Darlington) 618 Cannelton Rd. Darlington, 16115.

Monday

10am Bowling – All are welcome! Calcutta lanes.

2:45pm Midland Goodnews Club – We meet in the school's Library.

Tuesday

6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry

Wednesday

10am Last Ladies Bible Study – We are doing “The Christmas We Didn't Expect.” Chapter 24 “The Day Heaven Kissed Earth.” We meet in the kitchen with babysitting available.

6:30pm-8pm Covenant Kids – Ages 4yrs–5th grade. Grades 1-5 are continuing with the “New City Catechism.” Kindergarten: Top 50 memory verses.

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.

6:30 pm Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Meeting – We are using the book of Acts to guide our time of prayer.

Thursday

11am Young In Heart Christmas Party - (ages 50 & up). Will meet at the church for a Bible Study on 1 Samuel 2, led by Tony Carroscia. Then a covered dish lunch. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share. Come for some great fellowship.

Saturday

9am Stewards Meeting

Next Sunday – Advent Continues

9:30am Sunday School & Adult Education Hour – We provide Sunday morning education classes for all ages, toddler through adult. Join us for the opening in the sanctuary before heading off to class.

10:45am Morning Worship – Matthew 2:1-12 “Worshiped by the Gentiles.” All of Jesus’ origin story points to his uniqueness and transcendence, the one and only savior for all people. Next Sunday, we see that Jesus received glory from Gentiles and Kings.

6:30pm Vintage Radio Christmas – An evening of a live radio show from Focus on the Family's Adventures in Odyssey. Retells the classic O'Henry tale, The Gift of the Magi, in a comical way complete with music and live foley artist. Whole evening we will step back in time to experience a classic radio show and Christmas music from a time long ago. We will have a Hot Cocoa Bar afterwards. We are asking the congregation to bring cookies or a snack to share.

Congregational Announcements

Congratulations – Ethan & Kara Masters are the proud parents of a son, Pierce Jaymes Masters, born Friday, November 29. 7lbs. 9oz. and 20" long. Hazel is his big sister, Doug & Kristine Masters are the grandparents and Arlen & Carol Flowers & Sue Masters are great-grandparents.

Emily & Christian Herbst are the proud parents of a girl, Hadassah Belia Herbst born Monday, December 2nd. 7lbs. 20" long. Hiram is the big brother. Dave & Sandy Christian are the grandparents and Steve & Ginger Carhart are the great grandparents.

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, 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 22. If you'd like the blessing of delivering the gifts to families in our area on December 22, please notify the Missions Committee.

Table Talk and **Our Daily Bread Devotionals** are available in the vestibule.

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 is available on the information table in the vestibule.

Updated Directories – The updated directories for 2025 are in your mailcans.

The Rock Christmas Caroling – Wed. Dec. 18, 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 – Tuesday, 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). Director of Student Ministries and Pastoral Intern Tony Carroscia will be bringing the message. 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.

Fairview Food Pantry – For the month of December would like to restock the shelves with chunky soups, crackers, cereal, oatmeal packets, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti O's, can ravioli, can potatoes, can chicken and egg noodles. Monetary donations appreciated at any time.

Installation of Officers – Sunday, January 5, 2025. We will install the 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.

Treasurers – All church treasurers are asked to turn in their books and reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 8, 2025. 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.

Snow Camp – "Back to the 80's" February 14-16, 2025
Speaker: Tony Carroscia; Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Mead, First Evangelical PCA; Directors Kevin & Nikki Hagan, Gospel Fellowship PCA.

Arrival: 6:30pm Friday, February 14

Departure: 1:00pm Sunday, February 16

Location: Laurelville Retreat Center 941 Laurelville Lane Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666.

Pricing \$120 Until December 31, 2024. \$150 January 1 until January 19, 2025. Register online at:

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

Ya-Dult Retreat – College and career young adults ages 18 to 30. Friday, Feb. 28, to Sunday March 2, 2025. Laurelville Retreat Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA. Only \$100/person until Dec. 31; \$120/ person until Jan. 31; \$130/ person after Feb. 1. Singles will use the lodge and marrieds in the motel. Includes 2 nights lodging, 3 meals, 4 worship times, activities & amenities. Register at <https://ascensionpresbytery.churchcenter.com/registrations>

Worship Helpers

Worship LeaderTony Carroscia
Audio-VisualNoah Oosting & Paul Hardesty
Musicians.....Linda D'Angelo, Hannah Claerbaut & Amy Hardesty
VocalistLindsey Hollabaugh
Children's Worship Marie & Saphira Fowler
Nursery.....JoAnna & Ayla Zehnder
GreetersJason & Alissia Dudek
UshersDoug Masters, Noah Oosting
Micah Oosting & Rosh Raines

Next Week's Helpers

Worship LeaderMark Oosting
Audio-Visual.....Paul Hardesty & Gideon te Velde
Musicians.....Linda D'Angelo & Josh Sullivan
Vocalist.....Dan & Rosemarie Sullivan
Nursery.....Heidi Shepler, Linda Lyden & Diane Melendez
Greeters.....John & Bre Hooks & Family
Ushers.....Brad Billheimer, Gideon te Velde
Josiah te Velde & William Phillips

Sermon Notes

"The Virgin Birth "

Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 1026)

Prayers & Praises

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

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