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Worship 10:45

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December 1, 2024 Liturgist, Nancy Mimless 10:45a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Come On Ring Those Bells” Culver Wells
BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

*OPENING HYMN“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” 211 v.1

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Karen Stimmell & Sally Fosbrink

Reader : From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

Congregation: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we are waiting. We’ve been waiting for a long, long time; waiting for love that breaks down hostile walls, and light that brightens darkened minds; waiting for peace that always seems at hand, yet never quite arrives; waiting for abstract qualities like truth and justice to become concrete: the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. Lord, thank you for Advent, for this time of preparation that makes the waiting all worthwhile. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 70

GOSPEL READING Luke 21:25-36

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Will You Make Room?”

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT & Coin offering

PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Redner

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OFFERED IN PRAISE AND PETITION

PRAYER HYMN "What Child is This?" 219

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

EPISTLE READING I Thessalonians 3:9-13

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

MESSAGE "Hollow Days"

* CLOSING HYMN "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" 240

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

WELCOME

As we begin a new season of Advent, we welcome you to our worship service. We pray you will be blessed as you grow in your faith as we get closer to Christmas Day as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK

Don Heckathorne	Ray Knopsnider	Thomas Leeder	Paul & Myra Holden	Baby Thompson	Becky Irwin
James & Deanna Sherbondy	Trey Corvin	Paula Snyder	Allen Mellinger	Chadd Tressler	Mary
Swope	Jeffrey Sarnelli	Larry Murray	Jack Burke		
Pat Tinkey	Bobby Kozel	Kenny Urbach	Rev. Rob & Lynn Kifer		
Shannon Mack	Bradley Sharp	Randy Jacobs	Tina Hiltabidel	Patty Lint	
Scott Wagner	Paula Shaffer	Gary Bungard	Taran Miller	Justin Teets	
Rick Miller	Randy Fisher	John Shaw	Eddie John	George Mariotti	
Mary Swope	Lee Mimless	Kathy Meyers	Buzz & Barb Stuart	Sandy Fox	
Ted Zigler	Pat Schroyer	Lincoln Dunseth	Shirley Metsger	Sandy Reich	
John North	Rob Miller	Pete Darno	Judy Eversdyke	James Lynn	Jane
Barnhart	Mark Stash	John Shay	Wanda Brooks	Debbie Murray	
Pastor Steve & Bev	Rev. Ross Pryor	Bishop Sandra Steiner	Ball		

Homebound persons: Edna Baker, Polly Basinger, Evelyn Curry, Sherrill Goodwin, Chuck Hall, Dolly King, Jimmy Lynn, Shirley Mathias, Stephanie Mattis, Mariloyd McClintock, Ed Miller, Judy Morris, Ozella Roy

Unspoken Requests All Military All churches Government leaders Folks with cancer Those traveling
Those battling addiction Folks on Hospice Homeless people
Praise for answered prayers Peace around the World Families of those who take their own life

If you want a name on prayer list, please use the prayer cards in the pew - give to acolytes.

THIS WEEK AT ALBRIGHT

TUESDAY: Co-op Conference; Leaders 6:30; Conf. 7:30 Alb.

WEDNESDAY: Bible study 6:30-7:30

THURSDAY: Choir practice 7:00

SUNDAY: LAST DAY to order poinsettias

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00-3:00

COOKIE WALK

Bev needs to know if you will donate cookies for the Cookie Walk/Sale on Dec. 14 at 9-1. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary TODAY. You may bring them to the church Dec. 12 & 13. Thank you.

POINSETTIAS

We will be taking orders for poinsettias from Angie's Flower Garden. They are available in Red, White, Pink, Red Glitter and are \$11.50 for 6" pots. **We need paid orders in by Dec. 8.** Please use the form out near bulletins to place orders. Thank you.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We will meet Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 for a meal and a program. The program will be Jeanne Meyers & Sharon Grimm. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Connellsville West Co-Op church conference

Tuesday, December 3rd at Albright UMC. The Co Op leadership will meet at 6:30 in the church basement. A charge Conference will follow at 7:30 in the sanctuary.

SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL

Saturday, December 21 at 11:00. Christmas party.

Blue Christmas

December 21st @ 7:00 p.m. at Albright

Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at Otterbein 7:00p.m.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to Albright church for the box of food I received for Thanksgiving. Don Petrone

LIGHT BULBS AVAILABLE

We have 4 ft. flourescent bulbs & curly bulbs available. If you want any of them please see Fred. We only ask a donation of your choice for them.

December Happenings:

10th: U.Women in Faith 6:00 - meal and program

14th: Annual Cookie Walk from 9-1 where you can purchase a variety of homemade cookies.

19th: Otterbein pasta dinner 4-6

21st: Saturday Morning Special Christmas Party from 11-1.

21st: Blue Christmas Service at 7PM at Albright **remembering & celebrating the lives of those we lost and acknowledging the grief we feel in this season.**

24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight service **7:00 at Otterbein**

Elsie on vacation Dec. 24-Jan.2. Office closed, will reopen Jan.7

Albright will also be doing Christmas for veterans families.

OUR STEWARDSHIP - November 24

Weekly need for budget \$ 2,214.00

Sunday offering \$ 2,502.00

(Includes Coin offering)

Sunday morning worship attendance 63

General Fund balance as of Nov. 1..... Minus - \$18,831.39

Monthly need is \$10, 506.38

OCTOBER income for the month \$8,051.00

NOVEMBER income for the month \$8,013.00

WE NEED YOUR HELP & SUPPORT!

GREETING YOU TODAY: Jackie Kimmel

December 8: Jackie Bartholomai

LITURGIST: December 8: Linda Burnworth

December 15: Ed Jacobs

ACOLYTES TODAY: Thelma Swope & Estella Gallagher

December 8: Keelan & Kayton Callahan

JUNIOR CHURCH TODAY: Kathy Hixson & Linda Burnworth

December 8: Kelli Armstrong & Nancy Mimless

USHERS: Jackie Bartholomai, Sherry Grote, Jeremy Gray, Ed Jacobs

Dec. 8: Larry Bloom, Scott Murray, Sally Fosbrink, Michelle Reich

COUNTERS: December: Larry & Bonnie Bloom

January: Sandy Russell & Rick Tressler

