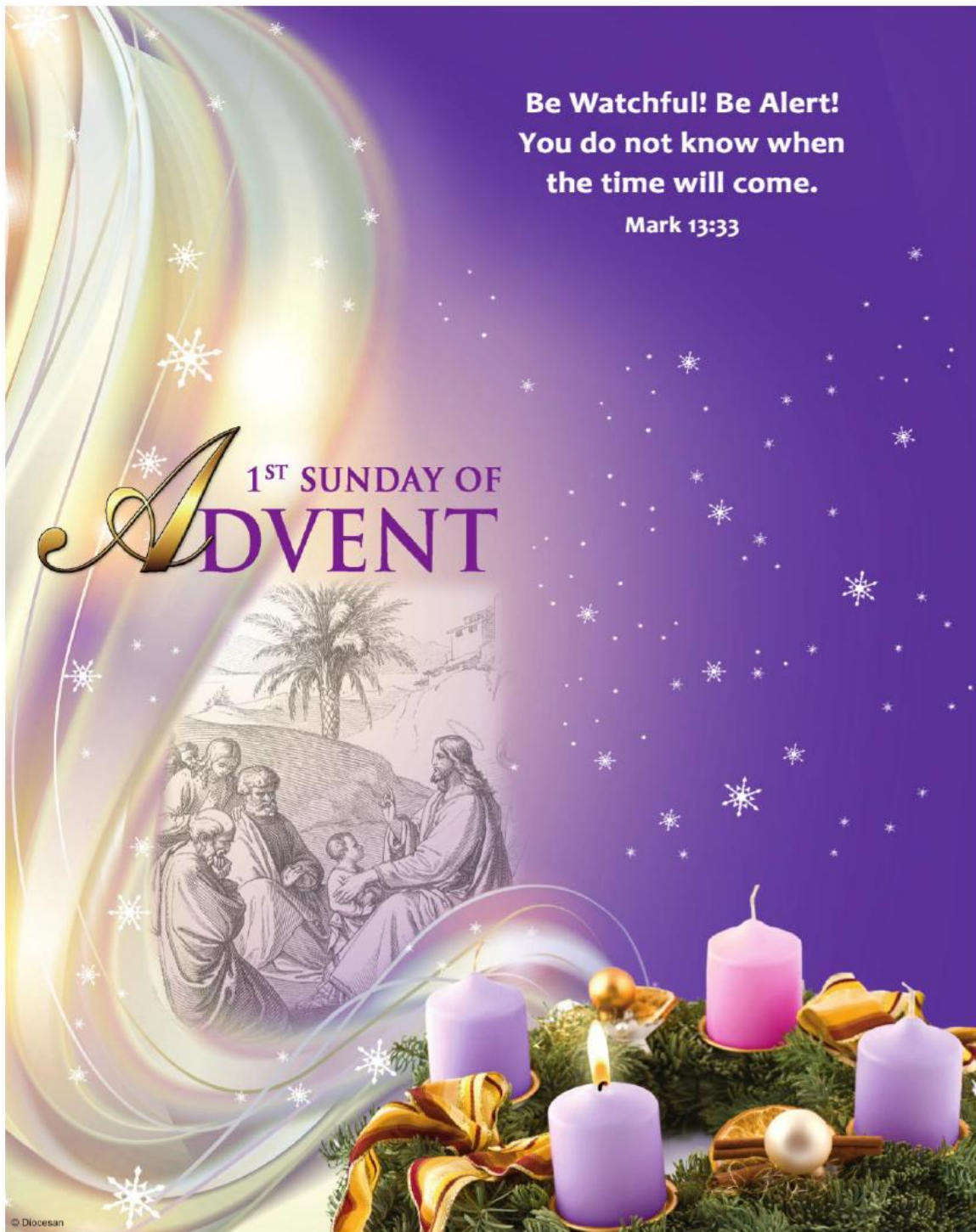


ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

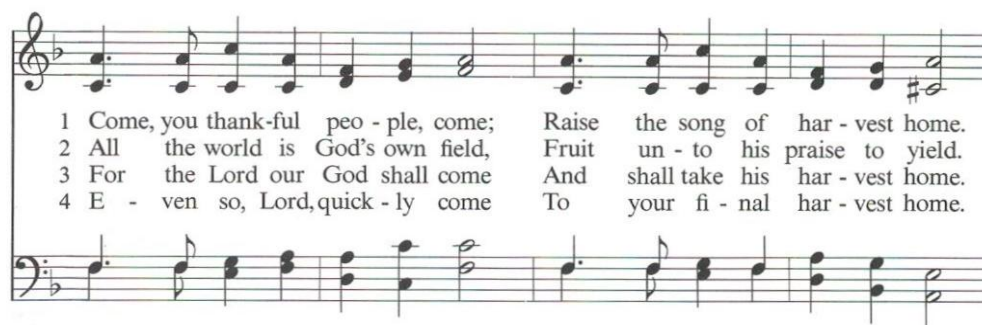
PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

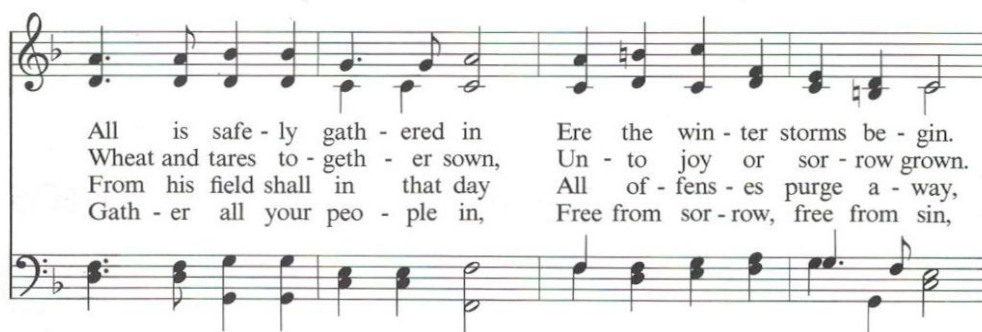
*GATHERING SONG ~ Verses 1 and 4

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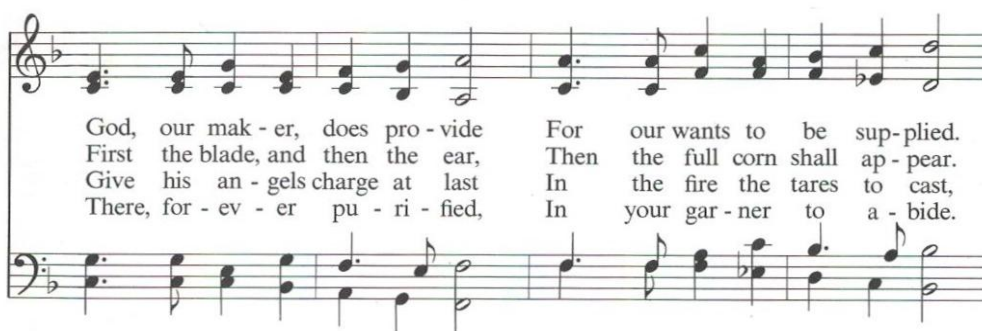
Come, You Thankful People, Come



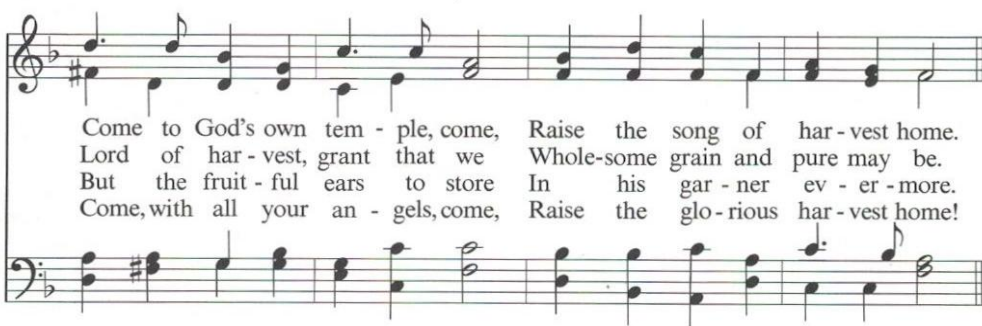
1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his praise to yield.
3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his har - vest home.
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From his field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er all your peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide.



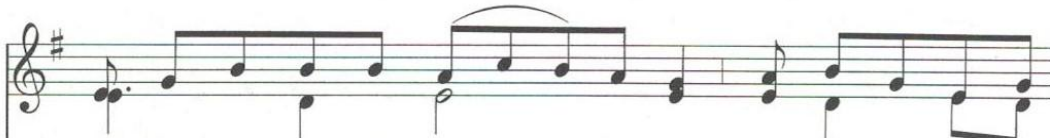
Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all your an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

*GREETING


- P In the beginning was the Word,
C **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
P In the Word was life,
C **and the life was the light of all people.**
P The Word became flesh and lived among us,
C **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

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Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

***PRAYER of the DAY** ~ (*in unison*) *prayers and lessons found in Celebrate*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

THE LESSONS

*First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 64:1-9

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 ~ *with response*

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Gm Dm Gm F Gm

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king;

Gm Dm Eb Bb Dm Gm

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

Gm Bb Gm Dm Eb Bb Gm Dm

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

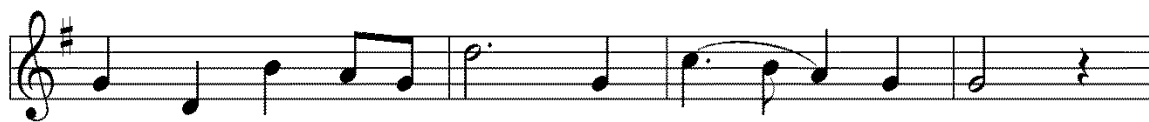
Gm Dm Gm Dm Gm Eb F Gm

Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



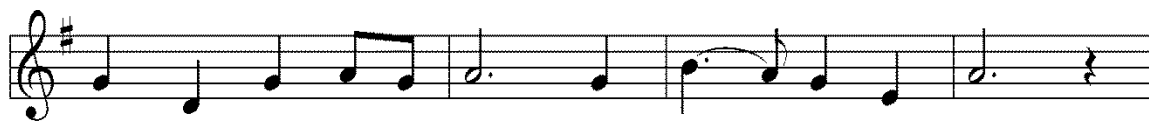
C Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

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Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, The watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And in her
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, And saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym - bals all u - nite.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, And at the
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
with the choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your daz - zling light.

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The bride-groom comes! A - wake; Your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Oh, come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has seen, no ear Has yet been trained to hear.

Al - le - lu - ia! Pre - pare your-selves to meet the
Sing ho - san - na! We go un - til the halls we
What joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -

Lord, Whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.
view Where you have bid us dine with you.
sound; Ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

***RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
C **Amen**

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

OFFERING ~ Someone will be coming around to your car with an offering plate

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.
P God, our Creator,
C **you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.
With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care.
Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE** ~ *Found in Celebrate*

P God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this
weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.
A brief silence

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

***THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C **Amen**

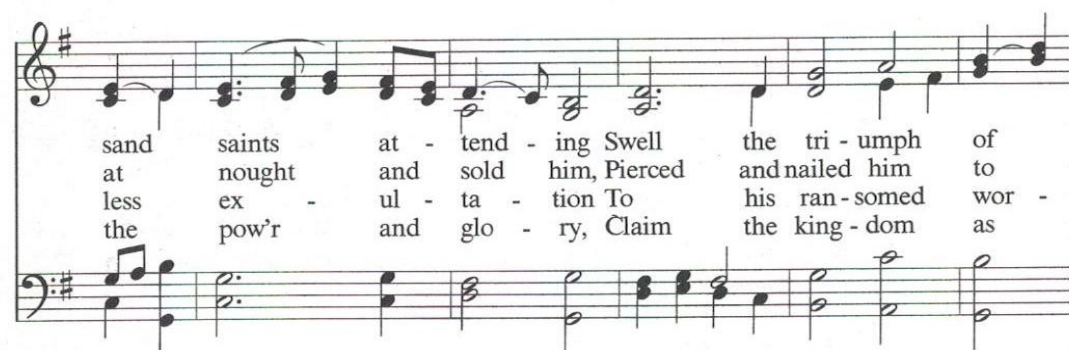
27 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his Pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



Once for fa - vored sin - ners slain; Thou - sand thou -
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty; Those who set
 Still his daz - zling bod - y bears, Cause of end -
 High on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take

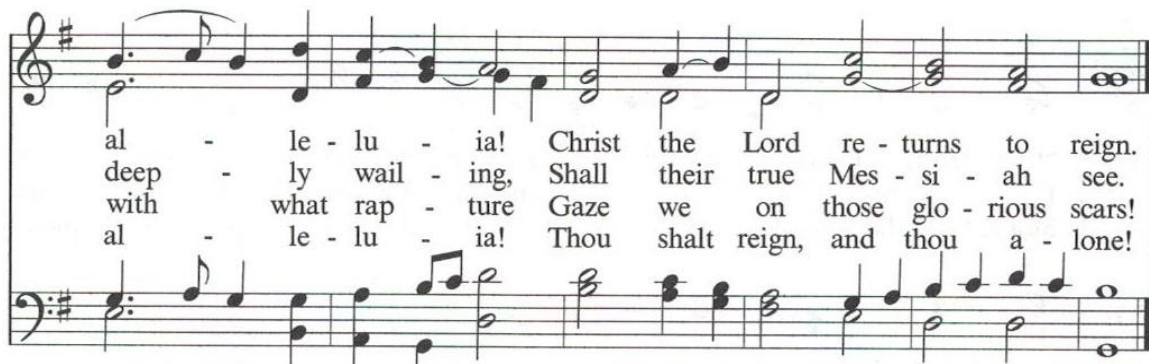


sand saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph of
 at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to
 less ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed wor -
 the pow'r and glo - ry, Claim the king - dom as



his train: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ship - ers. With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 thine own. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

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Our Mission Statement

We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.

Our Vision Statement

To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.

Today

Greeter: Ed Bilich; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, December 6

Greeter: Volunteer Needed; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

The Altar Flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God
by Edna Chester in loving memory of John Chester.

Notes from the Pastor:

In this 5th Sunday Service and the first Sunday of Advent the service and message will revolve around advent hymns most from the LBW, for you to sing along or enjoy for the first time.

Announcements

Council will be meeting the beginning of December, to decide on how to move forward with upcoming worship services. The *Good Shepherds* will be contacting members with updates.

The Advent devotionals can be found in the narthex. Please feel free to take for another who may enjoy using them as part of their daily meditation. **Anyone who would like one mailed, please contact the church office.**

There are still quite a few dates left to place altar flowers for next year. Please contact the church office or sign-up in the narthex if you are interested.

January thru November 25
Last week's attendance ~ 15 Offering ~ \$880.00

St. John's ~ YTD Income \$ 504,507.71 Expense \$ 216,314.69
Net Income \$ 288,193.02

Daycare ~ YTD Income \$ 259,758.66 Expense \$ 214,651.63
Net Income \$ 45,107.03