

St. John's Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

Prelude	
Welcome and Announcements	
<i>(The green hymnal (LBW) will be used during worship)</i>	
*Confession and Forgiveness	p. 56
*Entrance Hymn ~ <i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	# 26
*Greeting	p. 57
*Kyrie	p. 57
*Hymn of Praise ~ <i>This is the feast...</i>	p. 60
<i>Prayers and lessons can be found in Celebrate insert</i>	
*Prayer of the Day ~ <i>in unison</i>	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ congregation sings	
<i>Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel Verse 2 # 34</i>	
The Lessons	
*Gospel Acclamation ~ <i>Alleluia. Lord...</i>	p. 62
*The Holy Gospel	
Hymn ~ <i>On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry</i>	# 36
Sermon ~ <i>How to Prepare for Christmas</i>	
*Nicene Creed	p. 64
*Prayers ~ <i>see Celebrate</i>	
*The Peace is shared	
Tithes and Thankofferings	
*Offertory ~ <i>Let the vineyards...</i>	p. 66
*Offertory Prayer	
*The Great Thanksgiving	p. 68
*The Preface	
*The Sanctus ~ <i>Holy, Holy, Holy...</i>	p. 69
*Eucharistic Prayer #33	p. 69
The Lord's Prayer	p. 71
<i>The Communion Distribution</i>	
*Post Communion Canticle ~ <i>Thank the Lord ...</i>	p. 72
*Post Communion Prayer	p. 74
*The Blessing ~ <i>The Lord bless you...</i>	p. 74
*Closing Hymn ~ <i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	# 54
*Dismissal	
Postlude	

Today

Comm: Carol Fultz, **Greeters:** John and Denise Chester;
Lay Reader: John Chester; **Elevator:** Mike Harshbarger;
Sound: Ed Bilich

Next Sunday ~ December 14

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Sound:** Ed Bilich
Lay Reader: Mike Harshbarger; **Elevator:** Randy Harshbarger

Pastor: Rev. Mike Sigler Ph. # 717-437-7007

Office Hours ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Organist/Pianist: Rick Cole Ph. # 717-460-7831 or 717-310-4444

Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

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.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Don and Rosalie Smith in honor of their sons and families,
Don, Jr., Benita, Samantha, Ally,
Jed, Alice and Sarah.

Please remember in prayer ~ Gary Fultz, Anne Peachey, Jim Buchanan, Bob Keller, Charlie Murphy, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Patsy Carson and Reba Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Betty Harmon (Greenwood Village).

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY Second Sunday of Advent ~ Holy Communion

TUESDAY St. John's has Meals on Wheels

WEDNESDAY 10:30am Bible Study

6:00pm Hand Bell practice

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY St. John's has Meals on Wheels

6:30pm Council Meeting

FRIDAY 6-8pm Belleville Comm. Christmas at Twp. Activity Center

NEXT SUNDAY Congregational Meeting

Our congregational meeting is scheduled next Sunday. **If you did not receive your information, please contact the church office.**

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE NEXT SUNDAY. Forms can be found in the December newsletter and in the narthex.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels again this week. Please see Sue Lynch if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of pies/cheesecakes. **Reminder ~ If you signed up to provide an angel food cake for Tuesday, please have it at the Community Hall by 9:00am.**

If you would like to serve as an usher next year, please contact Nancy Penepacker at 717-935-2966 or speak with her following the worship service.

The Lions Club sponsored *Belleville Family Christmas* celebration is being held this Friday, December 12 at the Belleville Community Center. **VOLUNTEERS are needed to help hand out goodie bags to the children from 6:00-8:00pm.** If you are interested, please see Ed Bilich or contact the church office.

The Social Ministry committee is continuing to collect canned goods/non perishables for the Shelter Service, along with a list of other needed items included on the bulletin insert. Donations may be placed in the boxes located in the narthex.

There are still a few dates available for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. Sign-ups can be found in the narthex. The cost remains at \$40.00.

The *Mitten Tree* can be found in the narthex for your donations of new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and slipper socks for children/adults.

Headsets are available for anyone who may benefit from using them to more clearly hear our worship service. Please see one of the sound system operators, if interested.

Last week's attendance ~ 28 Offering ~ \$ 2,230.00

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Shelter Service Needs/Wish List

2025 has been an extremely busy year at the Shelter. The number of people needing our services was double what we have seen in past years.

Due to the interruptions in SNAP benefits we have also seen an increase in requests for emergency food boxes from community members.

Shelter Service prays you and your household are surviving the challenges of this day and age.

If your needs are met, and if you are able to help, the following is our current “Wish List”:

- Volunteers, especially in our thrift stores. Our stores are one way that we can help generate some of our own revenue to meet the needs of the Shelter’s operating budget. But we do not have enough volunteers for this to work smoothly and efficiently. Please consider volunteering, once a week, once a month, once a quarter—anything will be helpful.
- Multi-Purpose cleaners
- Shampoo, Liquid Hand Soap, deodorant
- Paper Towels, Tissues
- Aluminum Foil, Dish Soap
- Can openers—so the street homeless can eat
- Laundry Detergent
- Kid friendly pastas and breakfast items
- Your Prayers –these are most valuable of all!

We value gently used items. Linens, bedding, towels, toasters, utensils, clothing, etc. are always welcome!

Volunteers are needed to hand out “Goodie Bags” to the children. Please consider helping. Invite a family member(s) or friend. It is an enjoyable time! Please see Ed Bilich or the church office if interested.

**BELLEVILLE
FAMILY**

**CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

12/12/2025 • 6PM-8PM

**OUR NEW LOCATION:
UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
95 N PENN STREET, BELLEVILLE, PA**

- Live Nativity
- Live Music
- Tree Lighting
- Outdoor Games
- Crafts & Face Painting
- Scavenger Hunt
- Prize Drawing
- Festive Food
- Live Reindeer
- Card Signing
- Santa Claus
- Story Time
- Coffee

**SPREAD THE JOY! PLEASE BRING A
NON-PERISHABLE ITEM FOR THE FOOD BANK**