



**Lancaster  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Congregation of  
the Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church*

**Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus  
Senior Pastor**

# Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, December 20, 2020

**1 John 4:7-12  
The Love of God**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

**Purpose:**

**For God's glory  
we are committed  
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ  
in all we say and all we do  
to make and equip disciples  
in our families, our community, and the world.**

**Core Values:**

**We believe in the authority of Scripture  
and we affirm  
the historic teachings  
of Reformed Christianity.**

# Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

December 20, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM

## Welcome to Lancaster Presbyterian Church

**Large Print Bulletins**  
and  
**Hearing Assistance Devices**  
are available  
An usher will assist you.

**Child Care** is provided through  
kindergarten in the preschool  
wing on the first floor. An usher  
will guide you.

**Prayer Cards** are available for  
special prayer requests. Prayer  
cards can be found in the pew  
envelope holders and as you  
enter the balcony. They can be  
placed in the offering basket.  
A wooden box in the back of the  
sanctuary is available for  
confidential prayer requests.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

Please silence your cell phone.

*\*Stand, if able*

## Welcome

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

**Reader:** Jesus shows the love of God.

**Congregation responds:** And while this love is too wonderful for  
us to comprehend, it is simple enough for all of us to receive.

*God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were  
yet sinners Christ died for us.*

**Unison Prayer:** O Father, You gave us Your Son, and He endured  
the cross for us to demonstrate Your love. He is risen, and He is  
coming again. Thank you, Father! Let us demonstrate Your love  
to a world in need. Please come in Jesus when the time is fulfilled,  
and let us be found ready. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### \*Worship Songs

#### *Light of the Stable ~ Midnight Clear*

Led by the LPC Worship Team

### Children's Message

### \*Worship Song

#### *Love Came Down at Christmas ~ Christmas Offering*

## Ordination & Installation of Elders, Deacons & Trustees

### Prayer

## 1 John 4:7-12

## The Love of God

Pastor Kelly Negus

## **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

#### **The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 18, Paragraph 4**

The assurance true believers have of their salvation  
may be shaken, lessened, or interrupted for various reasons:

from neglecting to preserve it;

from committing some particular sin,

which wounds the conscience and grieves the Spirit;

from some sudden or strong temptation;

or from God's withdrawing the sense of his presence

and allowing them to walk in darkness.

Nevertheless, they are never completely without God's seed,

the life of faith, the love of Christ and of other believers,

and the sincere heart and obedient conscience,

out of which the Spirit may revive this assurance in due time

and by which they are in the meantime kept from complete despair.

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Worship Song**

***Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)***

### ***Light of the Stable***

Hail, hail to the newborn king  
Let our voices sing Him our praises.  
Hail, hail to the guiding light  
That brought us tonight to our Savior.

A-le, (Al-lelu-ia)

A-le, (Al-lelu-ia)

A-le, (Al-lelu-ia)

A-le, (Al-lelu-ia)

Come now, there it shines so bright  
To the knowing Light of the stable  
Kneel close to the Child so dear  
Cast aside your fear and be thankful

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### ***Midnight Clear***

It came upon the midnight clear That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth good will to men From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing  
Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats Through all the weary world  
And man at war with man hears not The love song which they bring  
O hush the noise and cease the strife And hear the angels sing

#### *Chorus*

*(Oh) Glory to God in the highest  
Glory to God evermore  
Good news great joy for all  
Melody breaks through the silence  
Christ the Savior is born  
Jesus the love song of God  
(Jesus the love song of God)*

It came upon the midnight clear That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold

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***Love Came Down at Christmas***

Love came down at Christmas  
Love all lovely love divine  
Love was born at Christmas  
Star and angel gave the sign

Worship we the Godhead  
Love incarnate love divine  
Worship we our Jesus--  
But wherewith for sacred sign

Love shall be our token  
Love be yours and love be mine  
Love to God and all men  
Love for plea and gift and sign

Love came down at Christmas  
Love all lovely love divine  
Love was born at Christmas  
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Love shall be our token  
Love be yours and love be mine  
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## ***Christmas Offering***

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds  
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar  
Hoping to find the child from Heaven  
Falling on their knees  
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

*I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You  
I bring an offering to You*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne  
Before the Holy One of Heaven  
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy  
Lord I come

*I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You*

*We bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due*

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***Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)***

What hope we hold this starlit night  
A King is born in Bethlehem  
Our journey long we seek the light  
That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age  
Four-hundred years can He be found  
But broken by a baby's cry  
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

*Chorus*

*Emmanuel Emmanuel,  
God incarnate here to dwell  
Emmanuel Emmanuel,  
Praise His name Emmanuel*

The Son of God here born to bleed  
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow  
And we beheld this offering  
Exalted now the King of kings  
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground

*Chorus*

Praise His name Emmanuel

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# Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

## 5:00pm & 8:00pm

*Celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.*



*Reservations are required & can be made by emailing the church office at [office@l-p-c.org](mailto:office@l-p-c.org) or calling 684-2277*

*Childcare available at both services.*

### Christmas Eve Candlelight services 2020

- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are taking reservations for attendance at these services now. *Reservations will be first come, first serve.*
- Seating will be available in the sanctuary, balcony & Waith Hall.
- Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 684-2277, or by emailing Marie at the church office at [office@l-p-c.org](mailto:office@l-p-c.org).
- Please note that we will be livestreaming these services as well on our YouTube channel and live on our Facebook page.

**At this time we are still planning on having our Christmas Eve services. As we watch the government guidelines, please note that things may change. Watch for more information in our e-newsletters, church website & our private LPC Facebook group.**



This is the year!! - for outdoor activities - to bring extra joy to those stuck at home

Everyone is invited to meet at church at **6p.m. Tuesday December 22**. Bring a mask. Dress warmly. Plan to travel in your own car. Each team will have a list of addresses to visit. Join DAB and the youth groups as we enjoy each other's company and combat loneliness.

- This is the year - for CHRISTMAS CAROLING!



# Church Announcements

## **Junior/Senior High Youth Christmas Party tonight!**

7:00pm—8:30pm @ the Potter's House

Bring a \$5 gender neutral gift for a gift exchange. Snacks, drinks, music & games!

Please wear a mask.

## **2020 Annual Report**

*Please start preparing now!*

Annual reports of all groups, committees, and ministries of LPC will be due in January. Reports should include all pertinent information, personnel and accomplishments of 2020. Please send to the church office by January 15th in order for your report to be included in the Annual Report. The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 12:30pm.

## **Help Our Sunday School Children Give A Little Warmth This Christmas Season**

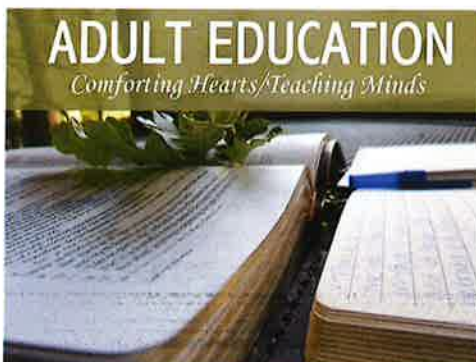
Our Sunday School children are collecting mittens, hats and scarves. Items can be brought in all during December. A box is located at the entrances to the church.

## **A Note from the Worship Committee**

We are in need of helpers in the audio room as well as someone to build slides for praise services and to run them. We also have a need for someone to set up the Communion table once a month. If you are interested in helping out with our services in any of these ways, please contact Mark Miller, chair of the Worship Committee.

**Attention Members: New offering envelopes for 2021 are available in the lower foyer of the church. If you have any concerns or questions please call Diane Carlsen. Also, if you need envelopes or do not wish to have envelopes please let Diane know.**

**Copies of the minutes from Session Meetings in November & December are available on the Information Table outside of the sanctuary for those interested.**



**Adult Education will meet this morning in room 114.**

**Beginning Sunday, January 3, 2021 we will resume  
back to TWO services on Sunday mornings.**

## ***Worship with us every Sunday***

***Traditional Service @ 8:30am***

***Contemporary Service @ 11:00am***

***Childcare provided at both services.***

***Masks are required & social distance guidelines will be followed.***

***Our services are also live on Facebook & our Youtube channel.***

***Sunday School & Adult Education - Every Sunday @ 9:45am***

***www.L-P-C.org***

**Please continue to watch our church website for any changes or updates regarding changes to our services due to the current Covid situation.**

# **Livestream Available**

***Sunday mornings @ 9:30am***

***Lancaster Presbyterian Church Youtube channel  
and live on our Facebook page.***

**A full bulletin for each service can be found at  
<https://www.l-p-c.org/resources/bulletins/>.**