



**Lancaster  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Congregation of  
the Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church*

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

# Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, December 13, 2020

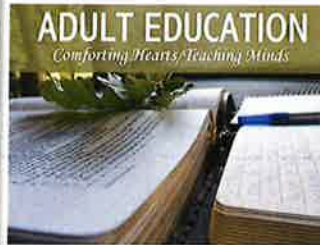
## **1 Peter 1:3-9**

### **Far as the Curse Is Found**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>8</sup> and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

### **Official Notice of Call to a Congregational Meeting**

The congregation of the Lancaster Presbyterian Church is hereby called to a Congregational Meeting today for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons, Trustees and members of the 2021 Nominating Committee. The meeting will take place at 10:30am in the sanctuary.



**Adult Education will meet this morning in room 114, following the Congregational Meeting.**

***Sunday School classes will also meet following the meeting.***

#### **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 13, 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.

Please silence your  
cell phone.

*\* Stand, if able*

## **Prelude Selections:**

***Chorale Improvisation on "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring***

~ J.S. Bach, arranged by M. Hokanson

***"Shepherds, What Is This Lovely Fragrance"***

~ Old French Carol, arranged by Paul Manz

**Welcome** – Pastor Kelly

## **Call to Worship: Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Reader:** The baby Jesus is our joy.

**All:** Yes, and the risen Jesus is our joy, ascended in glory and coming again.  
*(Prayer)* Lord Jesus, You have filled us with joy through the wonders of Your salvation. Let this joy overflow to everyone in our lives, that all may know the joy of Your gospel, Amen.

**\*Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

Red Hymnal #169

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,  
the day is coming

when we will see something that we have never seen before,  
and this sight will be glorious!

The day is coming when we will see Jesus,  
and no matter how many or hard the steps may be  
between this day and that one,  
one glimpse of Jesus will make it all worth the wait,  
and then we will continue with You forever.

Thank You!

Please hear the confession of our sins in the silence of this moment.

## **Silent Confession**

Blessed Trinity,  
though we have not seen You,  
we love You,  
and believing in You

we greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory!  
We bless You, we praise You, and give You thanks in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Children's Message: Debi**

### **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.

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures  
here below;  
Women: Praise Him above  
ye heavenly host  
Men: Praise Him above ye  
heavenly host  
Women: Praise, Father Son  
Men: Praise, Father Son  
Women: Praise, Father Son  
Men: Praise, Father Son  
All: Praise, Father, Son, and  
Holy Ghost!

### **\*Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Red Hymnal #178

### **Prayer for Illumination**

## **1 Peter 1:3-9**

## **Far as the Curse Is Found**

## **Pastor Kelly Negus**

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

### **Affirmation of Faith**

### **The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 18, Paragraph 3b**

It is every believer's duty  
to establish the certainty of his calling and election  
so that his heart may be filled with peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,  
with love and thankfulness to God,  
and with strength and cheerfulness of obedience.  
These are the true products of assurance,  
which is never conducive to an undisciplined life.

### **Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

### **\*Doxology**

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Parting Song: *Were You There?***

Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night,  
When the world was full of a holy light?  
Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold...Came to earth?  
Did you see, did you see how they hailed Him King,  
With the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?  
Did you see how they bowed as they praised Him aloud...At His birth?  
Did you hear how the choirs of Angels sang, at the Glory of the sight?  
Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang...All through the night?  
Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son,  
The salvation of the world begun?  
Did you know it was love that was sent from above, to the earth?  
Did you know it was love that was sent from above, to the earth?

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### **Postlude: *He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising* ~ Paul Manz**

Scott Wander, Organist

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

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But thou, Bethlehem, out of thee shall come He forth . . . a ruler in Israel. — Micah 5:2

Phillips Brooks

ST. LOUIS  
Lewis H. Redner



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 *For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,*  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
2 *While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.*  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.  
4 *Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.*



1 Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:  
2 *O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!*  
3 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,  
4 *We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;*



1 The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
2 *And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.*  
3 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.  
4 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el! A - men.



*Behold, a virgin shall . . . bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel.*

— Isaiah 7:14

Latin: c. 9th Century

Tr. by John M. Neale, stanzas 1, 2, alt.

Tr. by Henry S. Coffin, stanzas 3, 4, alt.

VENI EMMANUEL

Adapted from Plainsong, Mode I

Thomas Helmore

Unison

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive  
 2 O come, *Thou Day-spring, come and cheer* Our spir - its by Thine  
 3 O come, Thou Wis-dom from on high, And or - der all things,  
 4 O come, *De - sire of na - tions, bind* In one the hearts of

1 Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
 2 *ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,*  
 3 far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
 4 all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,

1 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 *And death's dark shad-ows put* to flight.  
 3 And cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em -  
 4 *And be Thy-self our King* of peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A-men.

# 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.**

### **Christmas Caroling!**

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

## **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.**

## **YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**

**Junior & Senior High Youth Group tonight, meeting at the Potter's House from 7:00pm-8:30pm. All youth will need to wear a mask!**

**Kids Youth Group will meet on Thursday December 17. We do not yet have plans for January.**

## **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.

## **From the Deacons:**

The Deacons will not be ordering memorial poinsettias for Christmas this year because of the changing directives from the state. Please do not submit any more orders. If you submitted an order, your money will be returned. Thank you for your understanding.

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

## **Shhhh!!!!**

Those interested in contributing to the Pastor's Christmas gift are asked to mail their donation to the church no later than December 15. Please note: This is a personal gift and will not appear on your donation statement. Due to Covid the gift will not be handed to the Pastor.

**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](http://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/>.**