



**Lancaster  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Congregation of  
the Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church*

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

# Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, November 29, 2020

## **Isaiah 8:19-9:7 Glorious!**

<sup>19</sup>When they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? *Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?* <sup>20</sup>To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. <sup>21</sup>They will pass through the land hard-pressed and famished, and it will turn out that when they are hungry, they will be enraged and curse their king and their God as they face upward. <sup>22</sup>Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and *they will be* driven away into darkness. <sup>1</sup>But there will be no *more* gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup>The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them. <sup>3</sup>You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; They will be glad in Your presence as with the gladness of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the booted warrior in the *battle* tumult, and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

### **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.**

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November 29, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM

**Welcome to  
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**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: *Rejoice, the Lord is King***

~ J. Darwall, arranged by H. De Cou

**Welcome** – Pastor Kelly

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

**Reader:** Who is our hope?

**All: The Lord Jesus, He is our hope!**

*(Prayer)* Lord Jesus, You have come and brought salvation.

As we look forward to the celebration of Your birth,

let us look with hope for the day of Your return.

Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, Amen.

**\*Hymn: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Red Hymnal #168

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,  
We deserve judgment and condemnation.

We deserve to have our sins exposed  
and the smallness of our faith called out.

But we do not get what we deserve.

We thank You.

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

**Silent Confession**

Blessed Trinity,

You lavish us with unmerited grace and undeserved favor.

Truly You are glorious!

Please rule and reign in our lives forever,  
and increase Your kingdom through our service.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Children's Message: Debi**

**\*Hymn: *I Wonder As I Wander***

Red Hymnal #183

**Prayer for Illumination**

### **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!

## **Isaiah 8:19-9:7**

### **Glorious!**

### **Pastor Kelly Negus**

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

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

#### **The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 16, Paragraph 2**

Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments,  
are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith.

By them believers show their thankfulness,  
strengthen their assurance of salvation,  
edify their brothers in the Lord,  
and become ornaments of all those who profess the gospel.

Good works in believers  
silence the criticism of the enemies of the gospel.  
They also glorify God by showing that believers  
are the workmanship and creation of Jesus Christ,  
because their aim is that holiness of living which leads to eternal 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: *Variations on Adeste Fideles* ~ Raynor Taylor**

Scott Wander, Organist

The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.

—C. S. Lewis

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

And we declare unto you glad tidings how that the promise . . . Rowland Hugh Prichard  
God hath fulfilled. — Acts 13: 32,33

Descant by Paul Sjolund

Charles Wesley

Descant



2 Come, Lord, born to de - liv - er, Born a child, born a



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and



child and a King, born to reign, reign in us for - ev - er,



1 peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;  
2 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,



Now Thy gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thy Spir - it,



1 Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's  
2 Now Thy gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine



*ff*

2 Thine e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a -

1 Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou  
 2 own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a -

lone; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

1 art; Dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion,  
 2 lone; By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it

*rit.*

Al - le - lu - ia, to Thy glo - rious throne. A - men. A - men.

1 Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 2 Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne. A - men.

# I Wonder As I Wander

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*As He spake by His Holy Prophets  
which have been since the world began.*

Appalachian carol  
Collected by John Jacob Niles

— Luke 1:70

I WONDER  
Appalachian Folksong  
Adapted by John Jacob Niles  
Arranged by Fred Bock

Unison

1 I won - der as I wan - der out un - der the sky,  
2 When Ma - ry birthed Je - sus, 'twas in a cows' stall,  
3 If Je - sus had want - ed for an - y wee thing:  
4 I won - der as I wan - der out un - der the sky,

1 How Je - sus, the Sav - ior, did come for to die. For  
2 With wise - men and far - mers and shep - herds and all. But  
3 A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing; Or  
4 How Je - sus, the Sav - ior did come for to die. For

1 poor, or - nery peo - ple like you and like I— I  
2 high from God's heav - en a star's light did fall, And the  
3 all of God's an - gels in heav - en to sing, He  
4 poor, or - nery peo - ple like you and like I— I

1 won - der as I wan - der, Out un - der the sky.  
2 prom - ise of a - ges It then did re - call.  
3 sure - ly could have had it, 'Cause He was the King!  
4 won - der as I wan - der, Out un - der the sky.

# 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 will be taking reservations for attendance at these services starting Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. *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.**

# Livestream Available

*Sunday mornings @ 9:30am  
Lancaster Presbyterian Church Youtube channel  
and live on our Facebook page.*

Due to Erie County now being moved to an Orange Zone on the Covid Cluster scale there will be no in-person worship services until restrictions from the government and the Erie County Department of Health change.

Sunday Worship services will be available via LIVESTREAMING ONLY.

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

# Church Announcements

## **Praying for Our Family**

Cliff Krull  
Beth Kroecker  
Don Flaig  
Jan Majors

## **Home Members**

Betty Beaumont  
Mildred Epolito  
Ann Frasier  
Don Metzger

## **Military Personnel:**

Laurel Foss  
Dan Pulley

## **Prayer Ministry:**

All prayer requests can be emailed to the church office at [office@l-p-c.org](mailto:office@l-p-c.org), or simply complete the form on our church website.

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

The congregation of the Lancaster Presbyterian Church is hereby called to a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 13th 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.

## **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 Mitten Tree is located at the entrances to the church.

**The Advent Devotional Guide is now available. This is a special devotional for you to use at home as you prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. The Devotional is on the Information Table outside the sanctuary, please take one per family, If you would like to pick one up from the church please stop by the church Monday through Friday 9am to 12pm.**

*First Sunday of Advent—Sunday, November 29*

## **YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**

**Due to Erie County now being moved to an Orange Zone on the Covid Cluster scale no youth groups will be meeting until restrictions from the government and the Erie County Department of Health change. Please watch for more information as it is updated on our website, LPC Facebook page & e-newsletters.**

## **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.



# SECRET CHRISTMAS FRIEND

-- Togetherness this advent season --

**Happy Thanksgiving LPCers!! Are you looking for positive connections amidst the chaos of our times? Would you like to spread a little secret, surprise Christmas cheer with just an act of thoughtfulness? Are you a kid at heart? Here is a simple way to encourage a sister or brother in Christ.**



- What? Pray for your assigned person and send cards, a small gift, or notes of encouragement.
- When? Sign up through the church office between November 22 and December 4. Spread Christmas cheer December 6 - 20.
- Who? Everyone at LPC who wants to
- How? Mail a card, make a porch drop or transfer a gift through a friend on Sunday morning
- Why? Because there isn't enough togetherness this year and this will add some fun!
- Questions? Contact: Marie in the office, Lisa Negus or Becky Young
- Details: Mail the form below to the church office or email the same information to [office@l-p-c.org](mailto:office@l-p-c.org) by December 4. If you submit your name, you will be both a friend and a receiver. You will be paired up with a secret person to bless and receive their contact information by December 7. Then for 2 weeks, pray for your person and bless them with notes or a small gift. This is not meant to be hard, so all can easily participate. A card week 1 and candy week 2, is an example. On Sunday December 20, contact your secret friend to let them know who you are and wish them a Merry Christmas!

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*If you would like to bless a second friend who was not able to sign up, write "yes" below.*