

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Aria on "Light One Candle" Michael Burkhardt

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Lord, long ago you began a work in this place.

People: Thank you for those in our fellowship who have gone before.

Leader: Lord, you bless us with a work to do today.

People: Thank you for each other here now.

Leader: Lord, you will complete the work in us.

People: Help us to do that work in and for love.

*Hymn: #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"(vs. 1, 2, 6, 7) (see download)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God who is love, you created us for a purpose, each of us, all of us together. And you work to help us fulfill that purpose. But sometimes we doubt, Lord. When we fear, when we worry, we lose our purpose. And then we do not work with love or grace. Forgive us. Strengthen us as we move to an unknown future. Make us strong in our work. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "The Angel Gabriel" Robert Lau

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #137 "He Came Down" (see download)

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:1-11

Sermon: **Guided by Love**

Ordination and installation of Officers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

The Peace of Christ

*Hymn: #767 "Together We Serve" (see download)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Robert Lau

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of my husband Eugene Sowers
who passed away 6 years ago
Given by Betty Sowers**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Robert, Elaine, Camilla, and Valentina Dyer**

To be Installed:

DEACONS: Karen Homsher, Ed Margerum, Esta Fisher

ELDERS: Skip Brackbill, Lois Eshleman, Elaine Gouba, Dianne Yuninger.



Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots box is in the narthex until the middle of December. Please give as you want, but we are in need of gifts for *six- to eight-year-old* boys and girls. Last season we gave to over 5,000 children. If it wasn't for Toys for Tots, there would be children who receive nothing for Christmas. There is much need in Lancaster County. Thanks ahead of time for your help!

Dave Berkhimer



Don't forget to order your **Poinsettia Plants**. Forms are in the back of the Sanctuary. Completed forms and payment can be mailed or put in the secretary's box outside the office door.

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