First Sunday of Advent **Sunday, November 29, 2026**
Theme: The Day of the Lord

GATHERING

Prelude: Aria on "Light One Candle" Michael Burkhart

First Sunday in Advent: Hope
Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.
People: We light this candle in hope.

Call To Worship (Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19)
Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!
People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Leader: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.
People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Leader: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
People: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Hymn: #82 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 64:5b-9)
You were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sharing Signs of Peace

*Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: **"Waiting Is The Hardest Part."**

*Hymn: #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Faithful God, we thank you for bringing peace out of chaos, hope out of despair, and joy out of emptiness. Renew our hope and strengthen our faith, that we may prepare the way for Christ's coming and share his peace with the world. God of

faith, God of hope, God of love, shine your light into our darkness. Come, Lord Jesus, our Savior. Teach us your ways. Lead us into freedom. Deepen our faith and open our minds. Let your light shine through our actions and your love reign in our hearts. Abide with us here, now, and always. Amen.

Announcements and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Gordon Young
(Please remain seated)

Rev. Walter Kondratowski, Pastor
Dianne Yuninger, Organist

Prayers of the Congregation
The Prayer Family this week is: **Harold & Dianne Yuninger**

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory
of Nancy Marie Brackbill
Given by Jim & Sue Brackbill

Announcements

The **TOYS FOR TOTS** box is in Narthex. Pickup will be December 4. The need is the same as last year. Gifts for boys and girls in the ages of 9 to 12 years old can be jewelry, games, watches, personal care items.
The Marines of Lancaster County thank you!

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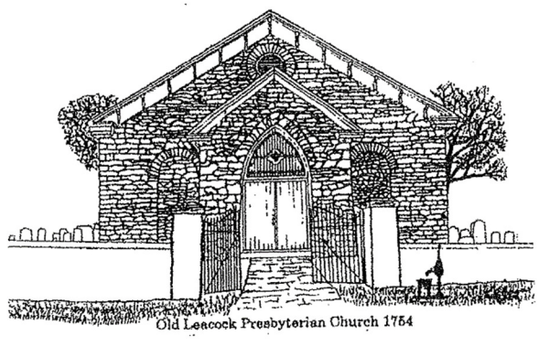
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