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The Weekly:
December 13th 2019
ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

John the Baptist, the “voice crying in the wilderness” prophesied by Isaiah, continues to be the focus on this Third Sunday of Advent. The common theme and message of today’s hymns is “pay attention—salvation is at hand!” The Sequence hymn, sung just before the reading of the Gospel, is a paraphrase of the words of Isaiah 40:1-3. The hymn following Communion is also based on words of Isaiah, from chapter 21. It is sung to the stirring Welsh tune Aberystwyth (which some, incidentally, may recognize from its appearance in episode three of the current season of “The Crown”). The concluding hymn “Sleepers, wake!”, one of the greatest and best-known German chorales, is a meditation on the expectation of divine deliverance and hope for the life to come. Both text and tune were composed at the end of the 16th century by Philipp Nicolai, a Lutheran pastor, during a terrible epidemic that took the lives of hundreds. The opening Organ Voluntary is based on the same tune, which J. S. Bach originally set to the words of the second stanza of the hymn, as part of his cantata based on the chorale.

The Offertory Anthem captures the atmosphere of expectation at the heart of the Advent season with elegant simplicity. It is a setting of a poem by Jan Struther, the pseudonym of English author Joyce Anstruther, best known as the author of “Mrs. Miniver.” The music is by the contemporary American composer and Episcopal church musician Robert Powell.

SUNDAY’S MUSIC

10am Hymns:
76 - “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”
75 - “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”
640 - “Watchman, tell us of the night”
61 - ”Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us”
Offertory Anthem: High o’er the lonely hills - Robert Powell
Organ Voluntaries: Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 [Hymn 61] - J. S. Bach, and Herzlich thut mir erfreuen - Johannes Brahms

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas Services

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve
4:30pm: Christmas Music & Carols
5pm: Family Eucharist with the Ross Treble Choir

10:30pm: Christmas Music & Carols
11pm: Choral Eucharist with incense
Malcolm: Missa ad Praesepeio, McDowall: Gaude et laetare,
sung by the Immanuel Choir

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day
10am: Sung Eucharist with incense
Plainsong: Missa Marialis

Sunday, January 5, The Epiphany
One combined service at 10am
Visitation by the Rt. Rev’d Kevin Brown, Bishop of Delaware
Sung Eucharist and Baptism

PARISH HAPPENINGS

THERE’S STILL TIME! - Christmas Baskets for Needy Families

Each year we fill up Christmas baskets (actually storage tubs) for needy families in the area. The tubs will be available again this week, on a slightly tighter turn around than last year!

There are still 8 baskets available on the church porch, we have made a commitment to Carrie Downie to fill 27 baskets, please collect and fill a basket by Sunday if you are
able.

This is a small way to help fulfill God’s mission so please help and take a tub. When taking a tub, please put your name on the sign-up sheet so we can keep track of what baskets have been returned. In each tub is a sheet with instructions on one side and a menu on the other. You can also find the menu and instructions here if you can’t grab a tub in time.

The filled tubs should be delivered to the Parish Hall between Wednesday, December 11, and Sunday, December 15.

Call the Church office on (302)328-2413 with any questions.

We appreciate everything you do for this ministry.

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Spirit of Christmas

We're looking for volunteers to help with tours of the church at New Castle's Spirit of Christmas celebration, this Saturday, December 14th, between 10am-2pm.

Spirit of Christmas is a full day of concerts, free house tours, crafts, refreshments and sharing the Christmas Spirit. All events are FREE. All proceeds benefit Friendship House Homeless Ministries. There’s lots to do, and this is a fabulous opportunity to invite people to learn more about Immanuel!

**There are 8 volunteer positions to fill** - 2 people per hour between 10am-2pm.

As this is short notice, please contact Jon Barrett ASAP on (302)584-1068 to volunteer, or for more information. We appreciate all you do for Immanuel.

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Goody Care Packages For Deployers

The outreach project to support the 200+ Delaware National Guard members deployed continues at Immanuel. A number of Immanuelians have donated care and hygiene packages for our Delaware neighbors, who are deployed to Southeast Asia in support of ongoing military operations.

These deployed soldiers are grateful and appreciative of the support they get from us. Our initiative “Treats for Troops” provides both “goodies” that remind them of home, such as Tasty Cake and Wawa products. We are also providing personal hygiene items that are hard to come by in the area that they are deployed. We are gathering up the first package and sending it to them with our prayers and blessings. Donations will be accepted through January 2020.

A complete list of the items may be found here and on the church porch. Donations may be dropped off there or at the Parish Office. For any questions, feel free to reach out to Bob Irwin
at rjirwin09@verizon.net or at 302-354-4636. Let's all continue to support our deployed troops.

Food Bank News

After a month or so of not really needing anything for the Food Closet, the stock levels have diminished for a few items. If you are out shopping and would be inclined, please pick up the items listed below. Contributions can be left at the Academy at Coffee Hour, or at the office during the week - we are no longer collecting food on the church porch.

Remember, these are NEEDS and it would be appreciated that you only purchase items from this list.

Also be mindful of the item sizes, bigger is not always better.

- Pasta and Sauce - no elbows please
- Rice A Roni
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Entrees - Chili or Stew
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Crackers - Ritz or Saltines
- Instant Potatoes
- Unsweetened dry cereal - cheerios, corn flakes, etc
- Instant oatmeal packets

As always, your donations keep this Mission viable. Thanks for your Support.

Gary Burgmuller
NCUMC Food Closet Coordinator

Save these Dates: Don't miss these upcoming Special Musical Events at Immanuel on the Green!

February 8 - 9: Visiting Scholar Weekend with Dr. Esther Lightcap Meek - "The Epiphany of Beauty: Where Art and Faith Converge" is a unique weekend-long event featuring Visiting Scholar Esther Meek, Professor of Philosophy at Geneva College, exploring the connections between music, theology, and liturgy. Not to be missed!

Available Flower Memorial Dates

Memorials can be a Sunday closest to a set date (such as a birthday, anniversary, or passing), or a specific Sunday in the month (such as the 1st Sunday in October), and can be recurring or one time happenings. Please contact the office or Mark if you would like to talk about an offering.

The following Sundays do not have dedicated flower offerings:

2019
- December 29
SERVICES AT IMMANUEL

Schedule of Services

Immanuel's sense of community is firmly grounded in our weekly gathering for corporate worship. You are an essential member of that Community! Do plan to join us every week for one (or more) of these services:

Sunday
  • 8am - Said Mass
  • 10am - Sung Mass
  • 7pm - Compline

Wednesday
  • 9:30am - Said Mass (postponed until further notice)

Thursday
  • 6pm - Said Mass

Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.

Compline continues every Sunday night at 7 p.m. This brief service of prayer and readings is the final service in the monastic daily prayer cycle. It is less than 10 minutes long, and includes time for private prayer in your pew before and after the service. If you have not yet joined us for Compline, please consider making this a part of your spiritual discipline.

A new signup has been posted with dates available through the spring. If you would like to lead Compline and/or set up the church by lighting 60+ candles, please use this link to do so. Questions? Ask Jo Harney at jo.wharney@gmail.com.

Sign up here

Large print bulletins are available.

December birthdays
  • Week 1 - John Monaghan, Kay Bartlett, Allison Tobey
  • Week 2 - Camille Foster
  • Week 3 - Liz Plant, Thomas Tear, Jo Harney, Judy Upshure
  • Week 4 - Diane Meyers, Thomas Plant
  • Week 5 - Matt Kinservik

November Anniversaries
  • Week 4 - Jago and Liz Plant
STAY CONNECTED

The FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) struggle is real. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram, for memes like this one:

![Meme image](image_url)

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our website.

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