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December 3, 2023


WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds'
with great power and glory.*


Mark 13:26

Philippians 4:10-13


¹⁰I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



We thank Daniel Dockery for being our guest speaker and delivering the message this morning.



The Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ira Kiger and Rita Kiger by Beth Kiger Mabe. The White Candles are provided by Ann Barefield in memory of her mother, Ruth Duggins Lee, a longtime member of our congregation.



ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Alfred V. Fedak

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Daniel Dockery

ANTHEM “Looking For The Light” Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Adelia Bullins

SONGS “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

“Christmas Offering”

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three Wisemen seeking truth they traveled from afar
Hoping to find the Child from heaven
Falling on their knees they bowed
Before the humble Prince of Peace
I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
I bring an offering to You

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence

No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy Lord,
I come

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Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due
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LITURGY FOR ADVENT

Shout for joy, you heavens;
rejoice, all the earth!
The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people together will see it.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Rejoice greatly, shout for joy!
See, your King is coming to you.
He is righteous and brings salvation.**

God of hope, You comfort us through our Savior's promise
to return in glory at the end of time.

**As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace,
let us not despair.
For you are our God, the only God.**

Here the Hosanna, page 239 MBW, is sung.

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors,
and have come to the help of your servant people.

**You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah
and to all their descendants forever!**

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you
came.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever.

PRAYER

Daniel Dockery

SONG

“Everlasting Arms”

I'm leaning on Your everlasting arms
So close to You that I can hear Your heart
Nothin' else can separate me from Your love
I'm leaning on Your everlasting arms

I'm resting in Your never-ending peace
Patiently, I wait to hear You speak
Nothing else can keep me safe from every storm
Nothing but Your everlasting arms

In the morning, I am met with Your mercy
In the evening, I am wrapped in Your love
There's no end to Your reach, there's no place I'd rather be
I'm leaning on Your everlasting arms

In the morning, I am met with Your mercy
In the evening, I am wrapped in Your love
There's no end to Your reach, there's no place I'd rather be
Than leaning on Your everlasting arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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Leaning, leaning, leaning on your everlasting arms.
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SCRIPTURE	Philippians 4:10-13
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SERMON	Strength	Daniel Dockery
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HYMN	"He Leadeth Me"	MBW 787
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He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
 By His own hand He leadeth me;
 His faithful foll'wer I would be,
 For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Vivo”

L. Raffy



The lovely poinsettias are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God:

In Honor Of:

Our mother, Ann Cranford

JoAnn Goodson,
my wonderful wife

Ann Cranford

Joyce Leonard

Paige Thomas

Beth Kiger Mabe

Terri Mabe

Janie Martin and Family

Nancy Michael

By:

James, John, and Janie

Clive Goodson

Betsy Annese

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JoAnn & Clive Goodson

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Vic & Jody



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In Loving Memory Of:

Bob & Jo Burton

Josh Conrad

Our father, Jim Cranford

Barbara Garren

(Kristi Dockery's mother)

Lindy Johnson

Margie McManus

Alex Spach

By:

Janie & Ivey Ann Martin

Carol Ann Bowles

James, John, and Janie

Clive & JoAnn Goodson

Charlie & Betty Paschall

His family

Anonymous

Jo Spach

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Prayer in Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Daniel Dockery

Monday, December 4

- 7:00 PM Candle Trimming

Wednesday, December 6

- 9:00 AM Candle Tea (Scheduled for Children)

Thursday, December 7

- 9:00 AM Candle Tea (Scheduled for Children)
- 5:00 PM Candle Tea (Tours for the Public)

Friday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Candle Tea (Scheduled for Children)

Sunday, December 10

- 9:00 AM Prayer in Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Daniel Dockery



Mailboxes for Christmas cards will be located in the Lovefeast Kitchen starting next Sunday. Please check to see if you have any mail.

UPCOMING SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES @ ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH



Monday, December 4

7:00 PM Candle Trimming

Wednesday – Friday, December 6-8

Candle Tea – Mornings for children

Thursday, December 7

Candle Tea – Public (evening)

Tuesday, December 12

Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

Thursday, December 14

Mission Fellowship Class Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 17

Congregational Breakfast and Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 19

Seniors & Friends Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31

Pot Luck Luncheon – Thanking Daniel Dockery for his service

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Marie Adams
Mary Alspaugh
Amanda Bowles
Lee Ebert
Fanchon Funk
Clive Goodson

Adam Lefevre
Ruth Long
Alice Pierce
Jo Spach
Frances and Gerald Walker
Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Brad Brookshire
Pauline Eckard
Don & Dot Hill
Dwayne Jones

Billie Kimel
Mary Matthews
Ray Shelton
Rev. Sandra Thigpen

****Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.***

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Guest Speaker: Daniel Dockery

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