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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom.*

Isaiah 40:11

Philippians 4:14-23

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. ²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

PRELUDE “Of The Father’s Love Begotten” Wilbur Held

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Daniel Dockery

ANTHEM “Celtic Advent Carol” Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Dennis Adams

SONGS “O Come, O Come, Immanuel” (MBW 274)

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh,
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, O bright and morning star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night,
and turn our darkness into light.

Refrain

O come, Desire of Nations,
bind all peoples in one heart and mind,
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Refrain

“Rejoice”

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again, we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

Chorus With each breath He's given
Praise the Lord
In these times we live in
We will praise the Lord
Throughout ev'ry season
I am sure
We have ev'ry reason
To praise the Lord

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal

The Shepherd of our lives
Chorus

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again, rejoice

With each breath He's given
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READING

Isaiah 9

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.**

You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;

**they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.**

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

**He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,**

**establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.**

**The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.**

PRAYER

Daniel Dockery

SONG

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

(MBW 283)

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the king of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
[Refrain]

O sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God,
Glory in the highest;
Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!
Refrain

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:14-23

SERMON

Christian Community

Daniel Dockery

HYMN

“Joy To The World”

MBW 294

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.


No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.


POSTLUDE

“Chaconne”

Dietrich Buxtehude



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.



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

In Honor Of:

Jan & Ken McFadden
Carson, Mason, and Benny
Polly Story
Carol Obenchain (Nana)
Jo Spach
Carol Ann Bowles

By:

Alan, Pam, and Sydney
Vic & Jody
Secret Sister
Love, Sydney
Betsy Annese
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In Loving Memory Of:

Frances & Grand Dot Hege

Gertrude & Charles Burchette

Henry & Carrie Goodson

John Obenchain (Papa)

Lawrence Fulp

Betty Powell

J. W. Powell

By:

Clive & JoAnn Goodson

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Love, Sydney

By the family

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

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

Tuesday, December 12

- 10:00 AM Circle # 3 – Home of JoAnn Goodson
- 1:30 PM Circle # 4 – The Sherwood (on Robin Hood Rd)
- 6:00 PM Circle # 5 – Home of Terri Kessler

Thursday, December 14

- 5:00 PM Mission Fellowship Class – The Sherwood

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Breakfast/Christmas Party
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Daniel Dockery



Mailboxes for Christmas cards are located in the Lovefeast Kitchen. Please check to see if you have any mail.

UPCOMING SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES @ ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH



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

Thursday, December 21

Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

Sunday, December 24

Sunday Worship Service

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
Don & Dot Hill
Dwayne Jones

Billie Kimel
Mary Matthews
Ray Shelton
Rev. Sandra Thigpen

Please remember the Eckard family in prayer. Vic's mother, Pauline Eckard, entered the immediate presence of her Lord and Savior on Friday, December 8th.

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

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