



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

We welcome you to this holy time of sharing in the worship of our Triune God. Please let us know who you are by filling out a visitor card located in the pew and signing the guest register in the narthex. If you are communing today and have not filled out a communion card for this year please do so today.

Are your electronic devices silenced?

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for the bread and wine of Holy Communion (including children who receive the sacrament at their home congregations). There are no exclusions. This is the sacrament of our unity, among all Christian traditions.

***Rest rooms:* are located in the Narthex of the Church.**

At the close of worship, please return the Worship Booklet to the back of the Sanctuary. All inserts & this announcement booklet are for you to take with you.

Once again, we are delighted to have you with us in worship. Please join us each Sunday for worship @ 9:00 AM.

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Gathering:

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Sam Ellison

Gathering Hymn

#30 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

LBW

Word:

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

Today's Readings (See Insert)

Prayer of the Day

First Reading—Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm (Responsively)—Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading—1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel—Luke 21:25-36

Hymn of the Day

#34 Oh Come, Oh Come Emanuel (v. 1)

LBW

#530 Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun

LBW

Offertory

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Sam Ellison

Distribution of Holy Communion

Sending:

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Sending Hymn

#626 People Look East

WOV

Postlude

Thanks Be to God

Steven Scott

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

The altar flowers & bulletins have been placed & dedicated to the Glory of God for His unending blessing of those who serve and are being served through the continued ministries of St. Paul.

Worship Assistants

Ushers Mike & Chris Kinger
Lector Warren Hitz
Counters Chris Kinger & Pattie Weber

We welcome **Mrs. Theresa Wix** who brings to us her talents and service to worship this morning! Thank you for serving in His name.

Mid-week Worship Scripture Readings

Luke 21:25-36
All are welcome!

Next Sunday's Readings & Bible Study Passages

Malachi 3:1-4 ♦ Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11 ♦ Luke 3:1-6

November 25, 2018

WEEKLY NEEDS:	WEEKLY GIVING:	Surplus/-Shortfall*
\$ 2,599	\$ 1,440	-\$ 1,159

Year-to-Date: January 1-November 30, 2018

WEEKLY NEEDS:	WEEKLY GIVING:	Surplus/-Shortfall*
\$ 122,112	\$ 100,957	-\$ 21,155

CARING GROUP UPDATE:

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We can't say it enough. You have responded to our request for men's socks for Bethesda Mission by donating 140 pairs. This far surpasses our goal of 100 pairs. Because of your generosity, there will be many more warm feet this winter.

2018 has been a year that has seen our congregation give their wholehearted support to our various outreach endeavors. You have shared the blessings God has given you with those less fortunate. Our projects would not have been successful without your help, and for that you have our sincerest thanks

- The Caring Group

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

The Church has received some generous money in the amount of \$73,985.72 as part of the distribution of monies from the Estate of Ann Ackley and \$30,000 from the Estate of Wanda Howard. When the monies arrived, there were no restrictions on these funds for use of this money. As such, Council is asking that the congregation begin to think about how they would like to see this money distributed/invested/etc. A vote on this distribution will take place at the **Congregation's Annual meeting TODAY. Your opinion, input, and most of all presence at this Annual Meeting is one of great importance.** Please plan to attend. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Jim Landis or any member of your Congregation Council.



Decorating of the Church for Advent/Christmas will be done immediately following the Annual Meeting today. Please plan to stay & enjoy the fellowship as we decorate for the anticipated birth of the Christ Child.

THE HUMMELSTOWN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS; canned sweet potatoes (15 & 40 oz), box of mashed potatoes (9 oz -15.3 oz), canned fruit (15 oz), canned chicken noodle soup (10 oz), canned tomato soup (10 oz), apple juice (64 oz), brownie mix and turkey gravy (canned, jars of box) . Your food donations are greatly appreciated! **Items can be placed in the Narthex of the Church.**

The Food Bank is also collecting donated turkeys for the upcoming holiday. Please contact them in advance if you are going to donate one so that storage prior to delivery can be arranged. *THANK YOU!*



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE – A HUGE THANK YOU those who answered the call to serve as a worship assistant in the coming weeks. Thank you, Chris Kinger, for helping to coordinate this schedule. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chris as there vacancies that still need to be filled.

This Week at St. Paul

Location of events are designated in ():

MS=Main Sanctuary K=Kitchen DPS=Derry Preschool
HC=Historic Church N=Nursery All other locations:
MH=Memorial Hall PS=Pastor's Study as marked

- Dec. 2 Sunday Worship; 9 AM (MS)
 ANNUAL MEETING
 Decorating of the Church
- 4 WALK & TALK; 11 AM (Bullfrog Valley Pond)
- 5 BACON N' BREAKFAST (Panera)
 Spiral Path Farms Delivery (HC)
 MID-WEEK WORSHIP; 11 AM (MS)
 Bible Study; 11:30 AM (MS)
 Caring Group; 1 PM (MS)
- 6 Facility Reservation: Oakmont HOA Mtg.; 6 PM (MH)
- 9 Sunday Worship; 9 AM (MS)
 Girl Scouts; 4 PM (MH)

ANNUAL MEETING

Immediately Following Worship TODAY.

***Decorating of the Church will
then take place immediately
following the annual meeting.***

All members are encouraged to attend.

“Pray without ceasing, for our Father in heaven hears and answers our prayers.”

Lord, Hear
Our Prayer



For immediate prayer needs & concerns:

Shawn Maynes, Lois Butts, Shirley Garber, Warren Hillbish, Terry Gawlas, Family of Bonnie Kurtz, Gladys Kreiser, Judy Perry, Frank & Claire Gartner, Tami Irvin, Michael Johnson & Family, Margie Winkelspecht, Jeff Rosensteel, Ken Miller, Sr., Mildred Williard, Len Lambert, Alice Seidel, Barb Williams, Don Levine

We lift in prayer...

...those struggling to live on minimum wage, fixed incomes, the underemployed & unemployed

...those struggling with addictions, emotional pain, loss & discomfort

...children of divorce

...police officers & those in public service & safety

...protection, safety, peace & the ongoing sharing of The Gospel worldwide

...United States of America & the outreach ministries at St. Paul

Updates

...**Barb Williams** continues to be hospitalized at Hershey Med.

For on-going/long-term needs & concerns:

Bill Bibb, Mike Boozer & family, John Fink, Janine Flanagan, Stacy Flow, Shirley Garber, Elaine Hitz, Tami Irvin, Sue Jones, James Kennedy, Brett Lewin, Stephanie Long, Virginia Long, Janet Martin, Ken Miller, Sr. & Sarah Miller, Delores Mortimore, Marty Moses III, Tom & Ginny Mullen, Diane Murphy, Catherine Perrine, Bianca Roop, Jeff Rosensteel, Angie Sanchez, Steven Savage, J.R Shank (son of Jerry Shank), Roger Weber, Janet Williard, Mildred Williard

We pray for the grief & healing of families & friends who mourn the loss of loved ones.