

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte, Pastor
Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Liszt Weihnachtsbaum 2

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS –We ask everyone’s cooperation with following the COVID guidelines listed in the bulletin insert. We thank everyone for their cooperation – now and in the days to come as Session continues to discern the best way forward. For now, let us pray every day for the end to this pandemic, and let us remember that we are all a part of God’s family – in this together.

DECEMBER MISSION MOMENT: Angel & Heart Tree

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Light it Up!”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

INTROIT: “My Lord He’s a Coming Soon” (See insert)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES – (Readers: Charlie and Joan Townsend)

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

All: In Christ there is life and light for all people.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Holy One! All flesh will see the salvation of God.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth!
(2 Purple Candles are Lit)

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: In the spirit of Advent, let us pray:

All: Loving God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets’ message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Comfort, Comfort You My People” (PH #3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us trust in God’s love for us and confess our sin, confident in God’s mercy. Let us pray:

All: Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, have faith that if we repent, God is sure to forgive us.

All: The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (PH #551 1st verse)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us together ask for the Spirit’s guidance in understanding the Scriptures:

All: Holy One, through your Holy Spirit instruct us by the light of your prophets.

Illumine our hearts, that we may hear your call to become your path into the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 3:1-6

Response to the reading of God’s Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: Advent Sermon Series: Songs of the Season

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Week 2: Peace Shall Over All...

*HYMN: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (PH #38)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (Please remain standing)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: “Prepare the Way” (PH #13)

*BENEDICTION / *RESPONSE:

Advent Song Verse 2: *Light the Advent Candle, two: Think of humble shepherds, who filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

POSTLUDE: Liszt Weihnachtsbaum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00am	CONTEMPORARY Worship Service – Kortright Chapel Kid's Church School
11:00am	TRADITIONAL Worship Service – Sanctuary; Greeter – Debi Cook, Deacon

THIS WEEK: December 6-11, 2021

Monday, Dec 6	Share & Care 6:30pm
Tuesday, Dec 7	High School Youth 6pm; Session 6pm
Wednesday, Dec 8	Pastor Hrs. 10am-3pm
Thursday Dec 9	Bible Study 6pm; Choir 7:30pm
Friday, Dec 10	Pastor hrs. 10am – Noon

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, Dec 12	Recommitment Sunday - Blended Worship Service 10am with Communion; Annual Congregational Meeting to follow
Tuesday, Dec 14	Men's Breakfast @ Rayne's Reef 8:30am
Wednesday, Dec 15	Christmas Flower Orders Due
Saturday Dec 18	Festive Holiday Dinner – pick-up or deliver 4-5pm
Sunday, Dec 19	Christmas Joy Offering
Friday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve – Messy Church 3pm; Service of Lessons & Carols 7pm
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- **FESTIVE HOLIDAY DINNER Saturday, December 18th:** We will be serving baked ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, baked pineapple, roll & dessert. Dinners can be picked up at the church from 4-5pm or delivered to you. Please share this information with anyone who may benefit from a warm, free meal. This is an opportunity for our church to provide for those in the community who may need to know that someone is thinking of them during the holiday season. To order, use the sign-up sheets at church or call or text Cindi Pruitt (443-880-5502). Indicate how many dinners you would like and whether you would like delivery or pick-up.
- **STEWARDSHIP: Sunday, November 28, 2021 – Weekly Giving \$1130; Weekly Attendance: 58**
- **WELCOME OUR NEW CHURCH SECRETARY - Chelsea Trimmer.** Chelsea moved to the Eastern Shore from Texas in December 2018. She currently lives in Willards, MD with her husband, John and their 2 young boys, Jet & Sam. She attended the College of Biblical Studies – Houston and received a B.S. Degree in Biblical Counseling/Biblical Studies. Her husband is self-employed as a mechanic/handyman and together they love to serve their community and the local church. They made the move to Maryland in order to honor their parents and be available to them as they age, as well as allow their young boys to grow up near their grandparents. Chelsea has experience working for both profit and non-profit organizations and is excited to be a part of the Buckingham Presbyterian staff. She looks forward to getting to know you and your families as she serves in the office.

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INTROIT: MY LORD HE'S A COMING SOON

My Lord he is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lo-ord
Get everythin' ready fo-or that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

1.
If you're asleep it's time to wake up
Awake o sleeper arise
If you're in the dark it's time to be lit
Awake o sleeper arise (Chorus)
2.
Come, Lord Jesus ..come into my heart
Prepare the way of the King
He is coming he's coming soon
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3.
John the Baptist now calls to us; "Repent and change your ways.
The true Messiah is coming soon.
He is the hope of the world?" (Chorus)

The Christmas season will soon be upon us, and that means it's time to order your poinsettias that will beautify Buckingham's Sanctuary. The cost will be \$6.00 per pot. Please complete the order form below and return it along with your check. You can either place the order & check in the offering plate, or mail to Buckingham Presbyterian Church PO. Box 248 Berlin, MD 21811, or simply leave on the desk in the secretary's office. Make your check out to **Buckingham Presbyterian Church and be sure to designate on the check that it's for your Christmas flower order.** All orders must be in by Wednesday, December 15th, 2021.

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