

Organ Voluntary  
& Quiet Reflection

**1. The Quiet, Holy Night** - Wells  
**2. The Coventry Carol** - Innes

Pat Shroff

Call to Worship

**1 John 4:9-10**

Rev. Tim Valentino  
Shawn Garman

Hymn

**91: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Congregation

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle (Love)

The Schubauer Family

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Tim Valentino

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

Lisa Dreibelbis

The Response

**Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19**

Lisa Dreibelbis/ Shawn Garman

The New Testament Reading

**Romans 1:1-7**

Lisa Dreibelbis

The Gospel Reading

**Matthew 1:18-25** (Please stand)

Lisa Dreibelbis

Worship in Giving

**Psalms 76:11**

Rev. Tim Valentino

Prayer Hymn

**102: What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest**

Congregation

Prayer Led by Pastor

Rev. Tim Valentino

Second Hymn

**97: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Sermon

**I Believe, Part 4: Believing Means Receiving**  
(Romans 1:1-7)

Rev. Tim Valentino

Response Hymn

**93: Angels We Have Heard on High**

Congregation

Benediction

Rev. Tim Valentino

Postlude

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing / Angels from  
the Realms of Glory** - Arr. Whitworth

Pat Shroff

**Hospital Visitor This Week:** Marlin Bohannon, 717-383-115

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Lisa Dreibelbis

Responder

Shawn Garman

Organist

Pat Shroff

Pianist

Shelley Miller

Flutist

Shirley Long

Violin

Rebecca Sorg

Trumpeter, Pianist, Vocalist

Marcy Garman, Sonya Valentino

Guitarist

Scott Auchenbach

Vocalist

Susie Auchenbach

Hymn Leader, Office Administrator

Maureen Logan

**Children's Church Leader**

Deb Smith

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Julie Barskey & Jennifer Danielson

**Narthex Greeters**

Kaye & Dave Focht

**Sound Technician**

Bob Long

**Video Technician**

Andrew Valentino

**Lead Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino

**Visitation Minister**

Pat Strain

**Counters (December)**

Shirley Long, Grace Miller

**Director of Buildings & Grounds**

Will Robertson

**Acolyte**

The Schubauer Family

## 91 O Come, All Ye Faithful



WORDS: Latin hymn; attr. John F. Wade, 1751; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others  
MUSIC: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

ADESTE FIDELES  
Irregular meter

### Call to Worship: 1 John 4:9-10

<sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us:

**He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.**

<sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God,

**but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

### The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

<sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, <sup>16</sup>for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste

### The Response: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

<sup>1</sup>Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the cherubim:

**Shine forth <sup>2</sup>before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might; come and save us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

**<sup>4</sup>How long, LORD God Almighty,  
will your anger smolder  
against the prayers of your people?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,  
and our enemies mock us.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved....

**<sup>17</sup>Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.

**<sup>19</sup>Restore us, LORD God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.**

### The Epistle Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—<sup>2</sup>the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures <sup>3</sup>regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup>and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>5</sup>Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. <sup>6</sup>And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE STAND:

### The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup>But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup>But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

### Worship in Giving: Psalm 76:11

<sup>11</sup>Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them;  
let all the neighboring lands  
bring gifts to the One to be feared.

# 102 What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest



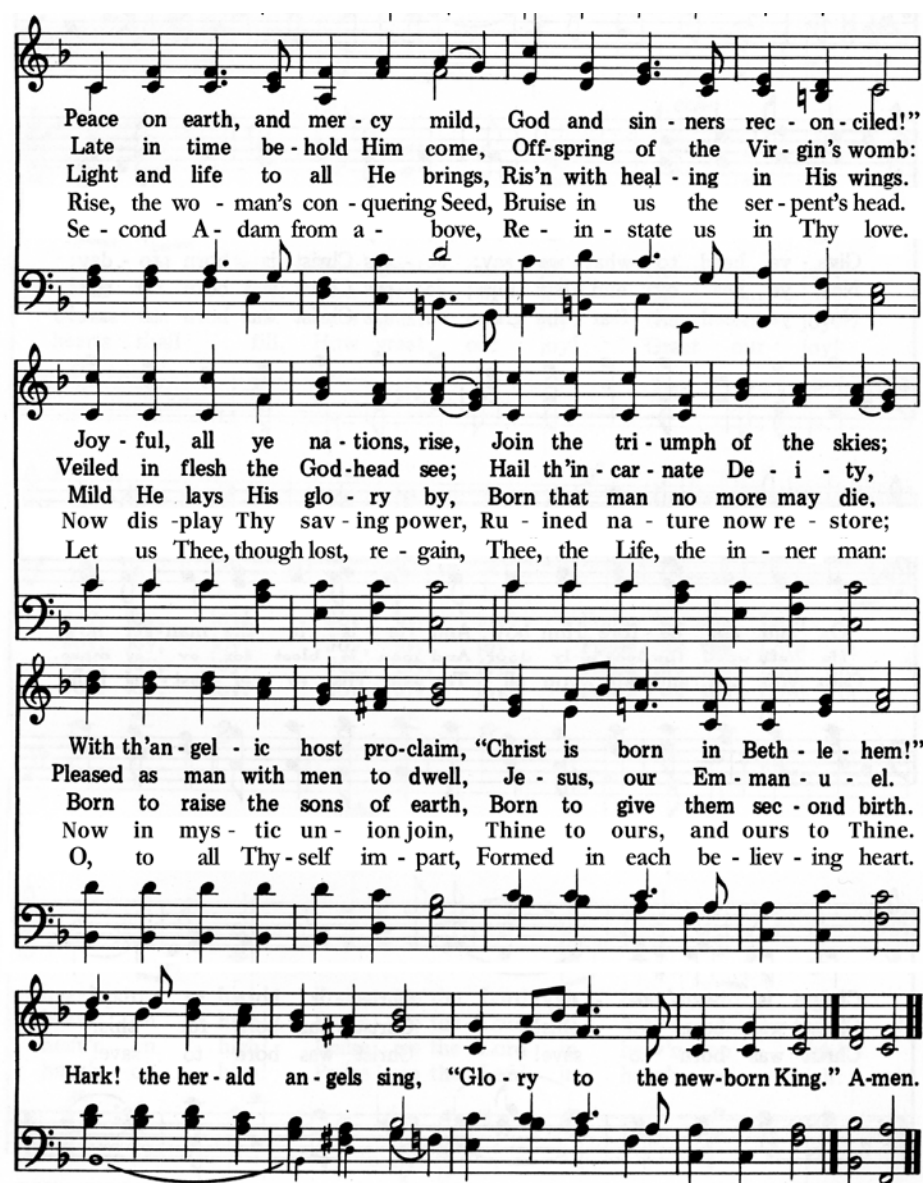
1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3. So bring Him in-cense, gold and myrrh, Come, peas-ant, king, to own Him;

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en-throne Him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:

This, this is Christ the King, The babe, the Son of Ma - ry.



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off-spring of the Vir - gin's womb:  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.  
 Rise, the wo - man's con - quering Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.  
 Se - cond A - dam from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,  
 Now dis - play Thy sav - ing power, Ru - ined na - ture now re - store;  
 Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain, Thee, the Life, the in - ner man:

With th'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.  
 Now in mys - tic un - ion join, Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.  
 O, to all Thy-self im - part, Formed in each be - liev - ing heart.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King." A-men.

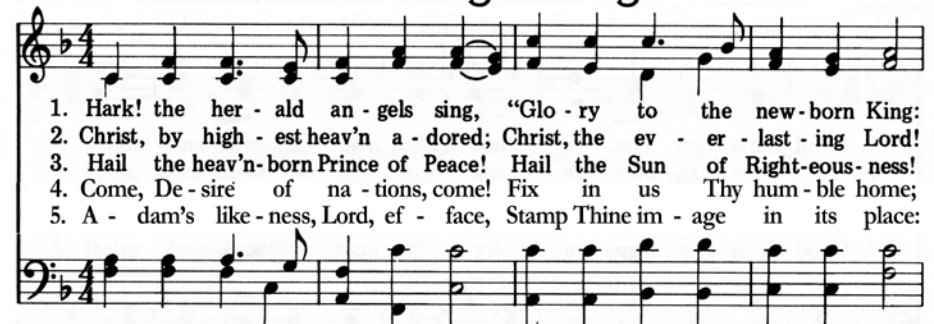
WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739

MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William H. Cummings, 1856

MENDELSSOHN  
7.7.7 D. Ref.

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# 97 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King:  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!  
 4. Come, De - siré of na - tions, come! Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;  
 5. A - dam's like - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place:



# 93 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shepherds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - ior's birth.

*Refrain*  
 Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o,  
 Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

WORDS: Traditional French carol  
 MUSIC: Traditional French melody

GLORIA  
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## SHARING CUPBOARD NEEDS

- Spaghetti Sauce • Canned Fruit • Soup • Cereal
- Snack Foods • Peanut Butter • Corn • Chips & Pretzels
- Cookies & Crackers • Spaghetti • Liquid & Bar Soap
- Toothpaste • Women's Care Items

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at [pastortim@christcomm.church](mailto:pastortim@christcomm.church) or (484) 269-4313.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Wednesday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
 in the sanctuary. Invite a friend! (Organ prelude begins at 6:45 p.m.)

**Sunday, December 28 @ 9:00 a.m. INFORMAL FELLOWSHIP & SNACKS**  
 in Zinn Commons

*Important!*

**Sunday, December 28** after worship • Brief **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** in sanctuary

**Sunday, January 4 at 1:00 p.m. EPIPHANY PARTY** at the Valentinos  
 221 West Jackson Avenue, Myerstown

**Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. SPECIAL CONCERT OF PRAYER** in the sanctuary

**Monday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING** • Zinn Commons

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Christmas Eve candlelight service at Christ Community Church is one of the highlights of our church year. Our theme this year is "I'll Be Home for Christmas" from **Luke 15:11-14**. The prelude begins at 6:45 p.m. and the service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

We feature traditional Christmas carols, brass, an inspiring message, and the lighting of candles during "Silent Night."

Plates for a **benevolence offering** will be available at the back of the sanctuary to **help needy families in our community**. Invite a friend to come find hope and encouragement in the good news of Jesus Christ at Christ Community Church.

We are looking for a volunteer or two to provide a **nursery** during the candlelight service. Please see **Pat Shroff** if you are willing to volunteer.

## DECEMBER 28 - SPECIAL GATHERING

There will be **no Sunday school classes** on December 28, so our teachers will enjoy a much-needed day off. However, all are invited to gather in Zinn Commons at 9:00 a.m. for a time of informal fellowship and snacks. **Bring your leftover Christmas cookies and holiday treats**. Coffee and water will be made available as always.

**PASTOR'S DAY OFF EACH WEEK** Wednesday is Pastor Tim's day off, spending a precious day with his grandsons. We would like to honor his schedule and not contact him that day, unless it is a dire emergency. Please email Maureen Logan at [office@christcomm.church](mailto:office@christcomm.church), or call her at 717-304-0116 if necessary on Wednesdays. Otherwise, hold your communication until Thursday. Pastor Tim will faithfully contact you then.

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**In Honor of:**

To the glory of God

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