

The Chapel in the Pines

December 8, 2024

**Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

The Second Sunday of Advent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week
are given to the Glory of God by Johanna Moran**

Gathering Music

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Invocation

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever...Amen.**

***The Call to Worship** Adapted from Luke 3

John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance;
he preaches to us still.

**Make straight the paths we now walk
and prepare the way for God's reign of justice, love, and peace.**

***The Words of Thanksgiving and Praise** Adapted from Philippians 1

I thank God for all of you and I constantly pray with you
for we are faithful to the same gospel story.

**We are confident of this,
that the one who began a good work among us
will bring it to completion when Christ comes again in glory.**

And, this is my prayer,
that your love for God and for one another may overflow more and more.

**Lord, grant us your peace and give us the confidence to know
that on the day of Christ we will be found pure and blameless.**

For together we will have presented a harvest of righteousness
that will bring much praise and glory to God.

Praise God! Alleluia!

***Hymn** #92 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,

Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise!

Amen.

The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and, also with you!

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

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

***The Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Hymn** #120 *The Advent of Our God*

1 The Advent of our God
With eager hearts we greet;
And we must praise Him in this hour
With hymns and anthems sweet.

2 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free;
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

Amen.

**The Ad-vent of our God with ea-ger hearts we greet.
And we must praise Him in this hour
with hymns and an-thems sweet.**

**All glo-ry to the Son, who comes to set us free.
With Fa-ther, Spir-it, ev-er One
through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me...

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

***Hymn** #123 *O Come, O come, Emmanuel*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **[Refrain]**

3 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go. **[Refrain]**

4 O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,
Fill all the world with heaven's peace. **[Refrain]**

Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 3:1-6

*He went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...*

The Choir's Anthem

Homily The Three Prophets for the Future

The Prayers of the People

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #241 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo, He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3 Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear:
All His saints, by men rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air:
Alleluia! alleluia!
See the day of God appear.

4 Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O, come quickly, O, come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down.

Amen.

***The Charge and Benediction**

***The Choir's Choral Benediction**

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, David Tourt, Baby Owen Daniels, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hege- man, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Paul Infuso, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, Gary McCaskill, Rev. Bill Cain, and the family of Ryan Hoan.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Glenda and Jo Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill, Ma- ma Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Shirley Percival, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Peggy Olson, Sue Van Horne, and Bart Reuter.

December Announcements

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-December 8	9:00 am	The Second Sunday of Advent
	3:30 pm	Advent Afternoons—The Redemption of Scrooge
Tuesday-December 10	6:00 pm	Bunco4Missions
Wednesday-December 11	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
	4:30 pm	Christmas Cantata Practice
Saturday-December 14	7:45 am	CITP Men's Fellowship
Sunday-December 15	9:00 am	The Third Sunday of Advent
	3:30 pm	Advent Afternoons—The Redemption of Scrooge
Wednesday-December 18	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
	4:30 pm	Christmas Cantata Practice
Saturday-December 21	3:30 pm	Chapel Christmas Cantata
Sunday-December 22	9:00 am	The Fourth Sunday of Advent
	3:30 pm	Advent Afternoons—The Redemption of Scrooge
Sunday-December 22	6:00 pm	Christmas Cantata @ Bensalem Presbyterian
Tuesday-December 24	5:00 pm	Carols, Candles & Communion
Wednesday-December 25	Merry Christmas!	

Coffee Fellowship



December

12 - 8 Volunteer Needed
12-15 Sue Dell'Acqua & Helen Scholl
12-22 Volunteer Needed
12-29 Volunteer Needed

Altar Flowers

December

12-8 Johanna Moran
12-15 Lydia Litteral
12-22 Alice McPheeters
12-24 Volunteer Needed
12-29 Volunteer Needed



Birthdays

December

Wednesday-11 Carol Caggiano
Thursday-12 Stacy Golzio
Saturday-14 Neta Massey



Anniversaries

December

Tuesday-10
 Worth & Joyce Singletary
Sunday-15
 Tony & Leslie While



The Chapel in the Pines Advent Schedule for 2024



Sunday, December 1

Worship on the First Sunday of Advent - Hope 9:00
Advent Daily Devotions begin by email

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study invites the congregation 1:30
to the showing of the 1984 film version of *A Christmas Carol*.
Popcorn and Fellowship are free for all.

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #1 - *Bah! Humbug!*

Thursday, December 5

A Service of Darkness to Light with Holy Communion 4:00
Followed by a Soup, Bread, and Dessert Covered-Dish Supper

Sunday, December 8

Worship on the Second Sunday of Advent - Peace 9:00

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #2 - *The Remembrance of Christmas Past*

Sunday, December 15

Worship on the Third Sunday of Advent - Joy 9:00
Holy Communion

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #3 - *The Life of Christmas Present*

Saturday, December 21

Christmas Cantata - *Beautiful Star* - Chapel in the Pines 3:30

Sunday, December 22

Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love 9:00

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #4 - *The Hope of Christmas Future*

Christmas Cantata - *Beautiful Star* - Bensalem Presbyterian 6:00

Tuesday, December 24

A Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Candles, and Communion 4:00





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