



Linway United Presbyterian Church
December 6, 2020 10:30 a.m. Bulletin for Worship
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Nancy Kelley, Organist

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our hearts watchful for your coming that we would celebrate the gift of the Christ Child this year and every year. Amen.**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Litany

L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Prince of Peace.

P: The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

L: In the midst of conflict, we look to the One who brings harmony.

P: The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

L: In the midst of confusion, we look to the One who brings clarity.

P: The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

L: In the midst of division, we look to the One who brings unity.

P: The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

L: In the midst of separation, we look to the One who restores the broken.

P: The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

Opening Hymn

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Please refrain from singing

Invitation to Confession

Gwenn Heshizer, Liturgist

Unison Prayer of Confession: **Holy God, every Advent a voice calls us to walk the straight path. With clear and strong words, John demands we heed the call to live lives which give evidence of our repentance. Holy God, with your gentle gaze, help us to look deep within. Help us to examine our lifestyles: our comfort with ease while others struggle, and our perpetual busyness which keeps us from taking time to see or listen to others. Forgive us our sin, O God. Let the prophetic words touch our hearts and minds so that we turn our lives around and seek your will and your way. We ask this in the name of the Christ whose coming was foretold of old. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

L: *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

P: They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:28-31).

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri - *Please Stand*

Please refrain from singing

A Remembrance of James C. Carpenter 1946-2020

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Organ Response

Sermon: **"The Work of Restoration"**

Rev. Eric E. Dennis, Pastor

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Please refrain from singing

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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*Indicates those who are able, to please stand

When Attending Worship Services in the Sanctuary

- We ask that you please complete an attendance card & place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary in case contact tracing becomes necessary. Include name, address, phone, & email.
- Please place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.
- Please use the restrooms located in the Preschool Hallway.

Please Remember In Our Prayers: John Arnold, Tracy Augustin, Charlotte Ban, Dennis Bernhardt, Pat Brant, Betty Brinker, Clay & Lois, Clark Danner, Janet Doherty, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Audrey Koppel, Jean Lawton, Linda, Chuck Linderman, Edward Lloyd, Rita Marrow, Anne Nutter, Carol Pascarella, Fran Pepler, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Patty Rodgers, Michael Spingola, Rose Stark, Tom Szmuc, Peg Torbich

TODAY: Congregational Meeting

A brief meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately after today's worship service for the Election of Officers (Elders & Deacons) whose term begins Jan. 1, 2021.



Today's Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of the Lord by the Keller Family in loving memory of Kevin Keller.

Scripture Readings

The following scripture readings have been suggested by the Presbytery for this week:



Isaiah 40: 1-11
Psalms 85: 1 -2, 8-13
2 Peter 3: 8-15
Mark 1: 1-8

Important Dates

Dec. 7 - Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due

Dec. 13 - Stewardship Pledge Dedication
Please mail/bring your Pledge for Giving Card to the church by this date. Members are asked to complete this card to help with budget planning for next year.

Dec. 24 at 6:00 p.m.- Christmas Eve Candle-light Service & Holy Communion. Safety Policies will be followed including social distancing & the use of masks. Pre-packaged communion cups will be used. There will also be a limit to the number of people in the Sanctuary.

Jan. 10 - Ordination/Installation of Officers

Giant Eagle Gift Cards

Are available in \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts as a fundraiser for the church. Linway receives 5% of the value of each card sold. Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase.

Linway's Virtual Vendor Event thru Dec. 9

A printed copy of our vendors & info is on the table in the Narthex. Visit Linway's website or Facebook Page for a link to our event page. Vendors have pledged to donate a percent of sales to Linway during this event.

The Daily Bread: Dec - Feb Edition

Pick up your free copy of this daily devotional booklet on the table in the Narthex.

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