



**Linway United Presbyterian Church**

**December 20, 2020 10:30 a.m. Bulletin for Worship**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may joyfully receive the gift he brings. Amen.**

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle Litany

L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Shepherd.

**P: He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

L: During Advent we look to the One who knows our deepest thoughts.

**P: He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

L: During Advent we look to the One who cares for our deepest needs.

**P: He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

L: During Advent we look to the One who knows our most pressing concerns.

**P: He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

L: During Advent we look to the One who knows our innermost being.

**P: He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

Opening Hymn

*What Child Is This*

Please refrain from singing

Invitation to Confession

Lila Sedlak, Liturgist

Unison Prayer of Confession: **Holy God, we confess that your love is difficult for us to see, because we find ourselves looking in the wrong places. We admit that there is much in us that is not ready to receive your gift of the child born of Mary. Our lives are busy to the point of exhaustion. The voices that cry for our attention are constantly bombarding us with meaningless chatter. There are cries for *Peace, Peace*, but there is no peace. It is as if this world seeks to drain the vitality and essence from our life. Forgive us for the foolish choices we make that take us farther from your will. Help us to hear the still, small word of your unconditional love that came into the world in the birth of Jesus Christ. Help us to hear your love song in the darkest night, that we would sense the hope, peace, joy, and love of which the angels sang. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

L: The words of the prophets are fulfilled in the birth of the blessed Babe of Bethlehem.

**P: The One conceived by the Holy Spirit and carried in Mary's womb is the One who offers eternal life to all who believe.**

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

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Gloria Patri - *Please Stand*

Please refrain from singing

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

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

Sermon:

**"The First Disciple"**

Rev. Eric E. Dennis, Pastor

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Closing Hymn

*It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*

Please refrain from singing

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*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, Pat Brant, Betty Brinker, Clay & Lois, Clark Danner, Janet Doherty, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Nancy Kelley, Kim, Audrey Koppel, Jean Lawton, Linda, Chuck Linderman, Edward Lloyd, Rita Marrow, Anne Nutter, Carol Pascarella, Joey Pecar, Fran Pepler, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Patty Rodgers, Madison Spahr, Michael Spingola, Rose Stark, Tom Szmuc, Wilma Taylor, Peg Torbich, Ed Waszkiewicz



### Scripture Readings

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

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Luke 1:46-55  
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38



### Today's Chancel Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of the Lord by Lila & Andy Sedlak in loving memory of Lila's father, Clifford Hershberger, and in honor of Lila and Andy's children and grandchildren.



### 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.



**Christmas Eve**  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE

### Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Safety Policies:  
-Social Distancing  
-Masks  
-Limited number of people in the Sanctuary

The **entire** service will be recorded and posted on the church website and on Facebook.



Our sympathies to the Bernhardt Family. Dennis Bernhardt, a long-time member of Linway, went home to be with our Lord on December 15. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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**FOR**  
unto us a  
*Child* is born  
UNTO US A *Son*  
is given; and the government  
shall be upon *His* shoulder. And  
*His* name will be called  
**WONDERFUL,**  
*Counselor,* THE MIGHTY GOD  
**THE EVERLASTING FATHER,**  
*The Prince of Peace.*  
ISAIAH  
9:6

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