



**Linway United Presbyterian Church**

**December 27, 2020 10:30 a.m. Bulletin for Worship**

**The First Sunday After Christmas**

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented in the temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations. Grant that in him, we may be presented to you, and the world may reflect his glory. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Call to Worship

L: Christ is born!

**P: Christ is born!**

L: We celebrate the presence of God's promise in our midst.

**P: That everyone might be reunited with God through Jesus Christ.**

L: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

*Away In A Manger*

Please refrain from singing

Invitation to Confession

Leslie Gray, Liturgist

Unison Prayer of Confession: **O God, our heavenly Father, we have celebrated your infinite generosity to us. We have marked the anniversary of the coming of your great gift to us, Jesus, your Son. Forgive us for refusing to permit the reality of His coming to change our lives. We want to cling to our old ways, to retain our comfortable habits. By your grace and mercy, break into our sin filled lives. Wash us clean through the same power which brought your Son into the world. By your Holy Spirit, join us with the faithful in heaven who celebrate the gift of your love, given in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

L: Know this: *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin.*

**P: Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:15-16) .**

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 2:7-20

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Response

Sermon: **"Lowly Shepherds (Well Everyone)"** Mr. Scott Gray, Guest Speaker

\*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:

Isaiah 61:10-62      Galatians 4:4-7  
Psalm 148              Luke 2:22-40

*Thank you!*

#### With Appreciation

We extend a warm thank you to Elder Scott Gray for leading today's service while Rev. Dennis is on vacation. Thank you for sharing your message of God's Holy Word with us!

#### Ordination & Installation of Church Officers: Jan. 10

Those who have been newly elected to serve as an Elder or Deacon will be ordained and/or installed on January 10. More information about this will be soon announced.

#### 2021 Giving Boxes Now Available

Please help us save postage by picking-up your Giving Box which is listed in alphabetical order on the table in the Narthex. The Giving Boxes contain weekly offering envelopes.

#### Save the Date

**Jan. 31** - Annual Meeting of the Congregation



#### A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from sorrow & pain,  
    But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
    But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
    But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
    But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
    But by showing you when people need you the most,  
    And by making you eager to be there to help.  
Our Lord's love, peace, hope & joy to you for the year ahead.

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