Anthem Waiting and Longing Chancel Choir Time With The Children

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Prayer Response
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 sins, as we forgive those who sin
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. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46-55 (ESV)

Song of Praise Canticle of the Turning

Sermon "A House Full of Song" Jakob Harmon \*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Advent Song by Jakob Harmon

\*Doxology #34 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow \*Prayer of Dedication

("Welcome to Linway" Cards will be collected by Deacons.)

\*Closing Hymn #154 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response God Be With You

\*Postlude

## \*Indicates those who are able to please stand

<u>Video Recording</u>: Portions of today's 10:30 service will be recorded & posted to the Linway Facebook Page and website Monday evening at www.LinwayChurch.org

## **Today is the Last Day for the MA's Pantry Giving Tree:**

Provide help for a family this Christmas thru MA's:

- 1. Take a paper ornament from our tree at the church entrance.
- 2. Purchase a \$25 Giant Eagle Gift Card in our Narthex.
- 3. Place gift card inside the envelope attached to ornament.
- 4. Place the envelope & ornament in our offering **today**. Also, monetary donations marked "MA's Pantry" that are placed in the offering will be combined to purchase gift cards. The gift cards will then be distributed this Saturday by MA's.

Per Capita & 2025 Giving Reminder: If you have not yet done so, the Stewardship and Finance Committee asks to please remember to pay your 2025 Per Capita of \$38.11 before Dec. 31. Also, any donations for 2025 must be received by the church by December 31.

# Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements
Invocation

\*Praise Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
\*Passing Of The Peace

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Praise Song: Advent Song by Jakob Harmon
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10 (ESV)
Luke 1:46-55 (ESV)

Message: Jakob Harmon "A House Full of Song"

\*Praise Song: Joy to The World
Final Challenge and Depart to Serve

\*Indicates those who are able to please stand

### When attending the 9:15 worship service, please:

- complete a "Welcome to Linway" Card and place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary.
- place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.
- use the restroom located out the front left Sanctuary door and then down the hallway.

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"Come, grow your faith in Jesus Christ with us."



The purpose of Linway United Presbyterian Church is to joyfully worship and serve the mission and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

# Sun., December 14, 2025

# The Third Sunday of Advent The Home that God is Building: A House Full of Song

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name."

~Luke 1: 46-49 (ESV)



### **Traditional Worship Service** 10:30 a.m.

Children & Youth: Please gather downstairs in the Social Hall before the 10:30 service begins to prepare for today's Christmas Program following the luncheon.

### \*Indicates those who are able to please stand

Prelude George Hawkins Welcome and Announcements Linda Wirth, Liturgist Gathering Prayer (in unison): Joyful God, You teach creation to blossom in the desert and hearts to sing in unexpected places. Gather us in Your grace today and open our mouths to praise. Let the joy of Mary, the courage of the prophets, and the hope of Your promised kingdom fill this house with gladness. Come, Emmanuel, and make Your home among us. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Frank & Wendie Kordalski Advent Candle Prayer (in unison): Everlasting Father, help us to respect the surprises in our lives and to be sensitive to your presence in them. Help us to accept the gift of Christmas joy no matter what our circumstances may be. May the joy of the coming Christ Child fill not only our hearts, but may it fill our lives with your peace that abides every day of the vear. Amen.

\*Hymn # 176 Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates \*Call to Confession

- \*Prayer of Confession (in unison): **God of joy, we confess** that our praise is often quiet, our hope fragile, our joy overshadowed by the worries we carry. Too often we fail to praise You with joy when our lives and our burdens feel overwhelming. Forgive us, O God. Teach our hearts to trust Your promises. Let Your joy take root in us until our lives sing with the freedom of Your love. Amen.
- \*Silent Prayer of Confession
- \*Assurance of Pardon
  - L: Hear the good news: God's mercy is from generation to generation.
  - P: In Christ, our sins are forgiven and our joy made complete. Thanks be to God!
- \*Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

"Good Mornina!"

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever." - Psalm 118: 1

In Our Prayers: Helen Alexander, David A. Annie, Kathy B. Patty B. Jordan & Chelsea B. Don & Donnie Baker, Chris. Jeannette Briggs, Dave Brown, Connie, Jim C, Cheryl D, Nathan E, Frank Fawcett, Betty Frommell, Michelle F, Bev & Barry Harcum, Clare & Sandy Hillgartner, Frank Kordalski Sr, Bill Knight, Harold L. Cindie M, Rick Morgan, Cindy & Ken McCall, Peg M, Andrew N, Howard N, Mark Pascarella, Matt R., Renee R, Susan S, Shawn, Laura Shawley, Bill Szmuc, Bruce S, Pat V, Kevin W, Scott W, Wanda, Linda Wetzler

Welcome Children! Sunday School: will not be held today. Please take your child to the Soc Hall before 10:30 service where they will prepare for today's Christmas program. **Coloring/Activity Sheets:** are available at the Sanctuary entrance for children. Please help yourself or ask a Deacon. **The Nursery:** is open for parents/guardians should you need to step out a moment with a little one. It is located out the front left doors & down the hall. Speakers allow you to hear the service. **Kid's Club:** Will next get together Wed Dec 17th 6:00-7:00 p.m. For kids age 5 thru 6th grade. Bible lesson, craft, snack, games, & music. Any child is welcome! Call the office for more info.

**Missions:** Help our local + international mission projects by placing a donation in a pew envelope & mark it "Mission" Fund". Loose change left in the pew is also given to Missions. Thank you for assisting these worthy programs.

Coffee Conn: Today: Snack:

12/21/25: Stewart Family Snack: Stewarts

Today: Stephanie, Leslie, Barb, Ahren Deacon Duty:

12/21/25: Kaitlyn, Kelly, Kris, Madi

**Sunday School:** Today: Downstairs in Social Hall

12/21/25: Leslie G.

Today: Don (9:15) Trent/Rich (10:30) Technology:

12/21/25: Jamie (9:15) Trent/Rich (10:30)

This Week: Brian B. 12/22/25: Trent C. Security:

#### **Church Fundraisers**

Available after the service or contact the church office.

Giant Eagle Gift Cards - In \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts.

-The church receives 5% of the value of the card.

Eat'n Park, Dunkin' Donuts, or Denny's Gift Cards, -The church receives a percentage for each card.

Sarris Candy- \$2 Bars: Chocolate, Crisped Rice, Almond, or P.Butter or \$3 for a pack of Choco-covered Pretzel Rods.



**Good Morning and Welcome to all who are** worshipping with us today! We hope you will find the service meaningful and that you can come

back and join us again. Please enjoy a refreshment inside the church entrance. We ask everyone to please complete a "Welcome to Linway" Card found in the pews.

Restrooms and the Nursery are located out the front left Sanctuary doors, and then down the hallway.

### LINWAY HAPPENINGS

**Third Sunday of Advent Today 12/14** 

> 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Noon Covered Dish Lunch +Christmas Program **Deacon Meeting** to prepare Christmas Stockings

**Session Meeting** 7:00 p.m. Tues 12/16 Wed 12/17 **Kid's Club** 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Th 12/18 Bell Choir Practice at 6:00. Choir Practice at 7:00

Next Sun 12/21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

## Congregational Meeting Next Sun, Dec. 21 at 11:30

A brief meeting will be held to elect those nominated to be on the Session or the Board of Deacons starting in January.

## YOU'RE INVITED: Christmas Luncheon Today at Noon!

Everyone is invited for a time of holiday fun and fellowship! After lunch, we'll sing some carols and the kids will share their Christmas Program. Hope you can come for this special time with your church family!

Christmas Caroling Sun, Dec. 28 at 5:00 Everyone is invited to share the joy of Christmas! You'll easily know the carols! Meet at the E.Allegheny High School parking lot. Park on the top side by the houses & we'll carpool from there. Bring a friend! Guaranteed to warm your heart & put a smile on your face!

Congratulations! to Samantha Stewart who graduated on Dec. 13 from Pennsylvania Western University Clarion Campus with a Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology.

Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth!

**Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service** 

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

One Sunday Morning Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 28 at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4 at 10:00 a.m.