

Welcome!
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

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PRELUDE

INTROIT “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Latin Hymn

PASTORAL WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

One: Today, we once more begin the Season of Advent – a season of longing, of waiting, of remembering.

Many: Advent reminds us of the promises of God.

One: As we turn to God, we come laden with expectations,

Many: And we come filled with hope!

(As the first candle is lit, the congregation is invited to sing v1 of Advent Song)

Light the Advent Candle one: Now the waiting has begun;

We have stated on our way, time to think of Christmas Day.

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

One: Psalm 25:1-2a declares: “To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.”

Many: Indeed, we trust in the Lord our God, who fills us with a living hope.

HYMN “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our selfish behavior, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. Loving Father, forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, in baptism we were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Thus, put on the Lord Jesus Christ! Know and believe that we are forgiven and live in peace. **Amen and Alleluia!**

RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" # 623
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.
People: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

SPECIAL MUSIC "Waiting, Wandering, Wondering" Schram

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Beth Olko

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON Pastor Joel
Puntigam "Are You Ready?"

HYMN "More Precious than Silver" see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from a Brief Statement of Faith, part IV
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Let All Mortal Flesh"

Doxology # 625
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication
We give thanks and praise to you, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER
Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN "While We Are Waiting, Come" see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

POSTLUDE
Portions of the Liturgy reprinted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

**Sunday, November 27th
Following Along in Worship**

1. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. What does the word “advent” mean? Whose advent are we looking forward to?
2. How many Advent candles did we light today? What is the theme of the candle that was lit today?
3. What was the topic of today’s time with the children? Circle the correct one:
 - a. Shopping is so much fun.
 - b. I can’t wait for Christmas!
 - c. God brings us real hope in a dark world
 - d. Tacos!
4. Why is it important to have hope?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel taught from Matthew 24:36-44. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. No one knows when:
 - i. The Lions will win the Super Bowl
 - ii. When Jesus will return
 - b. Therefore, we should:
 - i. Do whatever we want
 - ii. Keep watch for Jesus!
 - c. We do this by:
 - i. Eating lots of nachos
 - ii. Living a life of expectancy
 - d. Advent is about Christmas
 - e. Advent is about Christ

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter:	Dennis Delezenne
Ushers:	Patty Kreitmeyer, Mary Baum
Worship Assistant:	Cassy Sautter
Advent Readers:	Mike and Mary Baum
Children’s Chapel:	Karlane Belaïre
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Lou Suveg
Tellers:	TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Thanksgiving Leftovers

Weekly Bible Studies

Adult Sunday Bible Study – at approximately 12:15 pm

We are on week four of a four-week study called “The Advent Conspiracy”. Next week, we begin “Christmas Gifts that Won’t Break” by James W. Moore

Zoom Bible Study – Monday at 12:00 pm

We are studying a comparison of the Gospels

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am - We will continue our study on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on December 4 – Matt 3:1-12.



Chancel Flowers
Dedicated to my family,
Kathey Turnbull

Celebrating



Birthdays:

Nov. 30	Janet Richardson
Dec. 2	Melanie Gumz, David Olko
Dec. 7	Janice Wickersham
Dec. 8	Bob Taylor

Anniversary:

Nov. 30	Norm and Paul Boegner (24 years)
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UPCOMING Events

Friday, December 2 – Load up the Truck with OPGC Gifts
Friday, December 3 – Caroling
Saturday, December 10 – Faith Circle Salad Luncheon
Saturday, December 17 – Deliver Christmas Meals
Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25 – Moravian Love Feast



*The St. Timothy Faith Circle invites you to their
annual Christmas Salad Luncheon.*

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2022

Time: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Please bring: a salad

Tickets (\$1.00 donation) are on sale

Entertainment: fun games

Music: Our Music Man - Tim Falk

Invite: your friends and family

faith and
finance

For PER CAPITA we have collected **\$1,527.32** toward our assigned goal of \$2,503.42. Progress to our goal will be monitored in the narthex by the wonderful display created by Karen Kateff. Check it out periodically. And to increase our ability to cover this expense, we have added a collection “bank” to the display and hope you will consider adding an extra dollar or two from time to time that will be dedicated to the St Timothy Per Capita expenses for 2022

Per Person Per Capita expense is \$33.83



Christmas Food Basket Update

The Mission committee is still looking for donations to be able to provide Christmas food baskets to 5 families this year. If you can provide a monetary contribution, please do so by December 11, 2022. *Please put the check or cash in an envelope and put food baskets on the memo line.*

If you prefer to donate a food item, the following will be accepted until December 11, 2022:

- Can Vegetables (green beans, corn)
- Can Fruit (pineapple, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail)
- Boxed Scalloped Potatoes
- Boxed Marconi & Cheese
- Boxed Hot Chocolate Mix
- Boxed Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup

Please put donations in the box located in the narthex.



OPERATION GOOD CHEER REMINDERS

November 27, 2022 – Gifts due

December 2, 2022 – load gifts into semi truck

If you are able to help load the truck, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and include your contact information.



The devotionals are available today in the narthex. Thanks to all who have contributed!



Please bring your Thanksgiving leftovers on **Sunday, November 27** to share during fellowship.

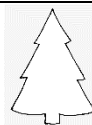
Help bring some joy and love! On **Saturday, December 3rd** we will be Christmas caroling for our St. Tim members that are homebound and going through a difficult time. Meet at the church at 12:45. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall.

On **Sunday, December 4th**, there will be a soup luncheon during fellowship. If you would like to bring a soup sign up on the fellowship board.



Have you found your favorite hope scriptures yet?

If not, start by defining hope for yourself. Then find scriptures about HOPE. Do these scriptures change your personal definition of hope? Now, confirm the hope scriptures that really speak to you.



The Deacon "Warming" Tree is in the narthex and ready to be decorated! Please consider trimming the tree with the following items:

Socks, Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Scarves

Extra-Curricular Holiday Music Opportunities



Tim Chanko is part of Irving Berlin's White Christmas!

- **December 1 – 4**
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm**
- **Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 pm**
- **Tickets \$15 - \$18**
- **The Village Theater**
- **50400 Cherry Hill**
- **Canton, MI 48187**
- **For tickets call 734-594-5300 or visit: <http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org>**



Matt Johnson's Christmas Concerts

Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 pm
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3:00 pm
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
1345 Gratiot Ave, Detroit, MI 48207

Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church
3320 Electric Ave, Lincoln Park, Mi 48146

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm
Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church & Child Card
16935 W. 14 Mile Rd, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
11/27	12:15 PM	Adult Sunday School
Monday		
11/28		
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
11/29		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
Wednesday		
11/30		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
12/1	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Compassionate Friends
Friday		
12/2		
Saturday	1:00 PM	Caroling
12/3	All Day	Kindred Spirits Quilting Guild
Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
12/4		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	Adult Sunday School

One more Holiday Music opportunity

Detroit Handbell Ensemble – Shelly is a member

Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

777 Eight Mile Rd, Northville MI 48167

Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm

Celebration Lutheran Church

39375 Joy Road, Westland MI 48185

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

*Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!*

More Precious than Silver

*Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with you
(sung twice)*

While We Are Waiting, Come

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*