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*Bea's
Blessings!*

Prayer List

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— SECOND SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

December 5, 2021

**Outdoor Drive-In: 9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 11:00 a.m.**

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Tune your FM Radio to 90.1

9:00 am

Sanctuary Service

11:00 am

Announcements

Prelude Down to the River to Pray Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **No. 119**
(Outdoor - Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!**
- 2) **O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's deep shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!**
- 4) **O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Darkness has been upon the land. Fear and Anxiety seek to claim our lives. To whom can we turn in our trouble?

People: **Seek the Lord. In God there is peace and hope. A voice has proclaimed it so.**

Leader: In the midst of all turmoil, the word rings strong and true. God is faithful, loving and just.

People: **Prepare us for this journey, O Lord. Help us to bold proclaimers of your love.**

*** Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: O God, you have truly brought to all the earth the hope of peace in your Son Jesus Christ. By the example of his life, the words of his lips, and the wondrous act of your resurrection power, we have seen and known the extent of your love and grace. Help us in our worship and in all of our lives to faithfully live after the pattern he has set for us, and to glorify you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

***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.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Sharon Hickman & Charlie Mays

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Hymn

"The First Noel!"

(11:00 a.m. only) **No. 151**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel**

At this time the children are dismissed to their classrooms

A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small. I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today. I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts. I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible: I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold. I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem, for me and for the world. God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ. Amen

Scripture Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6

Sermon “The Better Way” Rev. Mark Katrick

Hymn “The First Noel” (11:00 am only) **No. 151**

**1) The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.**

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

**2) They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light;
and so it continued both day and night.**

Refrain

**5) Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.**

Refrain

Prayer of Dedication

All: Thank you, God of Love, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ’s coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

***Closing Hymn "People, Look East" (Outdoor - Verses 1 & 4) No. 142**

- 1) People, look east, the time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.
- 2) Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish
People look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
- 4) Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

***Benediction**

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

**Go Now In Peace/Never be afraid/God will go with you/Each hour of ev'ry
Day/Go now in Faith/Steadfast, strong and true/Know He will guide you in
all you do. Go now in Love/And show you believe/Reach out to others/So
all the world can see/God will be there/Watching from above/Go now in
Peace/In Faith and in Love. Amen/Amen/Amen.**

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Postlude

"I Have Loved You"

Todd Baldosser

Lectionary Readings for December 5 through December 11

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

To our dear friends and visitors:

You are an important part of the worship and ministry that goes on here and we are thankful for your presence. For anyone who would like to join our fellowship, please e-mail rev.katrick@windstream.net.

Live streaming is now available on Facebook. If you missed the Live stream you can watch a replay anytime on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Links for both of these sites can be found on our church website at www.stjohnsnewark.org



The Mission and Outreach Committee will be working with Village Network again this year to provide gifts for foster children. We have a tree available in the church parking lot for those going to the car service at 9am and then take the tree inside the church for the 11am service. The tree will have tags on it with a child's name and what they want for Christmas. As we did last year, we are requesting that the congregation take a tag and buy a gift for a foster child. The gift should be unwrapped in a bag with the tag attached. We need to have the gifts back to the church by December 12. Thank you for considering this offering of a gift to a foster child.

This year, we will have our Congregational Budget Meeting after both the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, December 12, 2021. Please review the proposal and vote to approve or vote against it. The ballots will be collected after the meeting. Ballots emailed, mailed or dropped off at the church need to be there by December 12, 2021. Email stjohnsunited@windstream.net or contact one of the following on our Finance & Stewardship Committee if you have any questions or concerns. Copies of the budget are available in addition to the one in the December Chimes.

Ken Kroah (740) 345-1645
Jeff Conner (740) 323-3005
Alan Crowthers (740) 814-6806
Greg Crowthers (740) 522-5702

Brian Lensink (614) 493-1961
Bill McInturf (740) 323-3931
Frank Davis – Chairman (740) 323-2160

2022 Proposed Mission Plan (Budget) Ballot

Name: _____

Approve

Against



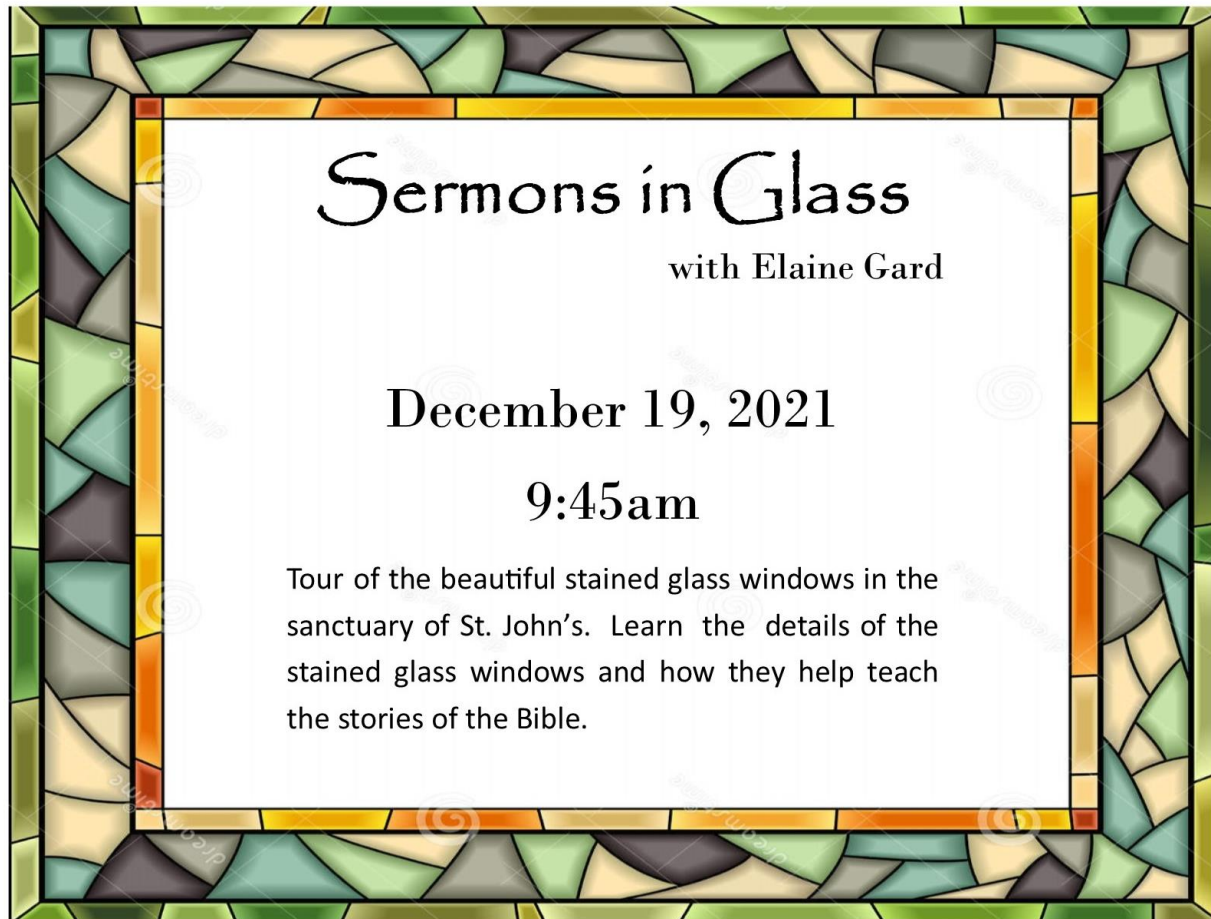
O' HOLY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A 5K FUN RUN/WALK
FUNDRAISER BENEFITING
THE LOOK UP CENTER

DECEMBER 05 2021	TJ EVANS ATHLETIC COMPLEX NEWARK	SUNDAY 5:00 PM
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\$20 PRE-REGISTRATION
\$25 DAY OF EVENT
12 AND UNDER FREE

Scan barcode, call 740.345.6026, or
visit www.lookupcenter.org



Sermons in Glass
with Elaine Gard

December 19, 2021
9:45am

Tour of the beautiful stained glass windows in the sanctuary of St. John's. Learn the details of the stained glass windows and how they help teach the stories of the Bible.



This Christmas, we will again beautify our sanctuary with an array of Poinsettias, which will be purchased from a local nursery. If you would like to participate in this celebration of Christmas, please fill out the form below or contact the church office.

6.5" pot \$ 11.00/each 1 plant - 4 to 7 blooms (Red in color)

The DEADLINE for placing orders is Today, December 5, 2021. Please pick up plants after the 11:00 a.m. service on December 19, or after the Christmas Eve. Services on December 24, 2021.

_____I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia for me to keep.

_____I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia to be donated to a shut-in.

**Be sure to complete the following to be printed in the bulletin:
(i.e.: In honor of or in memory of.....by or from.....)**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

You may also choose to remember a loved one with a gift to the _____Abiding Memorial Fund or the _____Foundation Fund. All such gifts noted and received **BY DECEMBER 12** will be listed in the bulletin on **Sunday, December 19 and Friday, December 24, 2021.** Abiding Memorial and Foundation Fund Cards and envelopes are also available in the literature rack in the Narthex or in the office.



St. John's UCC

Christmas



December 12 @ 11:00AM

Practice will take place

December 12 at 10:30 in the sanctuary

**Following the program, the children will have a
Christmas celebration in the large meeting room**

Preparing for Him in Song

our daily advent hymns

- Dec. 1st: Away in a Manger
- Dec. 2nd: Joy to the World
- Dec. 3rd: O Come All Ye Faithful
- Dec. 4th: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
- Dec. 5th: Silent Night
- Dec. 6th: O Holy Night
- Dec. 7th: Angels We Have Heard on High
- Dec. 8th: Angels From the Realms of Glory
- Dec. 9th: O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- Dec. 10th: Good Christian Men, Rejoice
- Dec. 11th: O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Dec. 12th: Coventry Carol
- Dec. 13th: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- Dec. 14th: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
- Dec. 15th: Do You Hear What I Hear?
- Dec. 16th: In the Bleak Midwinter
- Dec. 17th: I Wonder as I Wander
- Dec. 18th: We Three Kings
- Dec. 19th: Go Tell it On the Mountain
- Dec. 20th: Behold the Lamb of God
- Dec. 21st: Still, Still, Still
- Dec. 22nd: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- Dec. 23rd: The First Noel
- Dec. 24th: What Child is This?

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You may know all the verses of *Jingle Bells*, but do you know all the words to *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*? The songs of Christmas bring so much joy, but they are so much more than clever words and a catchy tune. These songs tell the story of Jesus, the story of our Savior's birth. The lyrics to the songs can be found online or in the church hymnals. Sing or read each one thinking about the words and the story. "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing" from *Oh, Come all Ye Faithful*, or "Seek the great desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star" from *Angels From the Realms of Glory* tell why God sent His son and how we should seek Him. Read each one through the days of Advent as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Renewed Hope and Expectation: The Church Season of Advent

[Kevin Nuber](#)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel!" This familiar hymn reminds the church of the season of Advent, a time traditionally marked for remembering the years of preparation and consecration prior to the coming of the Messiah.

For many centuries, the Church has identified the beginning of the Christmas celebration with a time of reflection and expectation called Advent.

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival" and, when used in conjunction with Christmas, reminds us of the anticipation and expectation held over hundreds of years by the people of Israel for their Messiah and promised King.

For centuries before Christ, Hebrew rabbis methodically and passionately taught the Jewish people that Messiah was coming. They taught that the people should be ready to embrace their King when he appeared. They emphasized the need for holy living and obedience to God's law.

This explains how the lowliest shepherds and fishermen of that day were acquainted with the promises of a Messiah. This season of preparation was all by God's design.

Today, we mark Advent in the Christian church with the display of a wreath - its circle reminds us of God Himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen - reminding us of the hope of eternal life.

The four outer candles incorporated into the display represent the time of waiting and preparation for the Messiah during the four Sundays of Advent (thought by many theologians to represent the four hundred years of prophetic silence between Malachi and the angelic visitations of the Gospels).

The light of the candles reminds us of the Light of the World, and the prophetic promise of His coming. The white central candle of the Advent wreath, lighted at Christmas, reminds us of the fulfillment of His first Advent and the pure, humble means by which He came.

Christians today have tasted of His first coming as Savior, experiencing His forgiving grace and saving power. Through study, we have learned about and embraced the truths of His virgin birth, His sinless life, His atoning death, and His glorious resurrection.

The first Advent was the glorious manifestation of incarnation - the uniting of God and man in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, born of a virgin in a lowly stable in obscure Bethlehem Ephrata. This indeed was a magnificent and redeeming event without comparison!

But all Christians must also appreciate and embrace another significance in this season of Advent. This Church season is also a prime opportunity to affirm the promise of Jesus that just as He came once, He would one day in the future return to the earth as Sovereign Ruler.

The day He ascended into heaven, two angels appeared and gave His disciples peace and comfort with this promise:

"This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11 NKJV).



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of our sick and shut-ins including Alison Armstrong, Barbara & Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Sandra Donson, Debi Snow, Machele & John West, Dick Boyd, Kate Hannum Rose, Kathy Wilson, Braxton Picklesimer, Vicky McGee, Virginia Lavelle, Brenda Simross, Paula Hatfield, Donna & Loren Hewitt, Harriett Applegate, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Relna Cornell, Charles Foucht, Shirley Imler, Bill Carr, Brian Lensink, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Tegan Picklesimer, and Irmgard Rhodes.

Our CSEOA's Calendar of Prayer asked that we lift up in prayer, CSEOA Association Council for this week.

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Cantor:

Don Boldt

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Jeff Conner,

Gary Kinser, Larry Jones

Cradle Roll:

Rachel Lee/Michelle Knowlton

Bible Discovery Zone:

Media Worship Team:

Julie Kroah/Tom Lawyer

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,606.92
Income as of November 28, 2021	\$ <u>8,179.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 427.92)

ATTENDANCE

*Report for Sunday,
November 28, 2021*

9:00 am- 48

11:00 am- 35

11/25/21 Thursday Prayer Service Views - **13**



Sunday:

**December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am

Outdoor Drive-In

9:45 am

Adult Sunday School

11:00 am

Sanctuary Service- Bible Discovery Zone after Children's song

Tuesday:

4:00 pm

Church & Ministry Committee Meeting

Wednesday:

10:00 am

Christian Education Committee Meeting

6:00 pm

Crystal City Chorus

Thursday:

7:00 pm

A Thursday Prayer Service is live streamed on St. John's Facebook page and uploaded on YouTube. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view. The link is available on our church website stjohnsnewark.org

Sunday:

**December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am

Outdoor Drive-In Service

9:30 am

Congregational Budget Meeting following the service

9:45 am

Adult Sunday School

10:00 am

Confirmation Class

11:00 am

Sanctuary Service – Children's Christmas Program

11:30 am

Congregational Budget Meeting following the service

Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make an appointment or call/text Anita at 740-973-8218.

Thank you!