

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

*"His Story is Our Story"*

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Wayne L. Wold

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship God,

**People: whose light brings hope to a weary world.**

\*HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1, 2 ,3 ,4)

No. 211

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Advent God, we journey with you to Bethlehem's stable and a new-born King. Help us to keep our ears attuned to the song of angels, and our eyes alert for Bethlehem's star. Forgive us, if on our journey, we are distracted by the tempting offers of this world. Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas, and the promise of a Savior. Through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Isaiah 11:1-3a*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE

*The King of Glory Comes*

**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.**

**Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Unison:

**In Advent, we renew our trust in God who came to us as one of us.**

**In Advent, we renew our trust in the Holy Spirit who overshadowed a young peasant girl named Mary.**

**In Advent, we renew our trust in Jesus who was limited to the womb of Mary and yet is Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

**In Advent we renew our trust that Jesus is still with us. Maranatha!**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Advent Grace*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Song

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;**

**before thee rulers silent fall; all people on thy mercy call.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

MESSAGE

*"His Story is Our Story"*

Pastor Janet Saddle

\*HYMN

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

No. 216

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Pastor: It is easy for us to lose sight of what the birth of Jesus means to this dark and dying world. Let us be reminded that Christ came to free us from our sin and reunite us with our Creator.

**Unison: God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet you came in weakness, as a child. All season long we want more stuff, more for us, but you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels. When we allow darkness to overcome the light, forgive us, Lord. When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel, have mercy on us, Father. When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and believing in your song, let your grace fill us, O God. Forgive our doubt and renew our hopes in Christ alone, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

+Pastoral Prayer  
+Lord's Prayer  
+Sung Response

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

No.204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**



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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Charles Callahan  
Offertory Response: Doxology (on screen - sung to "The First Noel")

\*HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* No. 196

\*CLOSING LITANY

Pastor: If you choose, you can be instruments of hope in the world.  
**People: We so choose: we go now to spread the hope and promise of a coming child.**  
Pastor: If you choose, you can counter the voices of anxiety and despair in the world.  
**People: We so choose: we go now to sing songs of hope because the world can be changed.**  
Pastor: If you choose, you can fight against the fear that freezes the heart of many.  
**People: We so choose: we will tell of the love that conquers fear, the love of a child in a manger.**  
Pastor: The choice is ours to make: how will we live into the possibilities of Christmas?  
**People: The beauty is that we do not live out the choice by our own strength.**  
Pastor: Go then, with God, who feeds our hopes and quiets our fears,  
**People: Always and everywhere.**  
**All: Amen.**

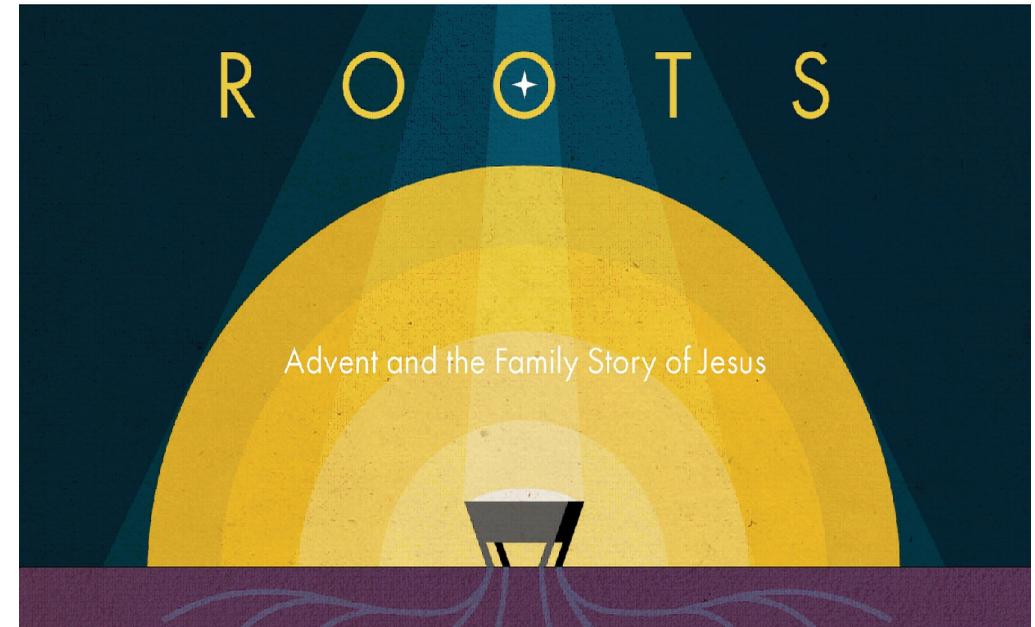
\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme*  
(Awake a voice is calling)

\*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.  
Liturgist: Tom McKennett  
Advent Lighting: Rowena Fink

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**   
*Celebration of Faith*



**"His Story is Our Story"**

November 27, 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042  
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

**ROOTS Sermon Series**  
"His Story is Our Story"  
Isaiah 11:1-3a (CEB)  
Pastor Janet Saddel

The Christmas story is the story of God working through a people, Israel, to minister to the whole world.

History is his story – the story of Jesus coming to earth. And the best part about his story, is that it is your story and my story.

Jesus is the central character of the entire human story, and we will be looking at his roots, his ancestry.

Paul tells us that we have been "grafted in among the other branches and shared the root that produces the rich oil of the olive tree." In other words, even if we do not have the biology of a person descended from Abraham, we have been adopted into the family of God through Jesus.

Jesus has a people and a place, a real flesh and blood story that brings God to us. Matthew uses the genealogy to tell us that God has entered our world through a very human family.

The story of Jesus is our story. His story becomes our story when we receive him into our hearts and our lives. Then his ancestors become ours. His history becomes our history. His triumphs become our triumphs and his victory over sin and death – become ours as well.

In Jesus, we find our identity. We have been grafted into the vine. We are part of the family tree and we have become the beloved of God. We are connected. We are connected to Jesus – and through him we are connected to the larger story of God.

We all have a place at the table, a place in the family of God. We are all welcome in the house of God and the family of God all over the world.

Let us become part of his story, then we become part of the larger story – a story about God calling us his beloved.

**Calendar for Week of 11/27/2022**

**SUNDAY**

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]  
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

**MONDAY**

10am - Staff Meeting  
6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

**TUESDAY**

7:00 - Book Study [Youth Room]

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]  
7:00 - Celebrate Recovery  
7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

**THURSDAY December 1st**

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team  
5:30 - Traditional Design Team

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY December 3**

9-1- Living Gift Market  
9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

**SUNDAY**

**COGS Kids sing in all 3 services**

8-11am—COGS Kids breakfast [Hall]  
8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]  
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]  
11:00 - Pageant Practice [Hall]