

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Advent

Communion Sunday

December 4, 2022

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 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

Robert Lau

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The people of God were made for worship:  
To sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.

**People: The people of God were made for God's presence:  
For pleasure and praise, for joy and for song.**

Liturgist: Come, holy people, God's chosen disciples:  
Gather for worship, come from all places!

**People: We have come to God's temple, gathered together,  
We have come to praise God and enjoy him forever.**

\*HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

No. 203

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

**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 this Mary and yet is God-with us. In Advent we renew our trust that Jesus is still with us. Maranatha! Come, Lord, Jesus, come. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Genesis 32:22-32*

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Barry and Elizabeth Breneman

Advent Song: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

No. 211 vs 4

CHOIR ANTHEM *Advent Candlelight Carol*

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MESSAGE *"The Story of Jacob: Roots and Branches"*

Reverend Lisa Flory

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Robert Lau

\*Congregational Response: (sung to the First Noel)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONFESSION and PARDON

**Unison: Loving God, you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus and have given us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for all those from whom we are estranged. Bring healing to strained or broken relationships. Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect or intention. Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness and opportunity to make amends. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit, that we might forgive even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

see screen for words

GREAT THANKSGIVING

sung responsively to the tune GREENSLEEVES

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew. Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table. (Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

sing together: **Thank God for Holy Mystery; Body of Christ; the gift of life!**  
**As we depart, let us take heart: God's light will lead us always!**  
**Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby:**  
**Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

\*HYMN

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

No. 626

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: You have shared the bread and fruit of the vine,  
You have been grafted onto the roots of our family of faith  
You have wrestled with God  
You have seen his face.  
Go now and share his message of redemption, reconciliation  
and hope with the world.

**People: We go in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Hark the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes* Johann Gottfried Walther

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\* - All Standing...A position of adoration and praise

+ - All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

*The Altar flowers today are presented by Susie Greenawalt  
In Memory of "My Husband, Fred Greenawalt"*

*The red rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of  
Lydia Marie Stauffer*

*Parents: Eric Stauffer and Amanda Hilderbrandt*

*Grandparents: Michael and Joy Stauffer*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Pastor Janet Sadel

Advent Candle lighting: Barry and Elizabeth Breneman



Reverend Janet Sadel, Lead Pastor

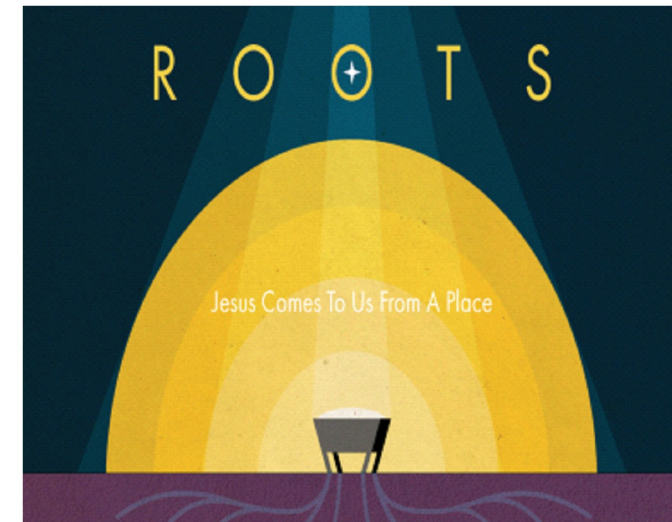
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## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

*Celebration of Faith*



### The Story of Jacob: Roots and Branches

December 4, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042

church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

**The Story of Jacob: Roots and Branches**

Genesis 32:22-32; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Pastor Lisa Flory

We as believers are part of God's family, and our lineage goes all the way back to Abraham and Sarah. Today we are going to focus on Jacob's part in God's story and how we are connected to him and to our forebears in the faith through Christ. What can we learn from Jacob's story that applies to our lives today?

1. It is OK to wrestle with God, to ask our questions and express our doubts and fears.
2. We can be reassured that God won't give up on us, even when we fail him or desert him.
3. We will be different after an encounter with the living God. We will be blessed and given a new name.
4. Forgiveness and reconciliation are at the heart of our new life in Christ.

This Advent, remember who we are descended from, our forebears in the faith. Let's recall with gratitude the promises that have been fulfilled over the centuries. Let's renew our connections with Christ and one another, seeking reconciliation and forgiveness in our relationships. Let's live into our identity as God's people, sharing the message of the gospel with the world.

**Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd**

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

**SUNDAY**

COGS Kids sing all 3 services  
 8-11am - COGS Kids breakfast  
 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 [WC]  
 4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

**MONDAY**

10am - Staff Meeting  
 6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]  
 7:00 - Staff Parish Relations Meeting

**TUESDAY**

11:00 - Free Noon Meal @ LCCM  
 7:00 - Book Study [Lounge]

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY**

7:00 - Lebanon Community Concert Band

**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal  
 11:00 - Private  
 3:00 - Pageant dress rehearsal [WC]  
 5:45 - Pageant preview (open to the public) [WC]

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