

Advent Vespers



Sunday Dec. 12, 2021 ~ 3pm

at historic

Upper Tincum Evangelical Lutheran Church

188 Upper Tincum Church Road

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The Rev. John W. Hansen, Pastor

Corey Olver, Director of Music

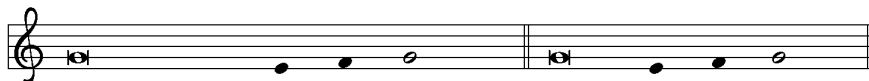
• COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE •

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PRELUDE – “*Andante Cantabile from Violin Sonata no.2*” by J. S. Bach, arr. R. Barnwell – Donna Cooper, harpist

DIALOGUE

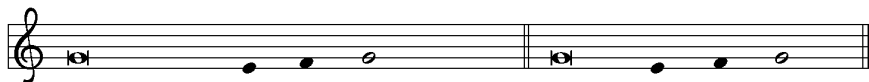
*The assembly stands. A large, lighted candle may be carried to its place.
A dialogue may follow the procession, the assembly echoing the leader.*



The Spirit and the church cry out: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



All those who await his ap-pear-ance pray: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



The whole cre - a - tion pleads: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

HYMN OF LIGHT

“Comfort, Comfort Now my People”

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
2 For the her-ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near.
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.

To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1625-1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: FREDRICH SEHR, *Septuaginta psalms de David*, Geneva, 1551

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader gives thanks for light in a prayer which ends:

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The assembly is seated

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 40:1-5

MUSICAL SELECTION – “The People that Walked in Darkness”
 by George Frideric Handel – Christopher Schmitt, baritone

PSALMODY – Psalm 141

All

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

Group One or All



O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when

All



I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

Group Two or All



Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Group One or All



Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All



do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

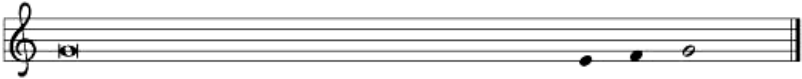
SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 1:39-54

SELECTED POEM “The Star of Christmas” – Sandy Hummer

VERSICLE



Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,



but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

The assembly stands to sing the gospel canticle, the song of Mary.

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord



1	My	soul	now	mag - ni - fies	the	Lord;	my	spir - it		
2	For	you	a - lone,	O	God	of	might,	have	done	a -
3	Your	arm	is	strong;	your	strength	is	great.	You	scat - ter
4	You	feed	the	hun - gry	as	your	own;	the	wealth - y	
5	Sing	glo - ry	to	the	Ho - ly	One,	give	hon - or		



leaps, by joy pos - sessed. You keep me in your kind re -
 maz - ing things for me. Your mer - cy flows; your name like
 those of proud in - tent and cast them down from high es -
 leave with emp - ty hands. You give your help to Is - ra -
 to the in - car - nate Word, and praise the Pow'r of God most

gard; all gen - er - a - tions call me blessed.
 light re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
 tate; then give the low your nour - ish - ment.
 el; your gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.
 high, from age to age by all a - dored.

Text: Stephanie K. Frey, b. 1952, alt., based on the Magnificat
 Music: ICH HEB MEIN AUGEN SEHNLICH AUF, Heinrich Schütz, 1585–1672
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GOSPEL READING – John 1:1-14

MUSICAL SELECTION – “Adagietto” by Jean-Michel Damase
 – Donna Cooper, harpist

OFFERING – The Rev. Dave Heckler ~ Representative of
Upper Bucks Code Blue Sheltering Ministry

MUSICAL SELECTION – “Precious Promise” by Steven Curtis
Chapman” – Rev. Dave Heckler

LITANY *The assembly stands*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For name/s and all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Other petitions may be added.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, | gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,

through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

The litany may be followed by an additional prayer.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C 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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

MUSICAL SELECTION – O Come, O Come Emmanuel” – *arr.*
 by Rebecca Belliston – Christopher Schmitt, baritone

BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

SENDING SONG

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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POSTLUDE – “Siciliano” by J.S. Bach – Donna Cooper, harpist

● *Please join us for refreshments following the service.* ●

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Advent & Christmas Schedule:

Weekly Sunday Worship – 10 AM

In-person & Live streamed on facebook

Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight Service – 5 PM

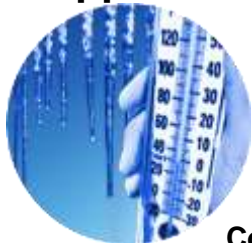
Sunday Worship ~ Dec. 26, 2021

Recorded Service of Lessons & Carols – 10 AM



Advent Vespers Proceeds Benefit

Upper Bucks County Code Blue Shelter



OPEN between **NOVEMBER 15 & APRIL 15**
~ 8:30 PM to 7:00 AM ~
when temperature falls below 26°F.

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