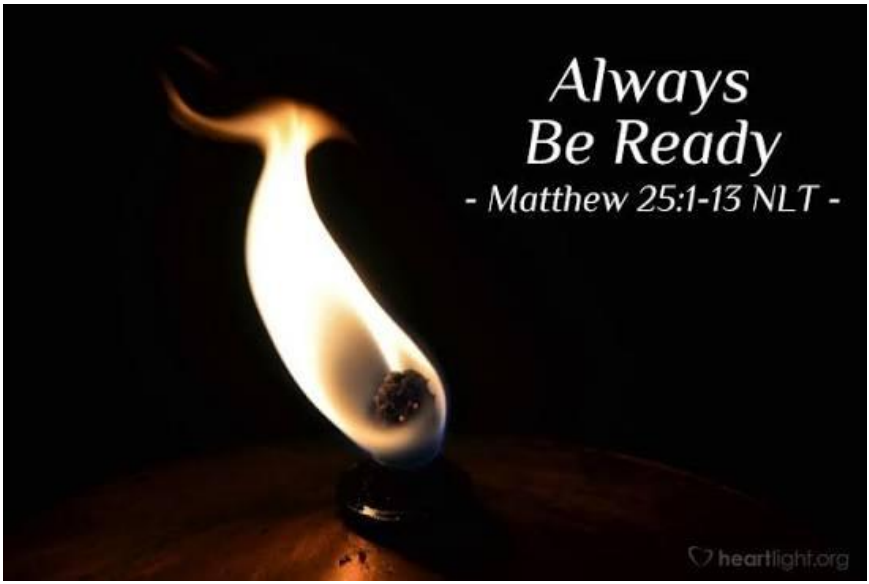
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."

November 8, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Welcome to the New Goshenhoppen Church

A growing segment of the adult population thinks humanity is living in the end times. A 2025 survey found that one-third of Americans believe the world will end during their lifetime. This widespread belief varies regarding what will cause the end and when the final event will happen. People also differ on whether they fear this approaching conclusion or welcome it.

National polling finds that between 30 percent and 40 percent of Americans believe they are living in the last days. This perspective has moved into the cultural mainstream rather than remaining among a handful of fringe doomsday cults. Evangelical Christians, secular preppers, atomic scientists maintaining the Doomsday Clock, and climate activists warning of environmental collapse all hold distinct versions of this belief.

The survey revealed sharp disagreements on how society should react to an approaching apocalypse. Respondents who believed humans were responsible for bringing about the end pointed to climate change, nuclear weapons, or runaway technology. These individuals were more likely to view global threats as urgent and severe. People who believed God controls the end times were less likely to support extreme human action to address those same threats.

Religious affiliation also shaped the findings. Evangelical Protestants scored the highest among Christian groups on perceived closeness to the end, belief in divine causality, and a positive emotional tone toward the apocalypse.

You do not need to panic when the surrounding culture despairs over global threats. Your hope rests in the sovereign Creator who holds history in his hands. Instead of fearing the future, you can live with alert watchfulness as you anticipate the promised return of Christ.

We Praise and Confess

The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude ***All for Jesus*** – arr. John Behnke

Chiming of the Trinity

Invitation to Worship

The Lord is coming. Whom will you serve?
As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.
What has God done for you?
Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds.
Strength in the wilderness.
Hope in God, whose story will never end.
Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!

*Hymn of Praise: No. 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers – Llangloffan

Call to Confession

Our God is a God of glorious deeds,
of wondrous works.
Our hope is in God.
But we do not always keep God's commandments.
Let us confess our sins
before our merciful and mighty God.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God,
we say we want to see you,
we say we want to know you,
we say we want to serve you,

but we also do not want to put in the work.
We do not want to prepare for your coming
by working for your kingdom on this earth.
We do not keep alert for signs of you among us,
so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.
Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action.
Surprise us with your presence so we might learn
to always be ready for you to arrive.
We ask this in the name of the Bridegroom, Jesus.

Silent Confession

Word of Pardon

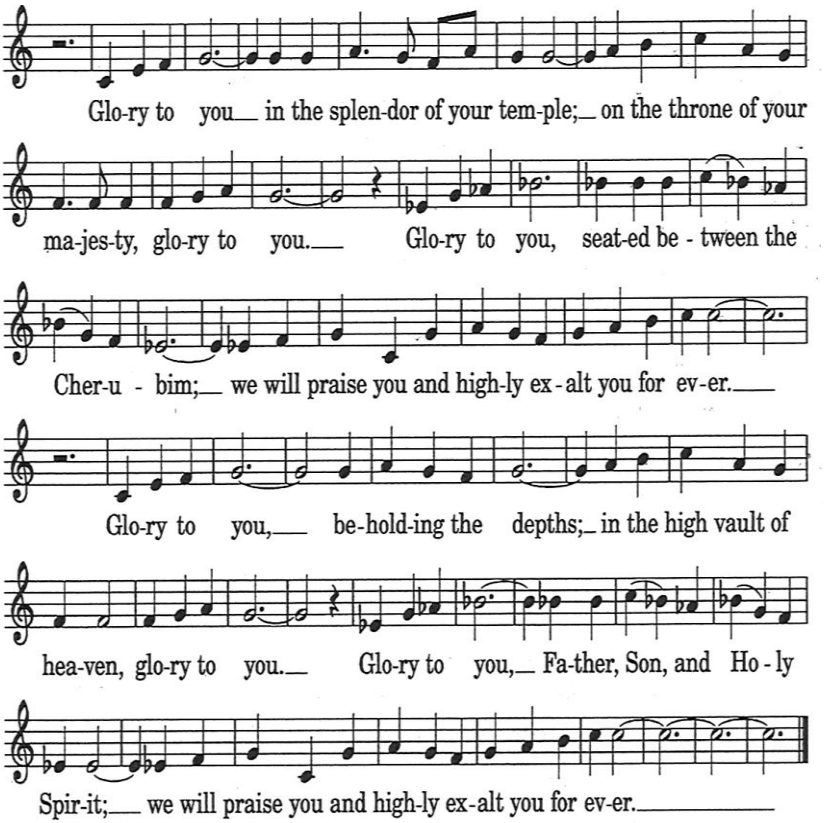
All who seek God will rejoice and be glad.
We proclaim that God is great because of this good news:
we are forgiven! Be at peace.

Invitation to Praise

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall declare your praise.

*Praise ***Benedictus es, Domine*** – John Rutter





We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. [1]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. **15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words. [2]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

[1] *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).
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*Gospel Hymn: No. 384 ***Soon and Very Soon*** - Crouch

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ St. Matthew 25:1-13

Hear the Gospel of Christ.
Glory to Christ our Savior.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps[1] and went to meet the bridegroom.[2] **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' **10** And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. **11** Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' **13** Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. [3]

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Proclamation of God's Word Dr. Williams – "PD"

Trim Your Lamp!

[3] *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

*Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Morning Prayer
Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by scanning the QR code with your camera

Offertory

*The Doxology: No. 606 ***Praise God!***

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 Thanks

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning – Spiritual

We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people!

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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HANDBELL PLAYERS NEEDED: We are thankful for Peter Hemperly who has graciously offered to direct the handbells for this Advent/Christmas Season. We are now looking for "Ding-A-Lings" to play our beautiful Schulmerich Handbells. Rehearsal time to be based on availability of ringers. Please speak with Peter if you would be willing to play.

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support
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WELCOME *VISITORS* ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

BRASS BUCKETS: Ally Kimmel, who works for the Nursery School in the area of Toddler Time and Lunch Bunch Assistant, lost her mother recently to Brain Cancer. The following week, Ally suffered a seizure resulting in Cardiac Arrest. Through heroic efforts of her husband and EMT's they were able to resuscitate Ally. The Brass Buckets return to help this family. Pastor Dave will seed the effort with a gift of $500.00 from Emergency Needs. Nursery School Staff will cover for Ally until she is able to return to her position. The Kimmel Family will have significant medical bills and other needs going forward. Your gifts will help them in this difficult time.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place TODAY, Sunday, November 8th, 2026. <u>There will be only one service at 10:30 a.m.</u> and the meeting will follow. Plan to attend this meeting when we adopt the 2027 budget, elect new Consistory members, and review the designated Meadows Funds.

GAME NIGHT will return on Sunday, November 8 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided for supper. Kindly bring along a side dish, munchies, or dessert to share. Also bring along any board games or card games you'd like to play. Let the fun begin!

2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically and are located on the upper level near the elevator.

BLESSING BOX: Please keep the Blessing Box in your thoughts when you go to the grocery store. One item might be a blessing to a person in need. You can place the item in the Box at your convenience.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Open Link appreciates our yearly contributions of Christmas gift wrap such as wrapping paper, gift tags, tissue paper, bows, and tape. Please place your items in the container in the Social Room.

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CALENDARS FOR MEN AT PHOENIX PRISON. Collection boxes are in the Social Room and in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall entrance. Please remember to conform to the guidelines enforced by the PA DOC: restrictions against all spiral-bound calendars, photo themes that include children, the slightest examples of sexually provocative pictures, and "stickers" of any kind.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have been asked to again assist in preparing hot meals for the Code Blue Shelter in Pennsburg. Our first assignment to prepare meals will be **Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.** We will be preparing three meals for 10 individuals. If you are interested in helping to prepare and package the meals, please contact Lori Horning at 267.261.7273 or Horningduo@gmail.com. If you are interested in supporting this project by making a monetary donation, please place your donation in the offering plate or submit it to the Church Office. Please be sure it is clearly marked Code Blue meals. Thank you all for your support.

CEMETERY CLEANUP: The Youth will be clearing off the cemetery of spring and summer decorations on Saturday morning, **November 14th**. If you wish to keep your artificial spring/summer decorations, **kindly REMOVE them prior to November 14th.** Thank you!

APPLE DUMPLING ORDERS may be paid for and picked up on Sunday, November 15th in the Social Room after each service. An OMC member will receive your cash or check made payable to "New Goshenhoppen OMC." Thank you!

REFORMATION SISTERS' THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND FEAST – NOVEMBER 22: The Reformation Sister Congregations will gather for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Feast on Sunday, November 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Lane beginning at 4:00 p.m. This year, The Rev'd Paula Lebo, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, will be the guest preacher. Moyer's of Boyertown will cater the meal. We are asked to bring desserts. A sign-up sheet will be on the Social Room bulletin board. The meal is free! Bring your friends and family to worship and to the feast!

WILL YOU PRAY? The Prayer Vigil is fast approaching, and so many need to be uplifted in prayer. Can you spare some time to help with this much needed ministry on Saturday, November 28th between the hours of 12 noon and 10:00 p.m.? The sign-up sheet is in the lower narthex. You can pick up the devotional booklet ("25 Days of Advent" by Kenneth Boa) when you sign up. If you would prefer to pray at home, please call the Church Office, and we will make sure you get the information you need. Any questions can be directed to the Friendship Committee members.

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP is Sunday, November 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The advent committee has samples of the crafts on display in the Social Room available at this year's event. We have crafts for all ages! Welcome back Bev Kalb to lead 2 small canvas painting sessions. If you say, "I'm not crafty", no worries; if you find something you would like to make, sign-up. Each craft station will have a leader to guide you through the steps to create your project. Please stop by the Social Room--sign-ups are available through Sunday, November 15. We do ask that you denote the recommended age listed for specific crafts. Parents are asked to stay and help your little one if needed. This event is free; all are welcome. Snacks will be provided and available during a short break between sessions. We look forward to seeing you there! Should you have questions, please reach out to Denise Fox, Lori Horning or Sheri Ackerman.

YOUTH GROUP OUTREACH-WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Youth Group is partnering with "A Women's Place", a domestic violence support organization. They will be collecting after school snack items for use in their safe houses for the children affected in this way. Please look for boxes in the Social Room and Fellowship Hall for your donations.

PRAYER REQUESTS: During the Sunday Church service at Phoenix prison, a time is provided for the men to write a prayer request. These prayers are then sent to Rev. Gates to be shared among many churches and individuals. We will be providing opportunities for you to pray for the men by putting a few of the prayer requests in the bulletins. *First prayer:* Dear Lord, I pray for the hearts of my brothers, sisters and neighbors, that we all can be like-minded as that of Christ so we can walk in love toward one another. Amen. *Second prayer:* Please pray for my friend, Tootch, who helps me everyday with my reading, spelling and also Bible Study. Thank you. John

THANK YOU: The Cressman Family extends their heartfelt thanks for the many thoughts, prayers, and generous financial contributions received following the fire at their home. Your kindness, love, and support during this difficult time have been a tremendous blessing and are deeply appreciated.

THANK YOU: "I would like to thank everyone for their love, kindness, and generosity for my grandson in his time of need. You are all in my prayers; love you all." ~ Marlene Marks and Colton Callueng

THANK YOU for the sympathy cards and the prayers the family received during this difficult time. I appreciate the many expressions of love and support from my church family. ~ Gloria Eidle

BULLETINS are presented in memory of loved ones by Peter & Susan Hemperly.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of Violet Steinman by daughter, Etta Roth and family; and in memory of sister, Patsy Fox by Bill and Grace Fox.

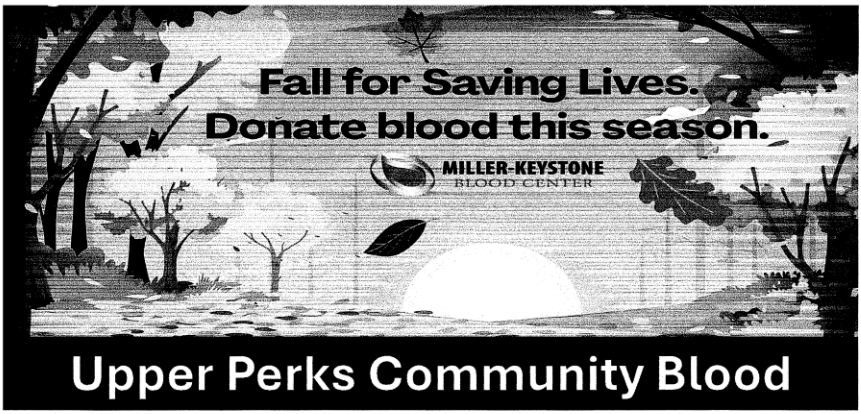
THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in memory of Gail Himmelwright by her husband, Roy.

ATTENDANCE: 11/1/26 – 8:00 a.m. 53; 10:30 a.m. 75; Livestream 71; Sunday School 36.

OPERATING INCOME 11/1/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT $7,467; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT $210; Brass Buckets $692.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	$520,179.84
less transfers from investments	$39,446.00
Net	$480,733.84
Year to Date Expenses	$517,545.03
Special Income	$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	$24,090.34
Capital Campaign Income	$11,725.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	$23,200.00



Goshenhoppen UCC

1070 Church Road, East Greenville, PA

Wednesday, November 25th

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Each Donor will get a FREE MKBC T-Shirt!

To schedule your appointment please follow the link below or Scan QR Code or call MKBC at 1-800-223-6667 #2

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/91174

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & Last Name
- Photo and/or Signature

Veterans, ask your coordinator about our complimentary MKBC Military Challenge Coin.

POINSETTIA ORDERS AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

How lovely the chancel and apse look when adorned with red poinsettia plants announcing the birth of our Lord and Savior. Orders are now being taken at a cost of **$11.00 per plant**. Kindly, only one plant per order form. Also, the money for each poinsettia order needs to accompany the order form. You may give the order forms/money to the Church Office (215-679-2041). **The deadline for ordering poinsettia plants is MONDAY, December 7.** *(The florist requires our order by December 8, so no add-ons will be accepted.)* **Anyone making memorial contributions to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin needs to do so by SUNDAY, December 13.** Please indicate on your check or on a piece of paper if you wish for your memorial contribution to be printed in the CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN; otherwise, it will be placed in the Sunday weekly worship bulletin.

In lieu of poinsettia plants, donations may be made toward supporting Open Link and Helping Hands, two local mission projects. Thank you for your support of these outreach endeavors and also for the beautification of New Goshenhoppen Church at this special time of the year.

NOTE: Poinsettia plants may be removed after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service OR picked up on Christmas Day (between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Enter through the Main entrance--nearest the elevators--and pick up poinsettia plants in the Sanctuary).

PLEASE, ONLY ONE PLANT PER ORDER FORM

Your Name_____Phone Number_____

Plant ( ) Mission Project ( )

Check One:

( ) In Memory of_____

By_____

( ) In Honor of_____

By_____

( ) Presented by_____

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – ***one service only this week!***
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	3:00 p.m.	Game Night (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	10:00 a.m.	Life Long Learning Executive Committee (Confirmation Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Code Blue Food preparation (Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Fri.-Sat.	6:30 p.m.	Youth Lock-In (pick up on Sat. at 10:00 a.m.)
Sat.	morning	Cemetery Clean-up
	11:00 a.m.	Graveside Service for Ruth Gery
	11:30 a.m.	Funeral Luncheon for Ruth Gery (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:30 a.m.	Visiting Ministry Committee (Reading Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)

Thank you to our Service Participants

10:30 a.m.

Narthex: Denise Fox
Roberts' Church Office: Terry Dworkin
Elevator: Sandy George
Upper Narthex: Randy Peterson
Liturgist/Acolyte: Peter Hemperly

362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1–13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

TEXT: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854; alt. *The Hymnal 1982*
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant,* 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal,* 1906

LLANGLOFFAN
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384 Soon and Very Soon



This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3–4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

TEXT and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1976
Text and Music © 1976 Crouch Music and Bud John Songs (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)

SOON AND VERY SOON
12.12.12 with refrain

350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1–13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10–17).

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

KEEP YOUR LAMPS
7.7.7.7 with refrain



"STAY DRESSED
FOR ACTION AND
KEEP YOUR
LAMPS BURNING."

LUKE 12:35. ESV

