

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen. . .

Author Doug Mendenhall shares a brief parable that should cause all of us to pause and reflect:

Jesus called the other day to say he was passing through and [wondered if] he could spend a day or two with us.

I said, "Sure. Love to see you. When will you hit town?"

I mean, it's Jesus, you know, and it's not every day you get the chance to visit with him. It's not like it's your in-laws and you have to stop and decide whether the advantages outweigh your having to move to the sleeper sofa.

That's when Jesus told me he was actually at a convenience store out by the interstate.

I must have gotten that Bambi-in-headlights look, because my wife hissed, "What is it? What's wrong? Who is that?"

So, I covered the receiver and told her Jesus was going to arrive in eight minutes, and she ran out of the room and started giving guidance to the kids—in that effective way that Marine drill instructors give guidance to recruits.

My mind was already racing with what needed to be done in the next eight—no seven—minutes so Jesus wouldn't think we were reprobate loser slobs.

I turned off the TV in the den, which was blaring some weird scary movie I'd been half watching. But I could still hear screams from our bedroom, so I turned off the reality show it was tuned to. Plus, I turned off the kids' set out on the sun porch, because I didn't want

to have to explain *Jon & Kate Plus Eight* to Jesus, either, six minutes from now.

My wife had already thinned out the magazines that had been accumulating on the coffee table. She put *Christianity Today* on top for a good first impression. Five minutes to go.

I looked out the front window, but the yard actually looked great thanks to my long, hard work, so I let it go. What could I improve in four minutes anyway?

I did notice the mail had come, so I ran out to grab it. Mostly it was Netflix envelopes and a bunch of catalogs tied into recent purchases, so I stuffed it back in the box. Jesus doesn't need to get the wrong idea—three minutes from now—about how much on-line shopping we do.

I ran back in and picked up a bunch of shoes left by the door. Tried to stuff them in the front closet, but it was overflowing with heavy coats and work coats and snow coats and pretty coats and raincoats and extra coats. We live in the South; why'd we buy so many coats? I squeezed the shoes in with two minutes to go.

I plumped up sofa pillows, my wife tossed dishes into the sink, I scolded the kids, and she shooed the dog. With one minute left I realized something important: Getting ready for a visit from Jesus is not an eight-minute job.

Then the doorbell rang.

Are you ready to meet Jesus this Advent and Christmas? It really is more than an eight-minute job!

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We Praise and Confess
The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*** — arr. Don Hustad

Chiming of the Trinity

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." [Isaiah 9:2]

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for us in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.

Amen.

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent – Hope

Romans 13:11-12: ¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far

gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.¹

Light of God, holy dawn, rising in our midst, awaken us to your promise.

By your gentle light may we see your hope for the world.

Light of Christ, rising in our hearts, awaken us to your coming.

By your growing light, may we see your presence hidden in all things.

Spirit's light, rising in our world, awaken us to the gift of hope.

By your transforming light, may we see all things with hearts full of hope, longing for your coming. Come, dear Jesus, Come! Amen.²

*Hymn of Praise: No. 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus – Hyfrydol

*Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 13:11–12.

² Steve Garness-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net – used by permission.

just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Merciful God,

always with us, always coming:

We confess that we do not know

how to prepare for your Advent.

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;

we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;

we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,

the intelligent courage of the Magi,

and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,

that we may journey with them to Bethlehem

and find the good news of a child born for us.

Now, in the quiet of our hearts,

we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.³

Declaration of Pardon

---based on Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when I will fulfill the promise, I made

to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause

a righteous Branch to spring up for David;

and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this is the name by which it will be called:

"The Lord is our righteousness."

People of God: Jesus Christ, our Lord,

³ Worship Sourcebook, page 446. Used with Permission

whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness.

In Christ, we are made right with God.

Thanks be to God!

Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

*Song of Praise: No. 102

Savior of the Nations, Come — Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

*Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,

³ and many peoples shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD. ⁴

God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God.

Psalter

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

² **Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

⁴ **to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!**
"May they be secure who love you!"

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"

⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

**⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good. ⁵

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. ⁶

God, we thank you for your Word,
the story of your grace.

*Gospel Hymn: No. 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You – Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

*The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Matthew 24:36-44

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

³⁶ "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,² but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of

⁵ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

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Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. ⁷

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Ministry of Music [10:30 a.m.] The Children of New Goshenhoppen

This Is the Day – Lifetree Kids

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr. Williams – “PD”

It's Not Over, Till It's Over!

*Affirmation of Faith -from *Our Song of Hope*, st. 3, closing prayer

Our only hope is Jesus Christ.

**After we refused to live in the image of God,
he was born of the virgin Mary,
sharing our genes and our instincts,
entering our culture, speaking our language,
fulfilling the law of God.**

**Being united to Christ's humanity,
we know ourselves when we rest in him.**

Come, Lord Jesus:

We are open to your Spirit.

We await your full presence.

Our world finds rest in you alone.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

⁷ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

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 Response: No. 606

The Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: Page 12

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Veni Emmanuel

Following the Light of Christ into the World

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

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 90

VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
 2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa-tan's
 3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir-its by Thine
 4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



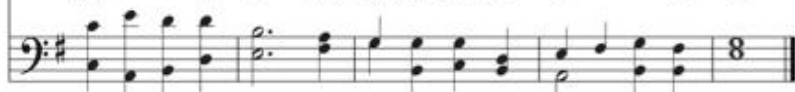
Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here, un -
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, and
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night, and
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and



til the Son of God ap - pear.
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 death's dark shad-ows put to flight.
 close the path to mis - er - y.



man - u - el shall come to Thee, O Is - ra - el.



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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!

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

NEXT SUNDAY please read Matthew 3:1-12.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically and are located on the upper level near the elevator.

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP will be held today from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Don't miss this fun event! There will be crafts for all ages. Adults and children alike can make beautiful decorations or gifts with the guidance of a craft leader.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS entitled “**Darkness Then Light**” are available to the congregation as you journey through the Advent Season. You'll find them on the table at the Main Entrance and in the lower narthex.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: Today at 5:30 p.m., the Youth Groups will be presenting New Goshenhoppen's Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event! A 9-foot Norway spruce has been planted in the front of the church property. Please join us for carols and the reading of the Christmas story. It promises to be a special tradition!

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR REHEARSAL begins next Sunday, December 7 at 9:15 a.m. in the Music Room. Peter & Susan Hemperly will be directing. The Choir will sing at the 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. All are welcome!

THE GIVING TREE: Help share the joy of the Christmas season by adding to the Giving Tree. All the items on the tree will be given to Open Link and donated to needy families in our area. The suggested gifts are:

- Stocking stuffers
- New toys
- Hats, gloves, and scarves for teens
- Gifts for preteens and teens (10 years and older)
- Movie Passes for Grand Theater
- Gift cards to local stores and restaurants
- Gift cards for Weis, Walmart, etc.



The Giving Tree will be located in the Social Room from November 1 to December 1. If you are donating a gift certificate, gift card, or a pass, please fill out a "gift placeholder" and place on the Giving Tree. The "gift placeholder" can be found in a box near the Giving Tree or in the Church Office. The actual certificate can be handed into the Church Office or given to any Women's Fellowship officer Sandy Hardy, Delores Schuler, or Amy Treichler.

FIRST MONDAY MEAL: It's the most busy time of the year....let us cook for you! Monday, December 1 BPW (Business and Professional Women) will serve up a wholesome dinner of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and pudding. Take-out style serving from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. If you'd rather dine in, join the Rotary Club at Pennsburg UCC for baked ham, potato casserole, green beans and ice cream. Dinner there is served promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT: ASP Volunteers Past, Present, and Future, Summer Staff, Summer Staff Alumni, Donors and Supporters -- Come one, come all to Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Devon, PA on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. for some ASP Songs, a few ASP Updates, and fellowship... even some ice cream! There is no cost to attend, though donations are always welcome! You're invited to wear your favorite ASP T Shirt and bring an instrument if you can help lead some songs.

TASK FORCE NOMINEES: Nominees for the Task Force can be submitted to the Church Office. Please review the qualifications. If you need a form to review and submit, extras will be available on the center table in the upstairs Narthex and at the Elevator entrance to the Sanctuary. Nominations should be submitted by December 15, 2025.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

***The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the
name of loved ones and friends.***

GENERAL FUND

In loving memory of the birthday anniversary of my mother,

Alverta Clauser

by daughter, Eleanor Johnson

In loving memory of mother, Eva Adam

by Delores Schuler

In loving memory of the birthday anniversary of Leon S. Pennepacker

by wife, Maggie and family

SUNDAY SCHOOL DECORATING PARTY will be held on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. With the help of their teachers, all Sunday School students will be decorating their rooms and class Christmas trees. We will also practice for the Sunday School Worship Service, which will be held on Sunday, December 21. At 11:30 a.m., the students will be served lunch. The lunch will consist of hot dogs, various snacks, applesauce, and drinks. Pick-up is 12 Noon.

COOKIES GALORE--MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th--The Senior High Youth Group is back in business and once again holding their beloved tradition of providing you with all your Christmas cookie needs! They'll have the cookies, the containers, and the scale. You bring your sweet tooth and support of our youth. Donations of cookies will be appreciated. Please drop them off by Saturday, December 6th in the church kitchen and mark them with the words "Cookies Galore." The sale will be held on Sunday, December 7th in Fellowship Hall during these times: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

THANK YOU: I would like to express my thanks to the following for the Thanksgiving service and meal which occurred last Sunday and which I attended: Pastor Dave, Pastor Erick, Pastor Worley, and all the pastors, to all the parishioners from wherever they came, to cousin Larry Heimbach, to Steve, Sheri, and Phyllis Ackerman, to Moyer's Catering, and to all the dessert makers. Surely God was in this place, in every heart, in every word, in every note, in every song and prayer, in every step, and in every bite. I was elated to have been there! We are so blessed. Thanks be to God.

~ Marlene DeLong

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: On Monday, December 8th, we will gather in the Social Room at 11:00 a.m. for a brief business meeting, then carpool to Glick's Greenhouse in Oley to enjoy their annual poinsettia show. In addition to the lovely 1,500 poinsettias and themed floral displays, they offer live music and entertainment, and complimentary hot dogs and popcorn. There is NO admission fee. Please join us.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE AT NEW GOSHENHOPPEN: Christmas Eve worship – Wednesday, December 24 – will be at **3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** with ***Candles, Carols, and Communion.*** The 3:00 p.m. service will include music by the Senior Choir under the direction of Peter Hemperly and accompanied by Susan Hemperly. Pastor's Christmas message is entitled ***A Predictable Christmas.*** Each service will have a 10-minute festive organ prelude to set the tone for Christmas Eve worship. Christmas at New Goshenhoppen is always a mysterious and joyful worship experience.

COOKBOOK UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has contributed recipes to the Anniversary Cookbook. Your efforts are what will make this a successful project. The recipe box is once again placed in the Social Room. Please think of us as you prepare all your favorite holiday dishes. Deadline for contributions will be the end of the year 2025.

THE HEART OF THE ZOO: Born and raised in East Greenville and New Goshenhoppen U.C.C., Charles (Chuck) Bieler wrote his delightful memoir The Heart of the Zoo after his 50+ years of working at the San Diego Zoo and its Wildlife Park. His storied career is an interesting read! Chuck, a veteran, moved with his California Bride and was looking for a job. Starting out with no animal experience, he became the leader of a team that grew the Zoo and Park into world-renowned and highly respected institutions. Building relationships as far away as Europe and China, Chuck's ideas and determination paved the way forward for international cooperation and sharing of animals. (Thank him for the pandas!!) Anyone may borrow The Heart of the Zoo. You can find it atop the Young Adults bookcase in our Library. Please return it when you are finished to the same place for others to enjoy. Any questions- see Terry Dworkin (or Marlene DeLong. Spoiler alert- she's IN the book!!)

SCOUTING NEWS: **Cub Scouts** is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924. **Scouts BSA** is for 11 to 18 year olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178.

BULLETINS and ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of departed loved ones.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of mother, Eva Adam by her family.

ATTENDANCE: **11/23/25** – 8:00 a.m. 58; 10:30 a.m. 45; Livestream 53; Sunday School 51. Community Thanksgiving Service 103.

OPERATING INCOME 11/23/25: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$6,833; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$504.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$596,858.77
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$59,424.00</u>
	\$537,434.77
Year to Date Expenses	\$591,159.33
Special Income	\$149,765.00
Capital Campaign Income	\$24,639.87
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$58,675.13
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$92,500.00

★ **December 13, 2025** ★ National Wreaths Across America Day



**Help Lt. Matthew Smith Chapter DAR
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at New
Goshenhoppen UCC Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0792





Orders may be placed online using the above QR Code. If you prefer to mail in an order, forms are located on the bulletin board in the Social Room and also at the back of the Sanctuary. One form is for a "Grave Specific" wreath and the other form is for a general donation of a wreath to an unspecified veteran. Please use the correct form for your order.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	3:30 p.m.	Advent Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Third Annual Advent Christmas Tree lighting
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Fellowship Hall / Kitchen)
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee (The Benner house)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Quiet Days
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Property & Park Committees (Bible Fellowship)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Sat.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Decorating Party
	12:30 p.m.	Cookie Baking (Kitchen)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:00 a.m.	Cookies Galore (Fellowship Hall)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:15 a.m.	Christmas Eve Choir rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	11:30 a.m.	Cookies Galore (Fellowship Hall)

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m. Narthex: Emy Moyer
 Roberts' Church Office: Bruce Adam
 Elevator: Lois Anastas
 Upper Narthex: Emy Moyer
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Alex Anastas

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Doug Atno
 Roberts' Church Office: Terry Dworkin
 Elevator: Peter Hemperly
 Upper Narthex: Sue Jacobs
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Soren Mugridge

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 SUNDAY, 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 14.** 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 _____



ADVENT SPONSORSHIPS

The **Wreath** on the front door is presented in memory of
Loretta Moyer by Steve & Emy Moyer and their family.

The **Advent Candles** are presented in memory of daughter,
Janice Iman and wife, **Doris Iman** by Jack Iman.

The **Poinsettias** on the Soldier's Table in the narthex are presented in
loving memory of **Jean Fox, Patricia Miller,**
Mary Jane Weldner and **Penny Whitcomb**
by the Altar Guild Committee.

The **Nativity** in the chancel is presented in loving memory of
Eva & Russell Adam, Sr. by their family.

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CHRISTMAS CARD MAILING

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)

Savior of the Nations, Come 102

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

TEXT: Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th cent.; German para. Martin Luther, 1523;
 English trans. stanza 1, William Morton Reynolds, 1850, alt.;
 English trans. stanzas 2-4, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2006
 MUSIC: Erfurt *Enchiridion*, 1524; harm. Sethus Calvisius, 1594
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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

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