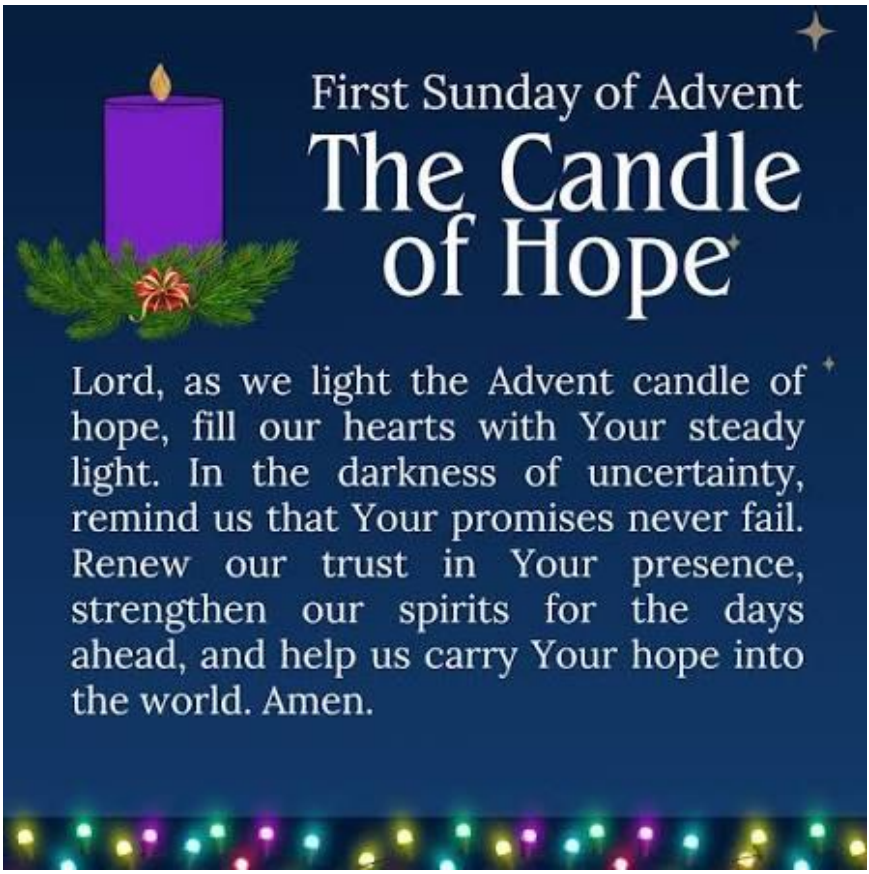
The First Sunday of Advent



New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ

1070 Church Road ✝ East Greenville PA 18041
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"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."

November 29, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Welcome to the New Goshenhoppen Church

Nearly 300 years ago, Messiah was born not out of cultural confidence but out of anxiety, grief, and deep uncertainty. George Frideric Handel lived in a world marked by disease, political unrest, and religious division. Families buried children regularly. Nations argued over legitimacy and power. Beneath the wealth of empire lay human enslavement and moral fracture. It was not a hopeful age.

The words of Messiah did not come from Handel himself but from Charles Jennens, the troubled aristocrat who assembled its biblical text. Jennens suffered recurring despair and depression. He had lost a brother to suicide. Searching for a way through his darkness, he turned to Scripture—not to argue, but to endure. He gathered passages that traced a path from promise to suffering to redemption, beginning not with triumph but with a whisper: "Comfort ye, my people."

Handel composed the music in just 24 days. At its premiere in Dublin in 1742, one of the most haunting moments came when Susannah Cibber stepped forward to sing, "He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Cibber herself had been publicly shamed and abused. The audience knew her story. As she sang of Christ's suffering, silence filled the hall. One listener reportedly stood and said, "For this be all thy sins forgiven." The gospel was no abstraction that night—it was embodied.

Later, Messiah became linked to care for abandoned children through performances benefiting London's Foundling Hospital. Words like "For unto us a child is born" rang out beneath balconies filled with the forgotten.

Messiah endures because it names grief, injustice, and death—and then insists, with Scripture, that they are not the final word.

We Praise and Confess

The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Solemn Declaration

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

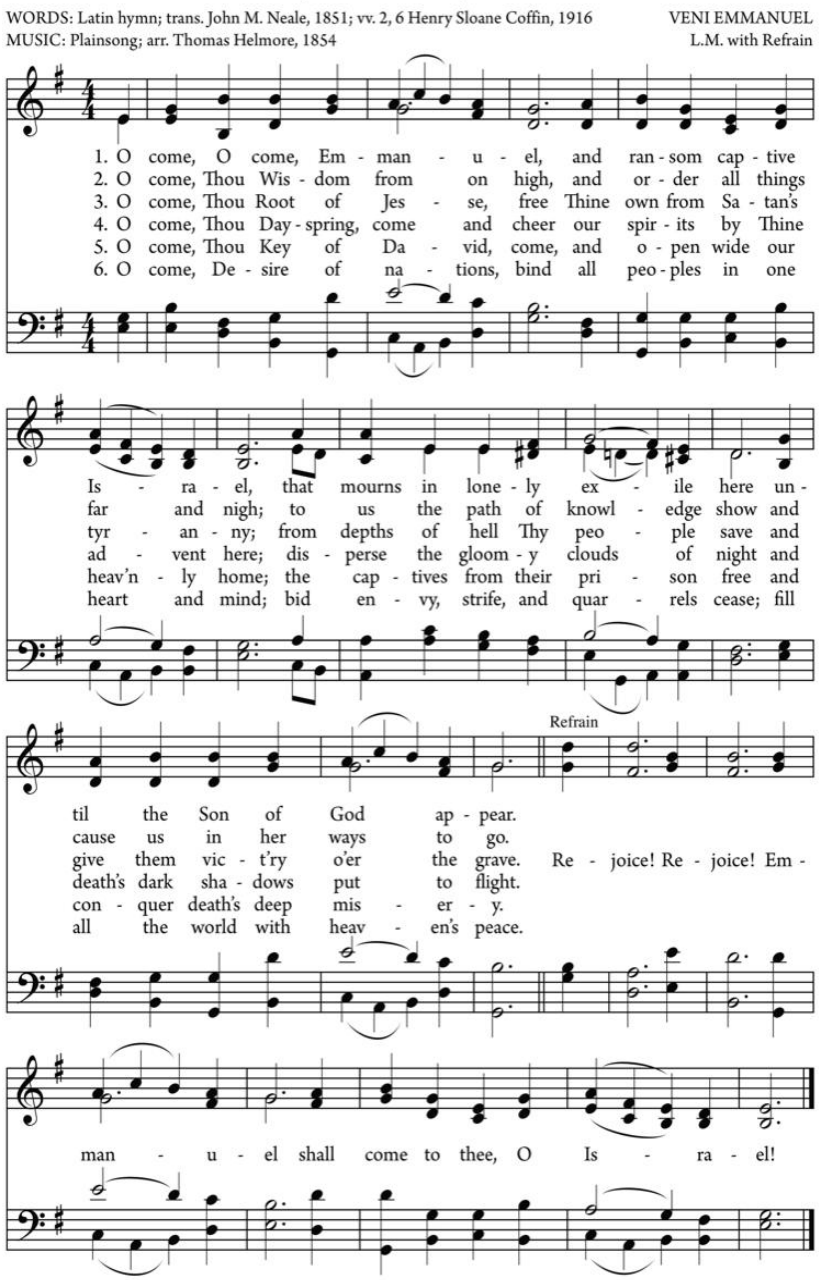
We light this candle in hope.

Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4:

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
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 instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
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.

Advent Prayer

*Advent Carol ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** – Veni Emmanuel



Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

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.

Silent Confession

Word of Pardon ---based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sins are pardoned.
The penalty is paid.
Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Praise

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

*Praise: No. 104

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

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be
saved?
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

9 Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people. [1]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, **5** that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— **6** even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— **7** so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, **8** who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. [2]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 97
Watchman, Tell Us of the Night - Aberstwyth

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ St. Mark 13:24-37

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

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, **25** and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. **26** And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds

[1] *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Is 64:1-9.
[2] *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), 1 Co 1:4-9.

with great power and glory. **27** And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. **29** So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. **30** Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. **31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Be on guard, keep awake.[1] For you do not know when the time will come. **34** It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants[2] in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. **35** Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows,[3] or in the morning— **36** lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. **37** And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."[3]

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

The Children of New Goshenhoppen Sing [10:30 a.m.]
Praise the Lord Everyday – Yancy & Little Praise Party

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

Hope Is. . .

*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,

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

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. 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus – Hyfrydol

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

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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SAVE THE DATES: 300th Anniversary Events

April 18, 2027 - Pastor Michael Jones will join us at both services.
April 18 and 25, 2027 - Rev. Dr. Deborah Clemens will be teaching lessons during the Sunday School hour on Gideon Moore, the slave owned by George Michael Weiss.
September 19 and 26, 2027 - Rev. Dr. Deborah Clemens will be teaching lessons during the Sunday School hour on the Weiser's, father and son pastors.
September 26, 2027 - Cornerstone opening, luncheon, crafts, history and other fun. Pastor Cydney Van Dyke will also be joining us. In the afternoon, there will be a concert with Abigail Chapman and Friends using period instruments from the 1700's.
October 15, 2027 - Tales from the Crypt (graveyard tour) and full moon campfire.
October 31, 2027 - 300th Anniversary Celebration. Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, President of the UCC, will be joining us. Organ concert in the afternoon.

NOVEMBER 29, 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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHALLENGE: Thank you to all who provided a closing gift to the Capital Campaign Challenge. I am pleased to report that we have exceeded the goal and all additional funds will be placed in the Long-Term Building Maintenance Fund for projects that will require attention in the future. **All funds borrowed from the Meadows Fund have now been repaid and we are debt free from all capital projects since the building of the connector! Praise the Lord!**

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

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: ***"Once-A-Day 25 Days of Advent"*** by Kenneth Boa, with John Allen Turner, is a devotional booklet available to you this year. They are available at the Main Entrance as well as in the Narthex. Envision these words as you move forward in your Advent journey.

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.

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. First rehearsal is Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Please speak with Peter if you would be willing to play.

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP is TODAY from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you haven't had a chance to stop by the Social Room to sign up, just send an email to Denise Fox at d_foxucc@comcast.net to be added to the list of crafters. The cost is free; all are welcome! Activities include crafts for all ages, with leaders at each station to provide guidance. The afternoon begins at 1:00 p.m. with each session running for 45 minutes. There will be a short break in between sessions to enjoy refreshments. *Note: You do not need to attend both sessions if there is only one craft you're interested in making.* Young crafters, ages 3 to 6 years old, will be in the Bible Fellowship room with the opportunity to make one or more crafts suitable for their age. Parents are asked to stay with their children for the duration of the event. This is a wonderful opportunity for you or your children to make beautiful decorations or gifts for a special someone. We hope to see you there for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship!

TREE LIGHTING: TODAY beginning at 3:15 p.m., the Youth Group will be presenting **New Goshenhoppen's Fourth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** event! Please join us for carols and the reading of the Christmas story.

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 is 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, Amy Treichler, or Delores Schuler.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study took a break for Thanksgiving celebrations and will begin again Thursday, Dec. 3rd. We will be looking at Hebrews beginning with chapter one. If you are new to the concept of Bible Study, it is a combination of teaching, questions, and discussion. The point of examining scripture and its context is to grow and deepen our faith and understanding of what it means to live as a Christian in these chaotic times. We meet most Thursdays in the Senior High room. There are two groups: One group begins at 10:00 a.m. in the morning. The other group begins in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Come and give it a try for at least 4 weeks to get a true sense of what this Bible Study is all about. Hope to see you there. May you be richly blessed in all you do. ~ Rev. Erick Kern

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN on Sunday, December 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. Peter Hemperly will be directing the Senior Choir for the Christmas season. If you'd like to sing in the Choir, please plan to attend the rehearsals. Future rehearsals will be held at 9:30 a.m. on the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Hope you'll join us!

COOKIES GALORE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6. The 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 5 in the church kitchen and mark them with the words "Cookies Galore." The youth will be baking cookies in the kitchen from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4. The sale will be held on Sunday, December 6 in Fellowship Hall during these times: 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

FIRST MONDAY MEAL: It's the most busy time of the year….let us cook for you! Monday, December 7 BPW (Business and Professional Women) will serve up a scrumptious dinner of baked ziti, side salad, roll and cookie. 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 ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, side salad, dinner roll and holiday cookies. Dinner there is served promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, December 7th at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Room. After the meeting, we will enjoy a pizza lunch. The ladies will then prepare Christmas presents for 20 residents of Pennsburg Manor. Please join us for pizza and fellowship.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER & CONCERT at Camp Men-O-Lan, 1415 Doerr Road, Quakertown on December 8, 2026. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by an evening of music featuring singers from Lehigh University Choral Arts. Cost $20 per person or $140 for a table of 8. Please RSVP by November 30th to Delores Schuler at 610-395-1507. We can carpool from New Goshenhoppen Church. Join us for an evening of fellowship!

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.

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.

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.

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:* Give me power to overcome my addiction and pray I get my debt paid. *Second prayer:* Prayers for healing spiritually, mentally, as well as emotionally for the souls in this place, and help us to recognize one another, not as 'inmates,' but as brothers. We are men who God called as believers, to follow your Word in Jesus' name. Amen. Steve

CONGRATULATIONS to **Haley Howe and Renan Espinal** who were united in marriage on Saturday, November 28th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Tom & Elizabeth Graber.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Leon S. Pennepacker by wife, Maggie and children.

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

ATTENDANCE: 11/22/26 – 8:00 a.m. 50; 10:30 a.m. 47; Livestream 40; Sunday School 42.

OPERATING INCOME 11/22/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT $3,128; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT $434.50.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	$557,072.55
less transfers from investments	$39,446.00
Net	$517,626.55
Year to Date Expenses	$549,630.74
Special Income	$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	$37,272.34
Capital Campaign Income	$16,095.13
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	$23,200.00

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_____

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By_____

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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

CEMETERY FUND

In loving memory of mother, Eva Adam

by Delores Schuler

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)
	11:30 a.m.	Advent Wreath making / Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Advent Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
	3:15 p.m.	Christmas Tree Lighting
Mon.	5:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee (The Benner House)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Quiet Days (various rooms)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Property & Park Committees (Bible Fellowship Room)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
Fri.	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Cookie Baking (Kitchen)
Sat.	10:30 a.m.	Daughters of the American Revolution (Heidelberg Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Private Event (Fellowship Hall)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary) – Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Cookies Galore (Fellowship Hall)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Cookies Galore (Fellowship Hall)



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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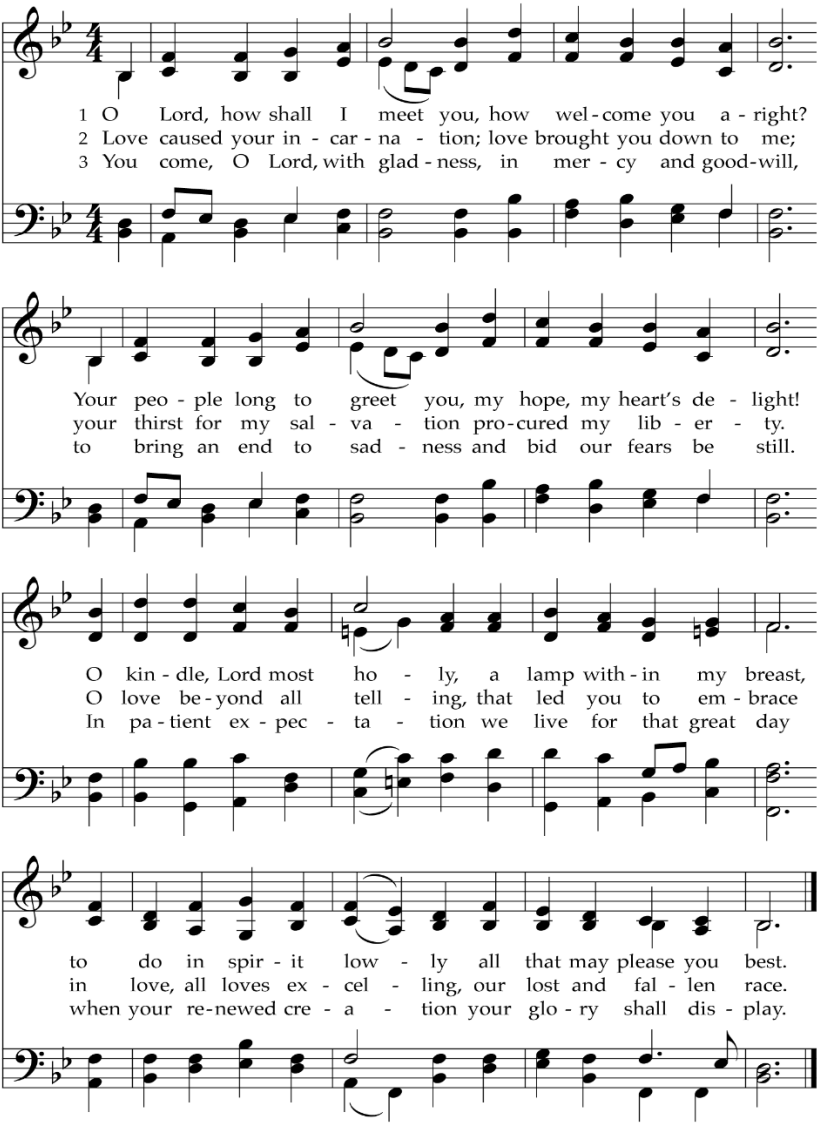
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8:00 a.m.	Narthex: Donna Fried Roberts' Church Office: Bruce Adam Elevator: Janet Weikel Upper Narthex: Ben Fox Liturgist/Acolyte: Delores Schuler
10:30 a.m.	Narthex: Steve Lentz Roberts' Church Office: Amy Hangey Elevator: Thomas Bancroft Upper Narthex: Peter Hemperly Liturgist/Acolyte: Sue Jacobs

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

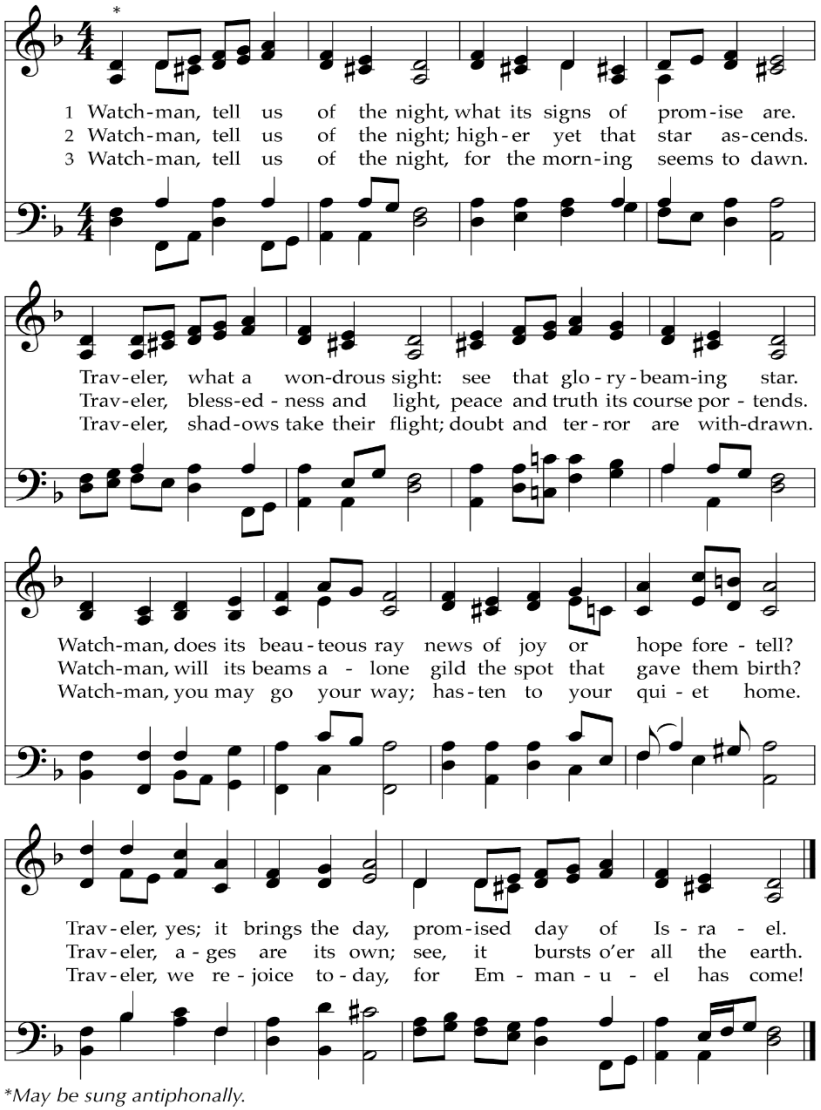


Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

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

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
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Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97



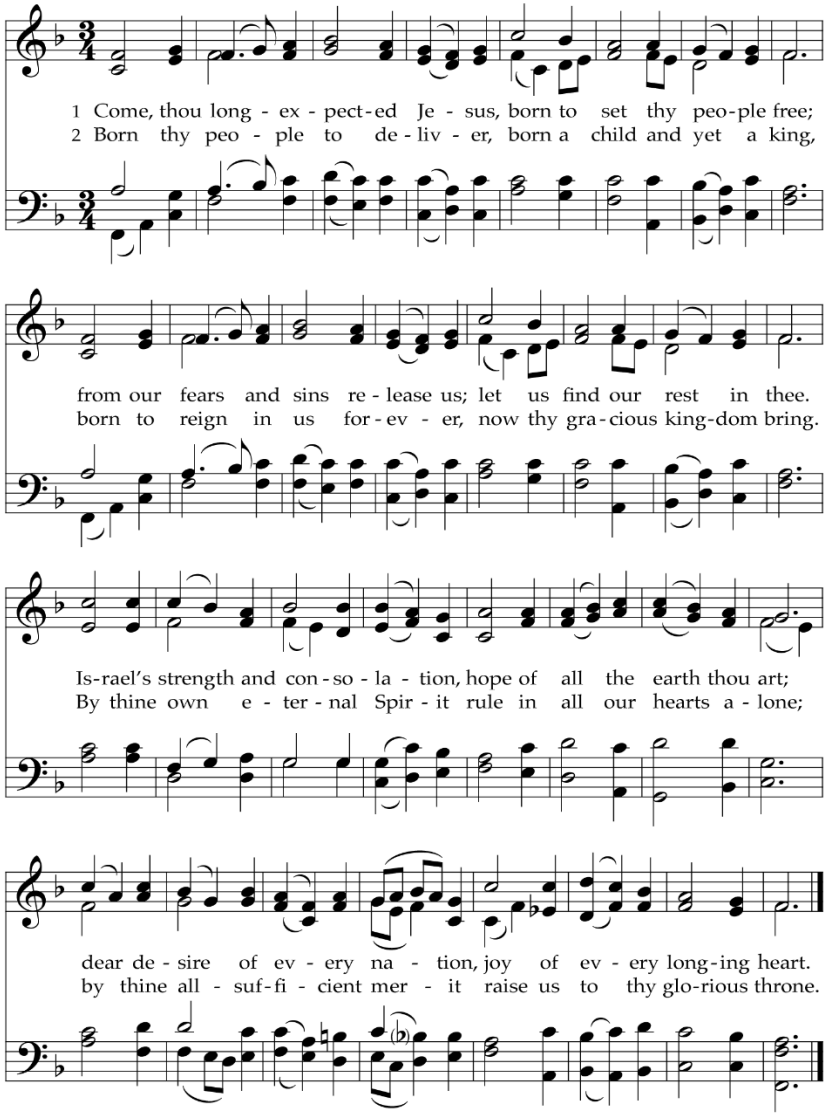
**May be sung antiphonally.*

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means "mouth of the bending river."

TEXT: John Bowring, 1825, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876

ABERYSTWYTH
7.7.7.7.D

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



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

HYFRYDOL
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)