

**Scripture Readings**

*Isaiah 7:10-17*

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

Lg. print #1069/ pew #1025

Lg. print/New ed. #488

**Sermon**

*'Presented, Tested, Confirmed'*

*Rev. Dr. Marc Shefelton*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

"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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

**\*Doxology** 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.

**\*Dedication of Offering**

**\*Dismissing Hymn No. 128** *'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear'* (Verses 1-2, 4)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*'Gloria'*

*~ French Carol*

*We're glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in the basket in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs. Thank you.*

CUP Officers...

Elders: Jud Herter, Jale Haas, Cindy Vannoy, Pat Shawgo,

John Myers, Brian O' Roark, Judy Bixler

Deacons: Carol Osterman, Sylvia Myers, Tammy Popham, Karen Woodeshick,

Paula Keefer Herter, Valerie Borsje, Laura Osman, Shirley Bardes Hasson

Trustees: Collin McCowin, Dan Cox, Gary Arbogast, Bryce Copeland,

Robbi Beardmore, Sandy Casto, Jeff Estermyer, Wade Rider

# CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Blackhawk Rd. Beaver Falls, PA. 15010

724~843~1594

[cupepc.org](http://cupepc.org)

“Join us for a drink of Living Water”



December 10, 2023

The Second Sunday in Advent

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)*

## Meditation

*"Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent: one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other—things that are really of no consequence—the door is shut, and can only be opened from the outside."*

*~ Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer writing from Tegel Prison*

## Westminster Chimes and Announcements

*(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)*

## Opening Prayer

### Prelude

*'I Wonder as I Wander'*

*~ Niles*

### Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

*The Munzek Family*

### \*Call to Worship

*Jud Herter, Lay Assistant*

Leader: We gather in preparation

**People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

Leader: We gather in expectation

**People: for joy is about to explode in our midst.**

Leader: We gather in celebration

**People: for we are those people who have said**

Leader: yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.

**People: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!**

### \*Hymn No. 124

*'Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus'*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen. . . (silent prayers of confession)

## Assurance of Pardon

### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

### \*Affirmation of Faith From The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8

*Christ insures with absolute certainty that everyone for whom he purchased redemption actually accepts and receives it. He makes intercession for them, reveals the mysteries of salvation to them in and by the word, and effectively persuades them to believe and obey by his Spirit. He governs their hearts by his word and Spirit and overcomes all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom in such ways as are most in agreement with his wonderful and unknowable administration of things.*

### Shine Presentation from tonight's 'A Night Full of Stars'

*'David the Shepherd King' (Soloist: Greta Damaska)*

*'Following the Light of the Star' (Soloist: Megan Onuska, Lily Smith)*

### Children's Message

*Rev. Dr. Marc Shefelton*

*(all children come forward and meet Pastor Marc in the front of the sanctuary)*