

Lebanon Reformed Church

Serving As The Heart of Christ in the Community

First Sunday of Advent

November 29 2015

**Please stand if able.*

Thomas Jones, Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Meditation

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 any more. Isaiah 2:4

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Candle: Rhonda & Mark Paradis

We Approach God

***Votum and Salutation:**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

People: And our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

People: As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says Our God, when justice and righteousness will prevail.

People: May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds, freeing us to respond joyfully to God's call in the days to come.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise: #186 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 1**

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Loving God, you call us to rejoice in your promise of the birth that is to come, but we are afraid. You invite us into a world where justice and righteousness prevail, but we turn away in fear. We long for an easy path into your promised world, but you warn us that there is no easy way. Birth new life within us Lord, that we may abide in your perfect love, the love that casts out fear. Amen

Words of Assurance

Leader: "The days are coming", says the prophet Isaiah, "when all God's promises will be fulfilled." These promises of hope, joy and love are for you. Receive the hope that God offers you today.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call to Discipleship: (D11 Q29. Heidelberg Catechism)

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, why is the Son of God called "Jesus", meaning savior"?

People: Because He saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.

*Gloria Patri #620

The Word of God

Children's Time

Prayer For Illumination

Anthem

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33: 14-16.....Pg 645

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36.....Pg 856

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Hurry Up and Wait

*Hymn of Reflection #193 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

We Respond To God

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

Leader: I invite you to greet one another with the Peace of Christ

Choral Response "Bless the Lord, My Soul" (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Offering

*Doxology #623

Prayers of the People

The 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Dedication Chorus of "O Come All Ye Faithful 2X**

**O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship

If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest register in the sanctuary foyer.

Consistory Greeter: Nancy Bodyl, *Deacon*
 Scripture reader: Judy VanDoren
 Fellowship: Gussie & LeRoy Moore
 Musical Director Daren McCann

THIS UPCOMING WEEK AT LRC: 11/30-12/6/15		
WEDNESDAY 12/2	3:30-6:30pm	The Pastor is IN (church office)
THURSDAY 12/3	7:30pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal- ALL are welcome to join
SATURDAY 12/5	8am	Bacon, Bibles and Bro's
SUNDAY 12/6 (<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>)	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Christian Education
	10:30am	Worship

Mark Your Calendars

12/24 7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

2015 Classis dues (\$81.76) needs to be paid by year end. Please use your envelope or write "Classis Dues" on your check.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Rockaway Reformed Church, in Whitehouse Station, is holding its seventh annual Holiday Market on Saturday, **December 5th**, from 9am - 5pm. There will be a shopping preview on Friday evening, December 4th, from 5pm - 8pm. You'll have a chance to see the contents of the baskets and many will be available to purchase during the preview hours.

New this year customers will be able to "Build a Gift" from our wonderful selection of new children's clothing and accessories. There will be a main item and you can select the accessories you want go with it. All of the items will be individually priced. To complete the Build a Gift, you can have it wrapped, for a minimal charge.

Along with the ready to go gift baskets and the new "Build a Gift" option, there will be many of the traditional offerings you've enjoyed. Homemade candy, fudge, cakes, cookies, soup and jams made from locally sourced fruit. We'll have evergreen grave covers and beautifully hand decorated wreaths. The Silent Auction will return featuring numerous get certificates and items from many local establishments. And, weather permitting, live alpacas will be there to delight children of all ages! You can find out all about the alpacas and buy soft woolly products from their owners.

Known for its beautiful, reasonably priced gift baskets and other items, our Holiday Market will also have a light lunch available to eat-in or take home, featuring homemade soup, chili and waffles with great toppings! This is an event not to be missed at the Rockaway Reformed Church, 115 Main Street, Whitehouse Station, NJ. 08889. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and join us for a great shopping atmosphere during the preview night, Friday, December 4th, 5pm - 9pm and the main sale Saturday, December 5th, 9am - 5pm. See you there!

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**12/6 4pm** North Branch Reformed Church "Wrapping All the Way" Youth Drama Club presentation. FREE admission Reception follows

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Dec 11,12,19 & 20 Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble + NJ Chamber Singers
Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for locations