

An illustration on a dark blue background showing a tree stump with a branch grafted onto it. The stump is a dark blue cylinder with orange outlines. A white line represents the original trunk, and a green line represents the grafted branch with three leaves. The word "grafted." is written in green lowercase letters across the middle of the image.

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Advent 2022 at



A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse;
a branch will sprout from his roots. –Isaiah 11:1

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

*Childcare is available from 8:45 a.m. to noon in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

*The chancel flowers are given by Linda Zimmerman in honor and
memory of loved ones.*

*Worship begins with the first note of the music – may we silence our voices and open
our hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.*

Prelude

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Marley Warren and Justin Williford

L: “They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.” (Isaiah 11:9-10)

P: **We are the followers of that root of Jesse which Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.**

L: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God’s promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.
(The Candles of Hope and Peace are lit.)

**Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

All singing:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Call to Worship

L: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

P: **The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.** (Isaiah 11:6)

L: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 83

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Call to Confession/Silent Personal Confession

We have all sinned, not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord. So, trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, first in silence and then with one common voice.

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we are impatient, slow to put up with who we see to be weak though you make us strong. We built up our neighbor only to please ourselves. We tore down ourselves to please everyone else. We have not shared the mind of Christ, sowing discord by pursuing uniformity instead of vibrant life in you. Help us when we are weak, Lord, to find hope in your word. Encourage us to hear the promises you made to your people as real for us, too, that we may be empowered to sin no more.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

With righteousness God will judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. See that God binds us to God's very body with righteousness and faithfulness. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria (Hymn 583)

*Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!*

Children's Message

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

First Scripture Reading (OT, p. 640)

Isaiah 11:1-10

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Jesus, Hope of Every Nation
The Chancel Choir

Austin Lovelace

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p. 163)

Romans 15:4-13

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

*Hymn 89

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Vom Himmel hoch, o Engel kommt
Monica Zazworsky, Soloist

Attr. T. Salzmann

*Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")

*Hope in the God who reigns above, who holds us all in steadfast love;
Whose Spirit blows across the earth, preparing us for second birth.
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

All things in heaven and earth belong to you, O God. You are coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Accept our offerings as first-fruits of what you have planted and what you will harvest completely. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gathering Hymn 103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Great Thanksgiving/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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming age in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

*Benediction

Postlude

Savior of the Nations Come BWV599

J.S. Bach

Please forgive our diminished lighting. The chandelier and high-ceiling lights will soon be retrofitted with low-energy bulbs. Contractor and supply chain issues have pushed this project into early 2023.

CHPC Weekly Calendar

Monday, Dec. 5

10 a.m. — Staff Meeting, Pastor's Study

1 p.m. — Quilters and Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

Tuesday, Dec. 6

10 a.m. — Presbytery Pastoral Support Group; Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. — West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. — Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting; Blue Room

Wednesday, Dec. 7

9 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Blue Room

11:45 a.m. — Noonday Organ Recital Luncheon; Fellowship Hall

12:15 p.m. — Noonday Organ Recital; Sanctuary

6 p.m. — Handbell Choir Practice; Music Room

7 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice; Music Room

Thursday, Dec. 8

11:30 a.m. — Dorcas Circle Luncheon; Theo's Restaurant

Friday, Dec. 9

Noon — Preschool Soccer Shots; Bike Room

Saturday, Dec. 10

9:30 a.m. — PW Second Saturday Breakfast; Silver Spring Diner

Sunday, Dec. 11

9 a.m. — Quilters and Crafters Sale; Gathering Place

9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School Classes; Kuhn Education Wing

Advent Study; Blue Room and via Zoom

Exegesis; Green Room

Men's Bible Study; Room 14

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service; Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. — Kirk Kids (following Children's Message); Little Kirk

11:45 a.m. — Brass Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- **Reminder: Next Sunday, Dec. 11, is the last day to donate gifts to New Hope Ministries.** Select an ornament from the Christmas Wish Tree in the Gathering Place, then return the unwrapped gift. Checks and gift cards are appreciated, too.
- This year's Advent study, using Mary Lou Redding's "While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent," does not require preparation. **It continues for the next two Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Blue Room.** A Zoom link is available by emailing the office.
- Seasons is a group of five siblings who create a fusion of Celtic and roots music on harp, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, fiddle, and more. As part of CHPC's Music, Art, and Drama Series, **Seasons will perform in our sanctuary at 7 p.m. tonight. A wine-and-cheese reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.**
- **The Quilters and Crafters Sale will be held today and next Sunday in the Gathering Place.** Stop by before or after worship to purchase handmade Christmas gifts and support the Q&C's mission work.
- **Our next Noonday Organ Luncheon and Recital is Wednesday, Dec. 7. Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by the Recital at 12:15 p.m.** This month's featured organist is Todd Davis, director of music ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church in New Cumberland.
- **A Blue Christmas Service of Hope will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, in the sanctuary.** The holidays can be a difficult time for those who are feeling blue, but in the church, blue is the color of hope. Through this special service of prayer and song, we will experience the light, healing, and love of the Child born in Bethlehem who is Our Lord Emmanuel (God-with-us)!
- **CHPC will be attending Sankofa Theatre Company's "Black Nativity" as a group at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the West Shore Theater, 317 Bridge St., New Cumberland.** Tickets can be purchased at westshoretheatre.org. "Black Nativity" is a retelling of Christianity's Nativity story set to jubilant gospel music, and incorporates dialogue, folk spirituals, traditional carols, dramatic dance, and Biblical narrative.
- Staff Commission is asking you to prayerfully consider giving a Christmas gift to our staff at CHPC. **Please make your contribution by Sunday, Dec. 18,** marking checks or online gifts with "Staff Christmas Gift" in the memo line. (Note that staff gifts are not tax-deductible.)

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