

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to all who have come to worship together. Let us rejoice in Christ, who has brought hope to the world.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

**CONGREGATION:** *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

PASTOR: For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

**CONGREGATION:** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

PASTOR: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**CONGREGATION:** *Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

PASTOR: For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

**CONGREGATION:** *Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

PASTOR: Since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

**PASTOR AND CONGREGATION:** *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Philippians 3:20, 21; II Peter 3:11-13

*On this first Sunday of Advent, grant, O Lord, that we might truly prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christmas Choir Practice this evening.
- **December 9** - 7:00 PM - Student Music Recital
- **Friday, December 12** - **7:30 PM** - Christmas Music by several churches
- **December 17** - Caroling
- **December 21** - **Morning Service** - Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
**7:00 PM** - Christmas Musical
- **December 24** - **Christmas Eve** - No service
- **December 25** - **Christmas** - 7:00 PM - Candlelight Service
- **December 31** - New Year's Eve Fellowship and Watch Night Service.

Many of our church people gathered at the Methodist Hall yesterday for a pastor appreciation dinner. The tables were beautifully decorated, and the food bountiful and delicious. Mark Vosburgh ably and amusingly fulfilled the role of master of ceremonies. The event was well-documented by many people taking photos. We will hope to have some of them on our website soon.

*Our deepest thanks to all who contributed to the special appreciation offering given to us yesterday at the meal. We are happy to be serving the Lord together with the Middleburgh PHC family! — Pastor and Mrs. Owens*

A Christian can never be raging with hatred, intent on revenge, grim-faced without mercy or forgiveness. No, a Christian will reveal sincerity through and through, throbbing with compassion and love, quick to smile and laugh, and always checking to make sure the spirit of Christ is in him or her. Christ in us is the hope of glory (see Colossians 1:27).

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Linesville, Pennsylvania**. Pray especially for the Isaac Clarks (AWC student), who are making a 75-mile trip each weekend to minister to the church.
- Pray for Chris & Margo.
- Physical Needs -
  - Let's be faithful to pray for **Alberta Heckman, Ernest and Doris Cook, Louise, Mary Lum, Andrea Musser, David Rison, Glenn Hockmeyer, Brett, Noreen, Roberta Lepera, Bill Snyder, Marie Rooney, Dominique, Pastor Dixon, Howard Mickle** (and Bonita), **Rosemary Snyder, Cathy Posson, Brian Edwards, Roger Ellers, Albert Barr, Mark Vosburgh, Robert Ford, Lillian Jamison, Jean Ford, Bob Zeh, and Kathy Moltzen.**
- From our Cobleskill church : **Helen, Ralph, Kathleen, Bruce, Judy, Sharon, and Genevieve.**
- Continue to pray for:
  - Our **young people** in college:
    - Lyndsay France
    - Seth and Isaac Owens
    - Keith Posson, who has been recalled to active military duty.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Our service personnel, especially **Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston , Donnie Gray, Anthony & Joyce Willey, Ryan Mills, and Charles Laraway.**
  - Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

### *Suggested Daily Scripture Reading*

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Daniel 7:1-28	Daniel 8:1-27	Daniel 9:1-11:1	Daniel 11:2-35
NT	I John 1:1-10	I John 2:1-17	I John 2:18-3:6	I John 3:7-24
PSA	Psalms 119:153-176	Psalms 120:1-7	Psalms 121:1-8	Psalms 122:1-9
PROV	Proverbs 30	Proverbs 1	Proverbs 2	Proverbs 3
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Daniel 11:36-12:13	Hosea 1:1-3:5	Hosea 4:1-5:15	
	I John 4:1-21	I John 5:1-21	II John 1:1-13	
	Psalms 123:1-4	Psalms 124:1-8	Psalms 125:1-5	
	Proverbs 4	Proverbs 5	Proverbs 6	