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Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Contributions for the beautiful poinsettias in our sanctuary have been donated by Amy Mele and in loving memory of:

Rudy and Doris Bates	*by Bunnie and Bobbie Bates*
Doug, Sr., Nora, and Doug Johnson, Jr.	*by Merylin Ellis*
Glenn and Ima Owens	*by the Owens family*
Mother	*by Anita Piccivillo*
Channing and Emma Posson	*by John and Cathy Posson*
Mark Posson	*by John and Cathy Posson*
Maurice Schenck	*by the Owens family*
Edwin Snyder	*by Rosemary Snyder*

The Christmas card **mail sorter** is up for "special delivery". We suggest that the money you save on postage be donated to missions or another worthy project.

Lighthouses are now a popular decorating theme for living rooms, calendars, cards, screen savers, towels and more. Many images are infused with shimmering light to symbolize Christian faith and hope.

Yet the purpose of a lighthouse isn't to look pretty against a sunny sky — although it does — but to illumine a ship's way beneath heavy, dark clouds or a moonless night. Indeed, the lighthouse itself doesn't even light up until its surroundings grow dark!

Surely Jesus loves to share our joys, and we praise his glory during life's bright times. But God's primary purpose for coming to live among us was to save us from the storm of sin; to illumine our path through the darkness of death, in all its forms; to be the light guiding all people safely home. Jesus's light shines for us day and night, rain or shine, to bless us with faith and hope.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the fourth and final Sunday of Advent. We're pleased to have each of you here, and extend a warm welcome to join us on Christmas as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

Call To Worship

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.
— John 1

Announcements

- **This** morning our Sunday School is presenting "**Looking For the Light,"** a pageant of Christmas.
- **Tonight - 7:00 -** *Carols of Christmas*, a musical service presented by our Women's Ensemble
- **December 25** - CHRISTMAS - Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m.
- **January 3** - Communion Sunday

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.—BCP

Prayer Requests

- **This** week we are praying specifically for our sister church in **Marcy.** James Brewer is the pastor.
- Rhea Dawn Owens's first cousin, Tom Schenck, died very unexpectedly this week. Please remember his family in prayer, especially his parents and brother.
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - **S**pecial requests for those on our hearts, especially B. Schenck.
  - **Christians** in danger all over the world.
  - **Those** communities affected by the recent weather emergencies.
  - The village of **Middleburgh,** that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - **Missionaries**: the Blackcalfs, B. Fay, the Davises, the Flings, the Kisers, the Kurtenses, the Mayles, the Millses, R. Moulton, the D. Shermans, J. Sherman; and the Himelicks and others at VICM.
  - Our **young people** – schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
  - **B**ible Colleges - GBS, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - **S**afety and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - **O**ur President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- **Pray** for these physical need requests:
  - Eugene Schenck, Larry D. Smith, Barbara Johnsen (and family), Greg Davis, Richard Dixon, Jackson, Stephen Mills (Cincinnati), Paulette Fay, Regina Ford, Robert Ford, Richard R., Mark V., Doug Canfield, Jim Marquit, Robert Owens, Mike F., Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- *Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.*

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*
OT	Haggai 1:1-2:23	Zechariah 1:1-21	Zechariah 2:1-3:10	Zechariah 4:1-5:11
NT	Revelation 11:1-19	Revelation 12:1-17	Revelation 13:1-13:18	Revelation 14:1-20
PSA	Psalm 139:1-24	Psalm 140:1-13	Psalm 141:1-10	Psalm 142:1-7
PROV	Proverbs 20	Proverbs 21	Proverbs 22	Proverbs 23

Thursday	*Friday*	*Saturday*	*Sunday*
Zechariah 6:1-7:14	Zechariah 8:1-23	Zechariah 9:1-17	Zechariah 10:1-11:17
Revelation 15:1-8	Revelation 16:1-21	Revelation 17:1-18	Revelation 18:1-24
Psalm 143:1-12	Psalm 144:1-15	Psalm 145:1-21	Psalm 146:1-10
Proverbs 24	Proverbs 25	Proverbs 26	Proverbs 27

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Other announcements
& prayer requests