Notes: Sermon Text Subject Spiritual "To Do List" (things God has shown me today)



The brilliant German clergyman, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who opposed Adolf Hitler and was killed because of it, made many insightful statements. Concerning Christmas, Bonhoeffer said that modern Christians take only "the pleasant and agreeable out of it and forget the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little world and lays claim to us."

He meant that when the presence of the holy light of God is revealed, we should see the seriousness of the magnificent revelation. Bonhoeffer put it this way: "The coming of God is truly not only glad tidings, but first of all frightening news for everyone who has a conscience."

An example of this is found in Luke's description of the shepherds' encounter with an angel: "... the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified" (Luke 2:9, NRSV).

Christmas is about God's immeasurable love invading Earth. It is also about the holy God being revealed among Earth's people, all of whom fall short of the glory of God.



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It's almost time! Thank you for joining us as we prepare our hearts and await the divine birth announcement.

Call To Worship

Of the coming Christ, scriptures said: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

You shall call him Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

He will be born of the line of David and of his kingdom there will be no end.

You shall call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

In him all the promises made from the beginning of time to the end shall come true.

By him the fullness of God's love shall shine upon the whole world. "

Let us love Him Who first loved us.

Announcements

• This evening at 7:00 p.m. - Choral Christmas Service -

Caroling, Caroling The Carols of Alfred Burt

- December 25 CHRISTMAS 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
- 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.

Contributions for the beautiful poinsettias in our sanctuary have been donated by Bunnie and Bobbie Bates and in loving memory of:

Earl and Verna Ellis by Merylin Ellis
The departed members of the LaPorte, Noonan, and Snyder families

by Mary And Jeff LaPorte
Glenn and Ima Owens
Mark Posson
Maurice Schenck
Edwin Snyder

by Mary And Jeff LaPorte
by the Owens family
by John and Cathy Posson
by the Owens family
by Rosemary Snyder

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.

STIR up thy power, we beseech thee, O Lord, and come: and with great might succour us, that with the help of thy grace that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by thy merciful forgiveness. Amen.

— Old Traditional Prayer (6th Century) —BCP

Prayer Requests

- **This** week we are praying specifically for our sister church in Massena, NY. Timothy Montgomery is the pastor.
- Continue to pray for:
 - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Bernie A., Pam, Ron, Byron S., Keith A., Rowan S., and Steven H.
 - Christians in danger all over the world.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Missionaries: Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
 - Our young people schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
 - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
 - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
 - Sharon Peabody, Regina Ford, Randy Staggs, Terry M., Anita P., Joanna Howell, Paulette Fay, Pat and Marie Rooney, Charles and Thelma Heckman, Elaine Bates, Greg Davis, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- From Early Woodland:
 - Cecelia, Margaret, Hazel, Lindsay, Joyce, Jim, Todd, Renee.
- 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
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Thursday		Friday		Saturday	Sunday
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Other announcements & prayer requests