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Sermon Text

Subject

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

"Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life in fear; rather look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose you are, will deliver you out of them. He has kept you hitherto and will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it He will bear you in His arms. Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."

—Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Bishop of Geneva, who placed an accent on spiritual (Christian) perfection for believers, whether clergy or layman.

Anyone who is interested in helping to decorate the church with **poinsettias** for this special season is welcome to do so either by purchasing and bringing them in, or by contributing to their purchase price. Make sure to tell Merylin Ellis or Mrs. Owens if you are donating them in honor or remembrance of someone special.

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.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome in Christ's name, on this second Sunday of Advent. Christ promises peace in the place of a troubled heart if we believe on Him. Let us claim that peace as we worship together today.

Call to Worship

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appears? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Then may our offerings be pleasant unto the Lord, and may we worship him with pure hearts.
—Malachi 3:1-3

Announcements

- **December 14** - Bi-monthly conference-wide day of prayer and fasting. The church will be open at noon for special prayer.
- **December 14** - 7:30 p.m. The Christmas Zone Rally will be held here. Music and readings will be presented by various churches of the zone.
- **December 16** - 7:00 p.m. Choral Christmas Service
- **December 19** - Caroling. Meet at 6:30 p.m.
- **December 21-22** - Night of Prayer. Our assignment is 11 p.m.- 1 a.m.
- **December 25 - CHRISTMAS** - 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
- *A donation box is in the foyer for missionary Christmas gifts. Please give liberally for those who are dedicating their lives to bring the gospel to the unreached!*

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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the ways of thy only-begotten Son; that by His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
—Old Traditional Prayer (6th Century)

Prayer Requests

- **This week** we are praying specifically for our sister church in Linesville, PA. John Musser, Jr. is the pastor.
- **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - **S**pecial requests for those on our hearts, especially Pam, Byron S., Keith A., Rowan S., and Steven H.
  - **Christians** in danger all over the world.
  - **T**he 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 D. Shermans, J. Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - **O**ur **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:
  - David Fellencer, Randy Staggs. Joyce Walter, Jacob, Fannie, Pat and Marie Rooney, Elaine Bates, Greg Davis, Paulette Fay, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- **From** Early Woodland:
  - Joyce, Jim, Todd, Loren, Renee, Neal.
- *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	Joel 1:1-3:21	Amos 1:1-3:15	Amos 4:1-6:14	Amos 7:1-9:15
NT	Revelation 1:1-20	Revelation 2:1-17	Revelation 2:18-3:6	Revelation 3:7-22
PSA	Psalm 128:1-6	Psalm 129:1-8	Psalm 130:1-8	Psalm 131:1-3
PROV	Proverbs 29:18	Proverbs 29:19-20	Proverbs 29:21-22	Proverbs 29:23

Thursday	*Friday*	*Saturday*	*Sunday*
Obadiah 1:1-21	Jonah 1:1-4:11	Micah 1:1-4:13	Micah 5:1-7:20
Revelation 4:1-11	Revelation 5:1-14	Revelation 6:1-17	Revelation 7:1-17
Psalm 132:1-18	Psalm 133:1-3	Psalm 134:1-3	Psalm 135:1-21
Proverbs 29:24-25	Proverbs 29:26-27	Proverbs 30:1-4	Proverbs 30:5-6

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Other announcements
& prayer requests