

Elderton Presbyterian Church
1st Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 1: 1-6 (pew Bible page 5 N.T.)

Sermon **Christmas at St. Rahab's** Rev. Sweeney

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Travis Johns

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

First Sunday – **The Light of Hope**

Responsive Litany

During Advent, God's Promise illuminates our hope.

On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

*Lighting of the **First Candle**- Lift Up Your Eyes – choir

Readings – Shawnee Hohl and Bonnie Gratzmiller

*Hymn No. 2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

*Moment of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri – page 579

THE WORD

Anthem "Advent Prayer" LIEBERGEN

Flutist: Hannah Schrecengost

Joys, Concerns and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

*Hymn No. 5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

First Scripture Reading Joshua 6: 22—25 (pew Bible page 194 O.T.)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed page 14

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 38 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: "Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God be with us,
revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

*Postlude

(*) Congregation Standing

A nursery is available for your convenience located in the Adult Sunday School Room. Nursery begins after the Children's Sermon. **(for children 5 years old and younger)**

Headsets for those with hearing impairment are available for use during worship. See Cassie or sound system person to get one.

The flowers placed in the chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God by Peggy Rowan, in loving memory of her husband, Norman Rowan, and their wedding anniversary on Dec. 29th.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All those mentioned in prayer

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST CONTACT – Martha Dyott (724-801-8447)

GREETERS TODAY – Bob & Sue Stitt

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Laurie Pritt & Betsy Bertolino

NURSERY TODAY – Laurie Pritt
NURSERY NEXT WEEK – Kathy Jo Scrips

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK - MaKayla Scrips

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK: Russ Brumbaugh %The Fountains
2698 West Pike Road, Indiana, PA 15701

VISITATION TEAMS FOR DECEMBER:

Elder: Nancy Schrecengost Deacons: Nathan Johns
Ryan Scrips

CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER: Nancy Schrecengost

COMING UP:

December 11 – Session
December 13 – Helping Hand
December 16 – Hunger Offering
December 16 – Installation & Ordination of new officers
December 23 – Children’s Program – Cookie Social After Worship
December 24 – Christmas Eve Services
December 30 – Eric & Mark Schrecengost Worship Leaders

Offering envelopes for 2019 are now located in the main vestibule.

The Session has called a Congregational meeting for after worship on Sunday, December 9, 2018. The purpose of this meeting is the election of officers.

Tonight 6:30 – Christmas Concert at NuValley Presbyterian Church to benefit the Choir Fund. Free Will offering.

December 5 -6:00 p.m. Christmas gathering of the Presbyterian Women at Nancy Schrecengost’s home. All women of the church are cordially invited.

THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP - 10:30 AM



First Sunday in Advent

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