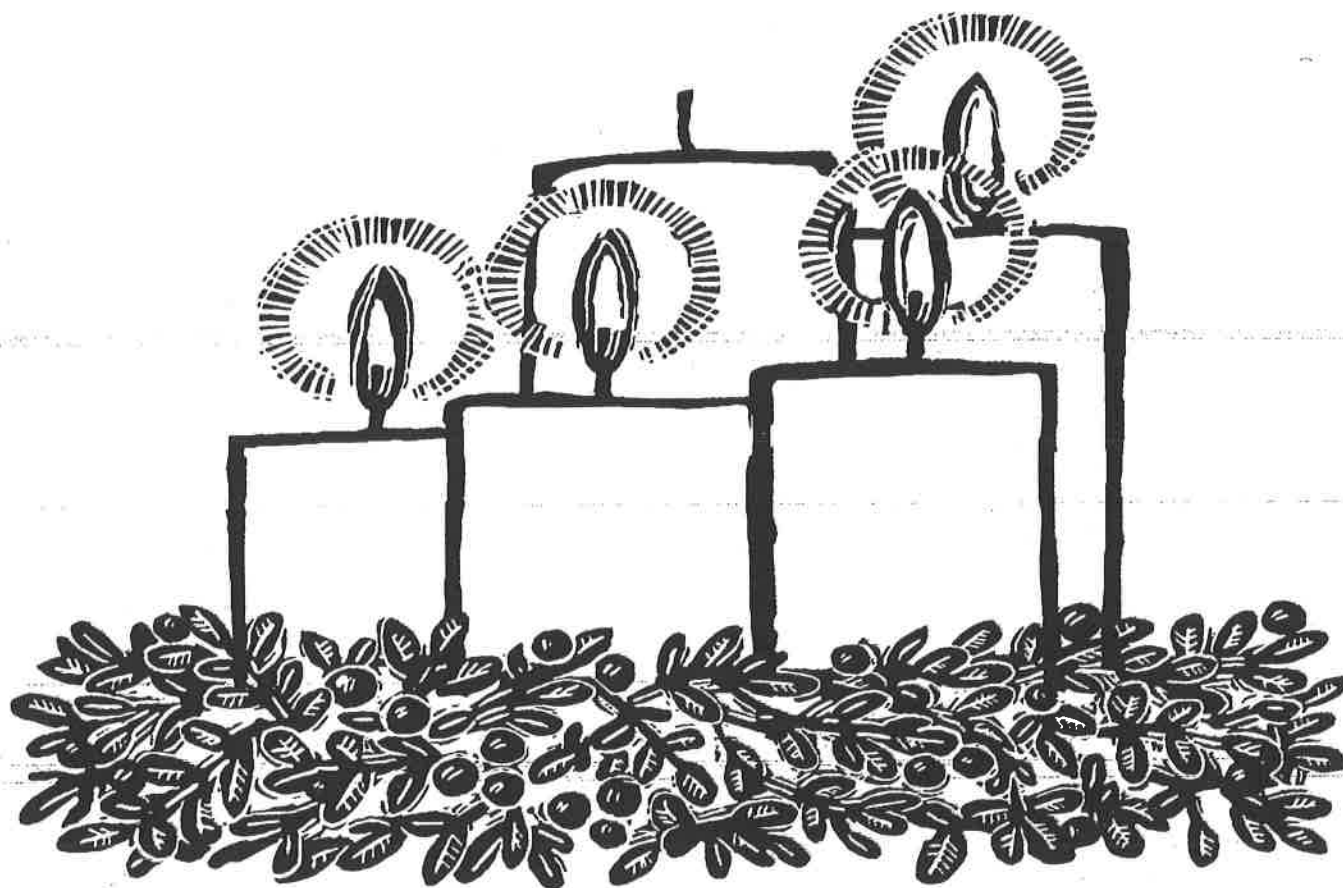


Sunday, December 24, 2017

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



— FOURTH SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

147 West Forest Street
Clyde, Ohio

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. DECEMBER 24, 2017

* Those who can may stand

	Prelude	
	Bell, Announcements	
*	Confession and Forgiveness	Pg. 116
*	<i>The Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"</i>	No. 275
*	The Apostolic Greeting	Pg. 138
*	The Hymn of Praise " <i>This is the feast . . .</i> "	Pg. 140
*	The Prayer of the Day (in unison)	see insert

4th Sunday of Advent Wreath Lighting

*	<i>The Hymn "Light One Candle . . ." (verses 1 – 4)</i>	No. 240
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P: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

C: *May His love shine in our hearts.*

P: And may the Lord's peace be with us all.

C: *The Lord is our hope and our life.*

P: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means "coming." We are preparing ourselves for the days when the Lord will give us a sign. Behold, a virgin is with child and shall bear a Son, and shall name him, Immanuel, God with us. Let us pray that the Savior will bring us His love which lasts forever.

C: *Lord, our minds and hearts are filled with hope. We long to hear the voice which tells us of the coming of the Christ Child. Amen.*

The First Lesson 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 see insert

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 89:1-5 [19-29] see insert

P: Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson Romans 16:25-27 see insert

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* The Verse "Alleluia. . ." Pg. 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

* The Gospel Luke 1:26-38 see insert

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

* **The Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 288**

The Sermon "Mary in 3-D"
Interim Pastor Roger Miller

* The Nicene Creed (front cover of hymnal)

* The Prayers
Each prayer ends, P: Lord, in Your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

* The Peace of the Lord Pg. 143

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Offering ~ Interlude

8:00 a.m. ~ Chancel Choir

"Come to Us, O God of Hope"

*	The Offering Prayer		
*	The Great Thanksgiving	Pg.	144
*	The Proper Preface“... We join their unending hymn...”		
*	“Holy, Holy, Holy. . .”	Pg.	144
*	The Words of Institution		
*	The Lord’s Prayer	Pg.	145
	Holy Communion		
	The Distribution Hymns		
	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1-4)	No.	257
	“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”	No.	244
*	The Post Communion Blessing		
*	The Post Communion Prayer		
*	<i>The Hymn</i> “The First Noel”	No.	300
*	The Benediction		
*	The Dismissal		
	P: Go in peace . . .		
	C: <i>Thank be to God.</i>		
	The Postlude		

The Word of God



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your great might, give us your help, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by your grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell

in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

¹⁶“And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

Psalm 89:1-5 [19-29]

¹Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.”**

⁵The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O Lord,
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

[¹⁹**You spoke once in a vision
and said to your faithful people:**

**“I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.**

²⁰I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

²¹**My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.**

²²No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked man bring him down.

²³**I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**

²⁴My faithfulness and love shall be with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.

²⁵**I shall make his dominion extend
from the Great Sea to the River.**

²⁶He will say to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
²⁷**I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.**
²⁸I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
²⁹**I will establish his line forever
and his throne as the days of heaven."]**

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages
²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I

am a virgin?" ³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy — the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**Lessons for Next Week: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 111;
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40**

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Bill Alspach	friend of Bill Dagg
Lori Avers	daughter-in-law of Ken & Donna Avers
Jackie Bower	
Ron Campbell	husband of Judy Campbell
Turdy Conley	daughter of Lowell & Naomi Conley
Barb Cooper	friend of DeAnn Krauss
Diane Dagg	
Don Fought	friend of Carol Lobdell
Emily Pump	relative of Jeanie Pump
Nolan Pump	newborn son of Emily Pump
Garry Sorrel, Jr.	neighbor of Bill & Diane Dagg
Sue Wiersma	sister of Steve Jess
Ron Yates	brother of Rodger Yates

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DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

Justin Barnard ~ (friend of Tammy & Riley Baker)
 Sean Bouyack ~ (grandson of Herb & Margaret Bouyack)
 Kayle Carroll ~ (granddaughter of Bev Albright)
 Richard Channing ~ (grandson of Richard & Diane Channing)
 Ryan Farrier ~ (great nephew of Ada Williams)
 Darrin Paul ~ (son of Wendy Reichert Walter)
 Sarah Petrock ~ (friend of Mary Waugh)
 Jared Singleton ~ (friend of the Hillikers)
 Dylan Stiffler ~ (friend of Faye Langham)
 Chelsea Zerman

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It's here, God – Christmas Eve day. But for a few more hours, may I be content in the waiting time, like the quiet excitement of early labor.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to
The GLORY OF GOD.

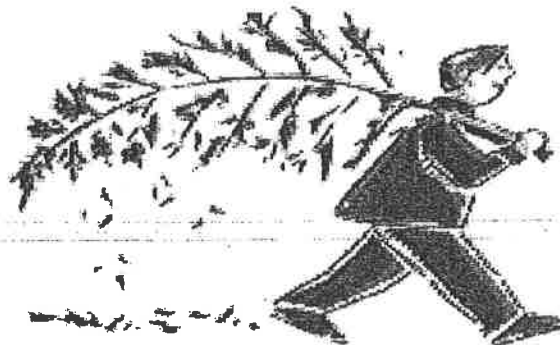


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10:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Members and guests who plan to attend the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service at St. Paul are invited to arrive 20 minutes early to enjoy special music provided by members of our Chancel Choir.

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Removing of the Greens

UN 'HANGING OF THE GREENS'

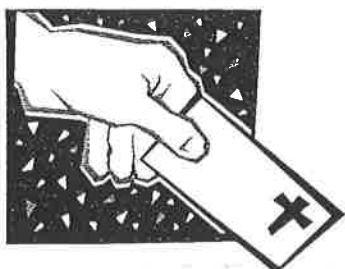
On Sunday, January 7, 2018 we are inviting all our families to help remove and pack the decorations after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Come and join the fellowship!

December 24, 2017 ~ December 31, 2017

<p><i>Sunday the 24th</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship 9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship 4:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve Service 10:30 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve Service</p>
<p><i>Monday the 25th</i></p>	<p>Office Closed in observance of Christmas</p>
<p><i>Tuesday the 26th</i></p>	
<p><i>Wednesday the 27th</i></p>	<p>7:30 p.m. ~ Chancel Choir practice</p>
<p><i>Thursday the 28th</i></p>	<p>8:00 pm ~ AA / Al-Anon Meetings</p>
<p><i>Friday the 29th</i></p>	
<p><i>Saturday the 30th</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Men’s Bible Study 5:00 p.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship</p>
<p><i>Sunday the 31st</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship 9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship</p>

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2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES



The “2018” Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall. If offering envelopes weren’t assigned to you and you would like a set of 2018 Offering Envelope, please contact me or the church office, 419-547-9225 to request envelopes. If you contribute electronically and would like the special envelopes that are included in the box of 2018 Offering Envelopes, please let me know. Please don’t use the 2018 Offering Envelopes until January 2018.

Sue Mayes
Clerical/Finance Secretary

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Assisting Families in Need of School Supplies in the Fall

The St. Paul Women have decided to join the First Missionary Church on South Main Street with assisting families in need with school supplies in the fall. There will be a box for collection in the hallway between the sanctuary and the parish hall. For the month of **January**, we are collecting: **large boxes of facial tissues & small bottles of Elmer’s Glue** to help with the Clyde Elementary School Supply Give-a-Way.

Deb Arnold ~ Community Leader

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CHURCH OFFICE

CLOSED!!

On Monday, December 25, 2017 AND Monday, January 1, 2018 (in observance of Christmas AND New Year's Day)!

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CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee meets routinely and takes the search of the right Pastor very seriously. We recently had a visit by a prospective Pastor and his wife. While we had a good visit and we enjoyed meeting Pastor Martin and his wife, the committee had a prayerful discussion and decided that the Holy Spirit was not leading us to call Pastor Martin. The call committee is continuing our search and ask for continued prayers that God guide us in this process. We will continue with interviews to find who God is calling to us.

If you have any questions feel free to speak to any committee member: Fred Bouyack, Karen Jess, Tim Billings, Lisa Reiman, Fred Gesell, Jen Rawson or Deanna Turner. Our committee council members are DeAnn Krauss and John Dagg.

Thank you
Deanna Turner
Committee Chair

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ALTAR FLOWERS CHART

The altar flower chart for the year 2018 is now on the double doors in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar “in honor” or “in memory” of someone, please sign the appropriate date on the chart.

The church office will order the altar flowers for each weekend. Cost will remain **\$30.00** with **checks payable to “WOMEN of ST. PAUL”** the week of your requested date.

Flowers will be removed from the altar by an assigned person and placed in the refrigerator in the kitchen. You will be responsible for removing the flowers from the refrigerator and delivering them to a nursing home or shut-ins, or to keep for yourself. If you CAN NOT deliver the flowers, please indicate with a check mark on the chart.

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OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Praying for our families, friends & neighbors in their time of need is a critical part of what it means to be the church. Every name on our prayer list is important. The pastor and the office staff want to do our best to provide every opportunity for you to share the names of the friends and family for whom you are concerned.

But, we are also aware of the size of our prayer list and want to make sure every name on the list is still an individual who is in need of prayer and we are praying for their current concern. Therefore we are implementing a new procedure for our prayer list. First, we are asking for you to keep in touch with the person whom you have asked to be on our prayer list. Ask them how they are doing and see if there is anything new in their situation for which we should be praying. Pray with them. Then contact the church office, 419-547-9225, with their name and concern. Please let us know if this is a public or private prayer concern and make sure they approve of being added to the prayer list.

When the church office receives your request to add someone to the prayer list **please include your name, phone number and if possible their concern as noted above.** The individual will be kept on the prayer list for a period of four weeks. After 4 weeks, if you have not done so already, we are asking for you to contact the person again and follow the above procedure and the person will be kept on the prayer list for another 4 weeks.

Each of you is a vital component of our prayer list. Without you and your active participation, the prayer list can devolve into simply a random list of names that we mention during our worship service. We thank you for your concern and care for the individuals in need in our community and look forward to continuing to provide a venue for sharing their concerns with the congregation.

	<u>8:00 a.m. Service</u>	<u>10:30 a.m. Service</u>
GREETERS:	N: Leslie Miller E: Sue Mayes	N: Kendall Rieman E: Lisa Rieman
READER:	Bill Hutchinson	Paula Chambers
USHERS:	Gege Smith DeAnn Krauss Dot Mowry Mel Mowry Tony Paradiso Bud Smith	Duane Kimmet Kent Mestrey Deanna Turner Liz Wasson Ray Wasson
COUNTERS:	Ken Avers Fred Bouyack	Ken Avers Jane Hilton

NURSERY WORKERS

December 24, 2017 Dawn Sumner

December 31, 2017 Tammy Baker

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<i>Interim Pastor Roger Miller</i>	<i>Phone: 419-705-1922</i>
<i>Office Manager – Stephanie Stull</i>	<i>Phone: 419-547-9225</i>
<i>Clerical Secretary – Sue Mayes</i>	<i>Phone: 419-547-9225</i>
<i>Youth Director – Jen Rawson</i>	<i>Phone: 316-680-0082</i>
<i>Custodian – Terry Langham</i>	<i>Phone: 419-547-9225</i>
<i>Treasurer – Jim Shull</i>	<i>Phone: 419-355-6499</i>

Organist
Barb Gosnell
Linda Thorbahn

Choir Directors
Bev Mendoza - Chancel
Carol Jones – Youth

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OUR STEWARDSHIP	December 16 & December 17, 2017
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<u>Worship Service Attendance</u>	176
General Fund Offering	\$4,555.75

Weekly amount needed to achieve budget is \$5,225.00