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10:30 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 13, 2015

WELCOME		Pastor Lynch
*CAROL	"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"	# 535
*INVOCATION	"May the words of our mouths and the Advent musings and meditations of our hearts be pleasing and acceptable in your holy sight, O Lord our rock and our coming redeemer. Amen."	Congregation
ADVENT WREATH		Bethany and Chris Oleyniczak
CAROL	"The First Noel"	(vs. 1, 4) # 538
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Silent Night" <i>Allison Deimler, Michelle and Samantha Patrick</i>	
MORNING PRAYER	Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer	Pastor Lynch Congregation
THE OFFERTORY	Presentation of God's Tithe *The Doxology *Dedication Prayer	Audrey Scipioni
*CAROL	"What Child Is This?"	# 540
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 11:1-6, Romans 15:12-13	Don Brubaker
MESSAGE	"Hurting - Happy - Hopeful"	Pastor Lynch
*CAROL	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	Insert

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Lynch

\*POSTLUDE

Audrey Scipioni

*Good morning and welcome to Bethany where God's word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.*

Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD's of today's service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office. You can also listen to the service through the church's web site [bethanyumcpalmyra.org](http://bethanyumcpalmyra.org).

The altar flowers were given last Sunday by Carol Marcocci and Sandra Pillsbury to the glory of God in loving memory of their parents, Arthur and Kathryn Landis, Sister Nancy Kepler, brother-in-law William Kepler and Gerald and Carol's grandson Derek Walborn.

The altar flowers are given today by George and Beverly Bell to the glory of God and in wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

Our extended Sunday School for children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Don Brubaker, **Acolyte:** Samantha Patrick, **Ushers:** Miranda and Seth Schell, Jill and Richard Funck, **Organist:** Audrey Scipioni.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Healing and hopeful mercies for Helen Lutz, Jim Walker, Lewis Brough (surgery this Tuesday), Bryan Hoffman, George Bell, Ken Schaeffer at the Hershey Medical Center. 2) Our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. 3) College students concluding their semester. 4) Birthday blessings today to Mary Carl, tomorrow to Samantha Patrick and Saturday to Vicki Smith. 5) Praise God for the ministry of the Caring Cupboard.

Our homebound persons of the week is Betty Schaffner at Twin Oaks in Campbelltown. Please pray for Betty and sign the card in the rear of the social hall.

Our Administrative Council Prayer Meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:30.

Stop by the information table in the Gathering Room and pick up a list of homebound folks who would enjoy receiving Christmas cards.

Would you like to sing in a Christmas Eve Choir? Helen Lutz will be holding brief practices prior to morning worship at 10:15 on Sunday December 13, 20.

Sub and pretzel sandwiches orders may be picked up this Thursday, December 17 in the social hall 11-12.

A Bethany Christmas party will be enjoyed tonight at 6:30 in the social hall. If you can sing, play an instrument, have a Christmas poem/reading or a joke to share, please sign up to do so on the information table in the Gathering Room. The evening will include a carol sing and refreshments. Please bring a gift for the Caring Cupboard to place in the manger.

~ Selma Patrick, Children's Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who has brought in items for our mitten tree and for the Caring Cupboard. May the Lord bless our needful neighbors through our donations.

January Newsletter articles are due next Sunday. Thank you.

Bethany children and youth teachers and leaders, please mark your calendar for our safe sanctuary training event on Monday January 4 at 6:30 in the social hall. ~ Cindy Anspach

Next Sunday our Sunbeam Choir will bless us with "The Little Drummer Boy." Pastor Lynch will preach on "Christmas Gives Us a New Picture of God." Bethany youth will usher.

Coming up: Christmas Eve 7:00, a service of carols and lights, will be held in our sanctuary. Bring your family and friends to hear the special music and Pastor Lynch's message "The Gift."

The flower chart for 2016 is posted on the Railroad Street entrance bulletin board. Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to sponsor altar flowers.

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: *Audrey Scipioni*

ASSISANT: *Helen Lutz*

NURSERY CARE: *Vicki Smith*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *Selma Patrick*

TRUSTEES: *Don Brubaker, Ed Kaylor*

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT: *Gary Nicholson* PASTOR: *John Lynch (298-1308)*

MISSIONARIES: *Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany*

LAY LEADER: *Steve Scipioni*

SUNBEAM CHOIR: *Bethany Oleyniczak*

ADMIN. COUNCIL: *Cindy Anspach*

CHURCH SECRETARY: *Karen Neidigh*

CUSTODIAN: *Beverly Bell*

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Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philipplians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18 12152

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