

Third Sunday of Advent

With great anticipation let us all prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. With joyful hearts and willing spirits may we sincerely worship the Lord of us all. Welcome and blessings to all!

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:

CONGREGATION: *They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.*

PASTOR: Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned:

CONGREGATION: *The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

PASTOR: Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

CONGREGATION: *And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*

PASTOR: Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

PASTOR AND CONGREGATION: *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.*

Isaiah 9:2; 40: 1-5, 9; 60:1

A basket has been provided for Christmas cards to members of our church family. We suggest that the money you save on postage be donated to missions or another worthy project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- Christmas Choir Practice tonight after church.
- *Remember to contribute to the missionaries' Christmas gift fund (in the collection box).*
- **December 16 - Wednesday** - Meet at the UM church at 6:00 PM for caroling. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments afterwards in the parsonage.
- **December 20** - 7 PM - Christmas Musical
- **December 25 - Christmas** - 7:00 PM - Candlelight Service
- Our sister church to pray for this week is **Kingston, Ontario**. The pastor is Joseph Krohn.
- Pray for **revival** in our church and community.
- Recent requests from the Cobleskill church include **Stanley, Louise, Lorraine, Bill, Jean, Caroline, Ann, Ruth, Ralph, Todd, Sharon, and Laverne**.
- Pray for:
 - Conference President Case's daughter **Patty Shaffer & family, Ed and Rosemary Snyder**, and the **Mincers** and the **Bowmans**, coping with fire losses.
 - The **Ford family**.
 - Neighbors, relatives and friends for whom prayer has been requested, including Julia, Butch, Barb, Wayne, and Tim.
 - Our **young people**.
 - The renovation of our church building.
 - Conference President Case and the Council.
 - Our armed services personnel.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Recent requests for physical needs:
 - **Kathy Dendler, Ida Hunt, Mitch Haverly,**
- Continue to pray for:
 - **Dean Hughes , Dave, Andrew , Paul Heckman , Gwendolyn Lecates, Earl Bickford, Marie Rooney, Susan Ford, Kathy Moltzen, Duane Maxey**

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Obadiah 1:1-21	Jonah 1:1-4-11	Micah 1:1-4:13	Micah 5:1-7:20
NT	Revelation 4:1-11	Revelation 5:1-14	Revelation 6:1-17	Revelation 7:1-17
PSA	Psalms 132:1-18	Psalms 133:1-3	Psalms 134:1-3	Psalms 135:1-21
PROV	Proverbs 13	Proverbs 14	Proverbs 15	Proverbs 16
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Nahum 1:1-3:19 Revelation 8:1-13 Psalms 136:1-26 Proverbs 17	Habakkuk 1:1-3:19 Revelation 9:1-21 Psalms 137:1-9 Proverbs 18	Zephaniah 1:1-3:20 Revelation 10:1-11 Psalms 138:1-8 Proverbs 19	

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. James 5:8

   Jesus Christ, Thy manger is
My paradise at which my soul reclineth.
For there, O Lord, doth lie the Word
Made flesh for us; herein Thy grace forthshineth.

He Whom the sea and wind obey
Doth come to serve the sinner in great meekness.
Thou, God's own Son, with us art one,
Dost join us and our children in our weakness.

Thy light and grace our guilt efface,
Thy heavenly riches all our loss retrieving.
Immanuel, Thy birth doth quell
The power of hell and Satan's bold deceiving.

Thou Christian heart, whoe'er thou art,
Be of good cheer and let no sorrow move thee!
For God's own Child, in mercy mild,
Joins thee to Him—how greatly God must love thee!

Remember thou what glory now
The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.
The angel host can never boast
Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.

The world may hold her wealth and gold;
But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true Treasure.
To Him hold fast until at last
A crown be thine and honor in full measure.

Paul Gerhardt

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*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 8:45 AM Morning Worship 9:30 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM,
Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM*