

# Welcome

to

## **Hanover Valley**

We're glad that you're with us and we hope you'll find joyful worship that engages the heart and mind, genuine friendships, and a caring atmosphere. Feel free to take advantage of any of the opportunities offered here. If we can serve you or if you need anything today, simply speak to one of the ushers.

Please take a moment to fill out the tear off slip on the back cover of the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed later in the service.

This bulletin contains all you'll need to follow the service. Just start on the next page and continue as the pastor leads, standing as indicated by the asterisk (\*).

We invite you to stay for an informal refreshment time after the service - a great time to meet new friends.

## **Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday Morning Worship  
December 13, 2009  
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**\*Songs of Praise**

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**What Child Is This**

What child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted your news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

### **Private Confession**

### **Word of Encouragement**

*John 1:9, 12-13*

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world... Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent,... but born of God.

### **\*Song of Christ**

#### **Only In the Cross**

When I look upon the cross in that spectacle of suffering,  
I see the power of God.

There the Son of God was crushed and lifted up to die for me,  
and conquered death forever.

**Chorus:** So I will glory only in the cross.

Yes, I will glory only in the cross,  
and I will make my boast in the Lord Jesus Christ  
crucified to ransom us.

When I look upon the cross in what might seem a senseless death,  
I see the wisdom of God.

For there the sinless Holy One was made to be sin for me,  
then He declared me righteous.

**Chorus**

### **Church Life Announcements**

## **Welcome of New Members**

Meg Abbott, Bryan & Katie Haynie, Amy Hempfing, and Jim & Andrea Lynn

## **Covenant Baptism**

Nicholas Haynie, Amy Hempfing, and Hannah, Joshua, & Rebekah Lynn

## **\*Song of Praise**

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## **Scripture**

Luke 1: 5-25, 59-66, page 723 Chair Bible

## **Sermon**

**Christmas Cynic**

Pastor Drew Derreth

## **Offering & Special Music**

## **Benediction**

## **\*Parting Song of Praise**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

*(Refrain)*

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

## **Advent Candle Lighting**

*Advent means "coming" and we remember what it was like for the people of the Old Testament as they awaited the coming of the Messiah which we celebrate at Christmas.*

*We look forward to Jesus' coming again. Purple, the ancient color of royalty, has traditionally been associated with penitence and expectation. It is used during the season of Advent, in which we prepare for the coming of Jesus our King.*

*The lighting of Advent candles dramatically depicts the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. The traditional Advent wreath has four purple candles which are lit on the four Sundays of Advent, grouped together with a white Christ candle which is lit on Christmas Eve. The main symbolism portrayed is the growing intensity of light as the candle lighting includes an additional candle each*

*Lord's Day and the anticipation that builds for the celebration of Christ's second coming.*

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**Worship Musicians**

Jess Stauffer — **Pianist**

Angela Brewer, Teresa Summer, and Abby Trask — **Praise Team**

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**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

## **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

## **Hanover Valley Bulletin Board**

**Parking During the Worship Service:** *We're glad you've come this morning. We have prioritized our parking lot next to our building for guests, but there are a variety of locations less than a block away. Maps are on the table in the Great Room pointing out various locations nearby where you may be able to park on Sundays, as you come for worship. All public metered parking is free on Sundays.*

**Kids Under Construction:** *This is an active and age-appropriate learning time for children from four years old through high school. Child care is also provided during this time for those children who may be younger.*

**How Do You Study the Bible?** *Learning to study the Bible well is an acquired skill of careful observation, thoughtful interpretation, and practical application. It is hard work, but the rewards are worth it. This Adult Workshop, taught by Dave Kieffer, continues today and will conclude on December 20th.*

**Christmas Eve Service:** *Each Christmas, we offer a candlelight Christmas Eve service for the community at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center in Hanover. Please remember to invite your family and friends who might be interested in exploring Christianity to this special service which celebrates the wonder of the Christ's birth. The service will begin at 7:00 P.M.*

**Mercy Collection:** *The Mercy Team is sponsoring a family for Christmas. We will need donations of non-perishable items for dinner and as well as gift cards so the family can*

*go out and purchase gifts to Wal-Mart, the Hanover Mall, and TJ Maxx. If you are able, please donate these items by TODAY, December 13th. There will be a box in front of kitchen for the items. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Harrity.*

**Christmas Eve Music:** *Love to sing? If so, then we need YOU to join the Praise Team as we worship the Lord in song and practice the music for the Christmas Eve service TONIGHT at 7:00 P.M. We will meet in the sanctuary. Other practice dates are December 20th and December 23rd, also at 7:00 P.M. Questions? Contact Teresa Summer at [joshandtree@gmail.com](mailto:joshandtree@gmail.com) or 717-634-8136.*

**G**rowth Groups: *No one can thrive with just a Sunday morning connection. Each of us needs a place to develop genuine friendships, to ask honest questions, and to discover the implications of the Gospel to real life. Growth Groups are where that happens most authentically. They are the primary place for pastoral care. They are open groups led by trained lay leaders designed for the curious, the skeptic, the struggling, the experienced, the new and the old - people all along the spiritual journey. They are the very lifeblood of the church.*

*Contact the pastor or one of these Growth Group leaders to discuss getting involved. Every group is always open to those not yet involved. Brochures on the value and format of Growth Groups are available in the Great Room.*

<b>Bob Anderson</b>	<b>637-7788</b>	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Colby Brewer</b>	<b>632-9807</b>	<b>Alternate Thursdays</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Drew Derreth</b>	<b>630-9510</b>	<b>Alternate Fridays</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Doug Hempfing</b>	<b>235-0197</b>	<b>2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Dave Kieffer</b>	<b>549-3169</b>	<b>Alternate Tuesdays</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Paul Trask</b>	<b>632-2115</b>	<b>Alternate Fridays</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Bruce Schwarz</b>	<b>637-7696</b>	<b>1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

*In addition to these growth groups, there are student Growth Group meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month led by: Jim & Karen Neff and Josh & Teresa Summer.*

*We also offer a number of investigative Bible studies at Gettysburg College.*

**We'd also love to help you find a group. Contact the church office at 630-9510.**

***This Week***

TODAY	8:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:45 AM	<b>Refreshments</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Kids Under Construction</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	12:15 PM	<b>Refreshments</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Christmas Eve Praise Team Practice</b>
MON	7:00 PM	<b>Growth Group (Anderson)</b>
TUE	7:00 PM	<b>Growth Group (Kieffer)</b>
WED	7:00 PM	<b>Growth Group (Schwarz)</b>

## **Prayer Concerns**

### **Praise**

- Thank God that His plan for us involves love, forgiveness, and freedom.
- Thank God for every circumstance that points us to our need of Him.
- Thank God that He delights to call us His precious children.

### **Friends and Family**

- Pray for those who experience sadness and depression during the holiday season that their sadness would be replaced with the joy that Jesus offers.
- Pray that we might know how to display the love of Jesus to the hungry and the homeless in our community.
- Pray that we would speak the truth of Christmas into the lives of our friends and family in many different ways.
- Pray for family members who have drifted away from knowing Jesus, that they be restored to the peace of Christ.
- Pray for Jonathan Blake to find a job.

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- That we would love one another with no thought of condemnation or judgment.
- That we would offer our whole hearts in service to the King
- That we would live in humble repentance, receiving forgiveness with joy.
- That we would anticipate great surprises as God works in our lives and those around us.

- That we would be willing to sacrifice for others.

### **Steps of Faith in Ministry**

- That we will graciously care for those God brings into our lives.
- That Christmas Eve would be a time of satisfying worship of the King of Kings.
- That children would respond to the heart of Jesus as they hear and experience the story of his birth.
- For Growth Groups to enjoy festive celebrations; making new friends and deepening relationships.

### **National and International**

- Pray that Jesus would be the focus of Christmas celebrations around the world, resulting in people hearing the gospel internationally.
- Pray for the peace and rescue of believers who suffer brutal betrayal by their government.
- Pray for food, clothing, and shelter for those who are poor.

### **Health Related Struggles**

*Ask God to allow those who are struggling with health issues to experience*

*His presence every day.*

**Christ Woappi** - to respond to cancer treatment and for him and his family to know the presence and peace of God; Pray that God would set **those who are in our community fighting an on-going battle of drug addiction** free; **Jim Lynn, Sr.** (Jim Lynn's father) - for recovery from prostate cancer surgery; **Trask family** - to experience the deep and abiding peace of Jesus; **Destiny Arnold** - for a quick recovery from minor surgery on December 28<sup>th</sup>; **Brian King** (Dave Arnold's cousin) - for recovery from leg amputation after a motorcycle accident and for strength for his mother; **Leroy Cross** (Susan Schwarz's father) - for restored health and peace; **Donna Baumgardener** (Ian O'Connor's Scoutmaster's wife) - undergoing cancer treatment; **Elaina** (Deb Stapf) - 9 month-old dealing with severe lung issues and a trach tube, also for her parents Tana and Dennis as they care for her at home; **Zach Forry** (friend of Doris Bange) - for recovery from brain injury; **Emily and Tim Murphy** (friends of Ellen Highfill) - both have cancer, yet need to take care of each other; **Christina Sarah Crown** - pray that her unborn child will not be affected by the medicine she has received for meningitis;

**Andrew Hauser** (son of Nancy and Art Rathell) - strengthened health as he continues to cope with Celiac's Disease; **James Mathais** (Melodi Arnold's brother) - brain cancer is in remission; **Kim** (friend of Debbie Trask) - ongoing potential of recurring Melanoma; **Susie Hancock** (cousin of Lin Sullenger) - blood clotting disorder that threatens her heart & brain; **Warren Sullenger** - continued improvement in health.

### **Military**

Pray for all those serving in the military both home and abroad.