



**LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 6, 2020
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00 AM**

WELCOME The Rev. Jen Dunfee

PRELUDE *O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig* BWV 1095 Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

OPENING HYMN *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESER NEW

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!*

*Then cleansed be every life from sin: make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.*

*We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.*

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.

O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE The Rev. Jen Dunfee

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Micah 5:2-5* The Staeger Family

Reader: We light the Bethlehem candle, as a reminder of Jesus' birth, in an ordinary little town, in an ordinary place, among ordinary people.

People: We remember that Jesus still comes to us in ordinary places, among ordinary people. And just as God set the star above Bethlehem that night, God also fills our ordinary lives with Light.

Reader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Bethlehem, the story about a small humble town that prepared the way for the Savior.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

SCRIPTURE READINGS John Day

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

"How God Prepares"

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

Ev'ry Valley Shall be Exalted" George Frederic Handel
performed by Zachary Gutierrez and the Lewinsville Baroque Orchestra

RESPONSE

While We Are Waiting Come (vs. 2) WAITING (CASON)

*With power and glory come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

E'en so Lord Jesus Quickly Come

PAUL MANZ

From December 1, 2019

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

WAUCHET AUF

*"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us; The shout of rampart guards surrounds us;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
Their urgent summons clearly spoken: "The time has come has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share."
Zion hears the watchmen singing, Her heart with joyful hope is springing;
She wakes and hurries through the night. Forth He comes, her Bridegroom glorious
In strength of grace, in truth victorious: Her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, incarnate Word. Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.
Lamb of God, the heavens adore You; Let saints and angels sing before You,
As harps and cymbals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
Through them we stream to join the immortals As we with joy Your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.*

BLESSING

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach

Participating in the worship service (in order of appearance):

Rev. Jen Dunfee

John Nothaft, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Laura Snyderman, Soprano

Jeannette Mulherin, Alto

Evan Ayars, Tenor

John Clewett, Bass

Alison, Tom, Emma, and Ben Staeger, Lighting of the Advent Wreath

John Day, Lay Reader

Zachary Gutierrez, Tenor

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Michael Wachtel by his wife, **Diane**, children and grandchildren.

The beautiful greenery roping used to decorate the exterior of the church was generously donated by Sexton’s Christmas Trees (in lieu of their traditional donation of our Narthex Christmas tree). We hope that our members will visit Sexton’s Christmas Trees in Great Falls (10001 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls) to purchase their trees, wreaths and roping and thank them personally. <http://sextontrees.com>.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND

For the Christmas Season in 2020, we will be decorating the front of the Sanctuary as always. We will also step up our decorations for outside the church since other interior decorations will not be needed. Contribute below:

You may contribute to our Christmas Decoration Fund this year by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office or on the web page, <https://www.lewinsville.org/sign-up-christmas-decorations-fund/>

All who have given in memory of loved ones will be listed in our Christmas Eve bulletin. Any money remaining will be used for our Flower Fund throughout the year. The Flower Committee will purchase only enough flowers and greens to decorate the Sanctuary and not for each contributor.

We suggest that your contribution be \$70. Checks should be made payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and annotated “Christmas Decoration Fund”.

Forms and checks must be returned no later than Sunday, December 13.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS - The Mission and Service Ministry Group is providing the opportunity to transform a donation into a Christmas gift through the Alternative Gift program during the season of Advent. This is a wonderful and easy way to honor loved ones, friends, teachers, neighbors, service providers and others on your Christmas gift list and simultaneously provide a tax-deductible gift to support one or more Lewinsville mission projects. All that you need to do is (1) consider all of the people you wish to honor in this meaningful way, (2) identify the organization(s) you wish to support with your charitable contribution, and (3) complete the Alternative Gifts Donation Form online. You may request beautiful ALTERNATIVE GIFT card(s) for the person(s) you are honoring. (We must receive your Alternative Gifts form no later than December 17th to mail you the donation cards requested). Your donation will be reflected on your year-end giving statement provided by Lewinsville Church. Go to <https://www.lewinsville.org/events/alternative-gifts-2020/> for more information and to participate!

ANNUAL SUMMER MISSION PROJECT BAKE SALE - The annual SMP Bake Sale has been reimagined to a more safe, socially distanced event - but the treats will be as delicious as ever! Offerings are limited to manage expectations and orders must be placed no later than **Monday, December 14** to guarantee availability. Items will be available at our touchless pick-up area in the church parking lot on **Sunday, December 20** anytime from 1:00-4:00pm or no-contact delivery can be arranged if needed. All proceeds will be donated to the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and others our Summer Mission Project teams have worked with over the last 30 years. We may not have been able to build anything in 2020, but our mission is alive and well! Order your goodies on-line at <https://www.lewinsville.org/events/holiday-bake-sale/> or make a financial contribution – your generous support is appreciated either way. Contact Linda Bender (llbender1@gmail.com) or Ben Evans (bevans@lewinsville.org) with any questions.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! - To share the joy of Christmas with Chesterbrook Residences, the Deacons/Stephen Ministers are looking for donations of cookies. We are asking everyone to wear a mask while baking and to put 5 cookies in a zip lock bag. Cookies will be collected at the church December 15-17. Or contact Pastor Jen, jdunfee@lewinsville.org, who can arrange an alternate time or pick up. Our goal is 35 dozen! Please help the Deacon/Stephen Ministers reach their goal. Sign-up at <https://www.lewinsville.org/events/cookies-for-chesterbrook/> so the Deacons can track expected donations.