



## Titusville Presbyterian Church

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December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, First Sunday of Advent

\*Please stand if able

### **\*Call to Worship** (Luke 1:52-55, vs. 46-47)

Leader: He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

**People: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.**

Leader: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.

**People: As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His seed forever.**

**All: My soul does magnify the Lord, and my spirit has rejoices in God my Savior!**

# **Lighting the Candle of Faith**

## **Scripture:** Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

## **The Lighting of the First Candle**

We light the CANDLE OF FAITH to signify the faith of those who, through many generations of waiting, trusted God's promise to send his Messiah, and the faith of all who trust God's promises today.

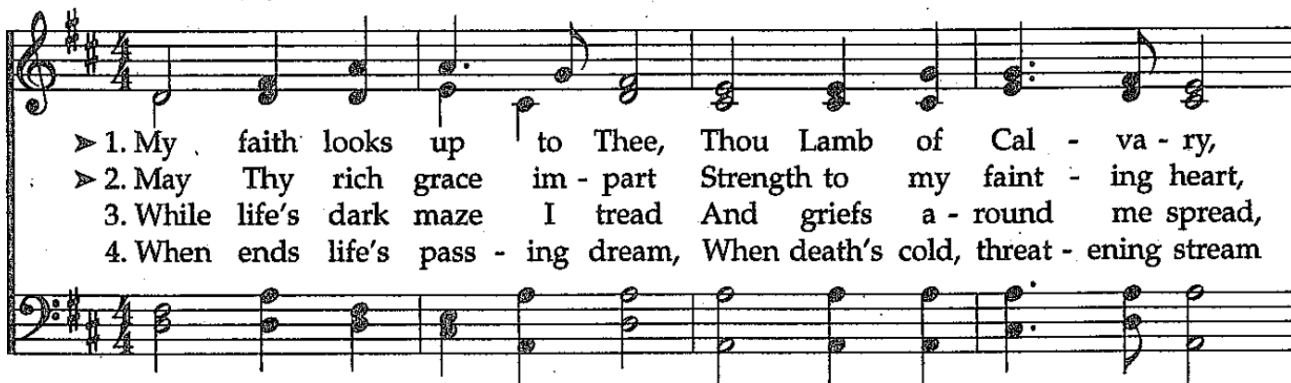
## **Prayer** (in unison)

**Dear Father in heaven, we thank you that you promised to send your Messiah, your Anointed One, to be the Savior of all mankind.**

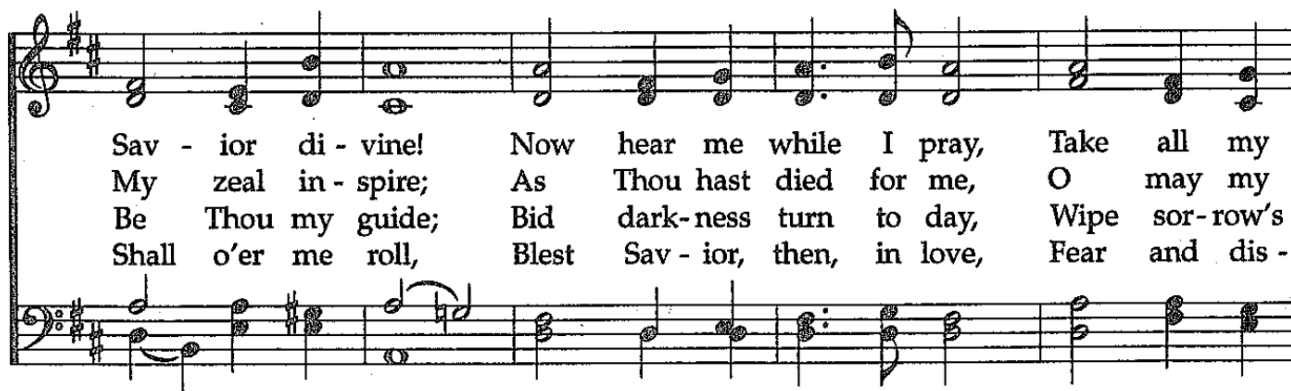
**Strengthen our faith so that we may fully trust in Christ as our own Savior and have confidence that all you have promised will be fulfilled.**

# 539 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

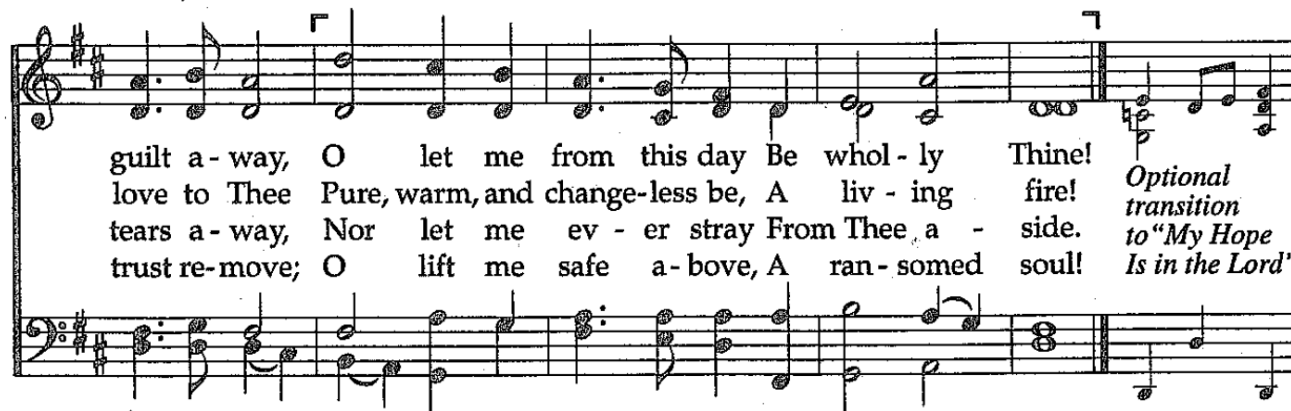
Through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4. When ends life's pass - ing dream, When death's cold, threat - ening stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O lift me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

*Optional transition to "My Hope Is in the Lord"*

Please be seated.

## **Call to Confession** (Ezekiel 18:20-21)

The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

<sup>21</sup> “But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**All Merciful God, we understand that, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” We see the need of a Savior! We praise You for Your plan of redemption in sending Your Son into our world, to redeem us back to You. In Jesus Name, we praise You. Amen!**

**[Silent confession]**

**Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 4:5-8)

But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
And whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.”

## **\*Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be  
– world without end.**

**Amen, amen.**

## **\*Prayer for Illumination**

**Father, “we who have sat in darkness have seen a great Light!” We pray that Your Light will shine upon our hearts and give us Your truth from above. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen!**

## **Old Testament Lesson** (Isaiah 11:1-5)

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,  
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,  
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The Spirit of counsel and might,  
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight is in the fear of the Lord,  
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,  
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;  
<sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,  
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,  
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

## **New Testament Lesson** (Luke 1:26-38)

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

<sup>29</sup> But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing will be impossible."

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### **Prayer for the Children**

**Dear God, it is marvelous to recognize the simple faith of a child. May they see that their faith is in a mighty God who can do all things. May these Bible stories become embedded into their hearts and minds. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen!**

**Sermon: "Faith Seen During the First Advent"**

# 271 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth! For the Lord comforts His people. Isaiah 49:13*

> 1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore You, God of glo - ry, Lord of light;  
> 2. All Your works de - clare Your glo - ry; All cre - a - tion joins to sing.

An - gels lift - ing praise be - fore You Sing thro' - out this ho - ly night.  
Praise re - sounds as earth re - joic - es In the birth of Christ, the King.

In a man - ger lies a Ba - by - Child of Mar - y, Son of God.  
Shep - herds kneel be - fore the In - fant. Trum - pets sound and an - thems raise

Voic - es joined in joy - ful cho - rus Praise You for Your gift of love.  
As with joy our hearts are lift - ed, Joined in won - der, love, and praise.



## **\*Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Announcements**

## **Prayer Requests**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

## **Offering**

## **Offertory**

## **\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

## **Dedication**

# God Will Make a Way 704

*I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19*

God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we

can-not see; He will make a way for me. He will be my guide,

hold me close-ly to His side. With love and strength for each new day;

He will make a way, He will make a way. *Optional transition to "It Is Well with My Soul"*

TEXT: Don Moen  
MUSIC: Don Moen

HE WILL MAKE A WAY  
Irregular meter

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\*Benediction

## Announcements

- Immediately following worship join us in the Heritage Room for refreshments and fellowship.
- **Christmas Poinsettias.** Poinsettias are \$20. If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of someone please send a note to Barbara Matlack at [office@titusvillechurch.org](mailto:office@titusvillechurch.org).
- **Sunday, December 8, 11am-3:30pm** – Washington’s Landing in New Jersey. This event, which is sponsored by the Washington Crossing Park Association, allows visitors to experience the crossing and the landing in NJ. A poster, with details of the event, is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- **Sunday, December 8 at 3pm – HV CAMP** concert in the Sanctuary. Come hear the HV Community Jazz Ensemble, HV CAMP Jazz Combo and the Hopewell Valley Pops Orchestra. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call 609-737-1385 or see Barbara Matlack to purchase your tickets.
- **Sunday, December 8 at 5pm** – Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Hymn Sing. They are looking for people who would like to be in the choir. Let Barbara know if you are interested, and she will pass the information along to Pat Masterson.
- **Tuesday, December 10 at noon**, Debbie Niederer is opening her home for the Women of the Church Potluck Luncheon. Please let us know that you will be attending by sending an email to [office@titusvillechurch.org](mailto:office@titusvillechurch.org).
- Collecting Non-perishable food items. We continue to collect food for two local families in need. Please leave your donations in the narthex. If you would prefer, you may give a monetary donation and Barbara Matlack will purchase Shop-Rite gift cards for the families.
- Children’s Sunday School. The children will leave worship right after the Children’s Message for their lesson.
- We have a prayer team that will pray for your joys, celebrations, and concerns. If you would like prayer, please send an email to [bmatlack@titusvillechurch.org](mailto:bmatlack@titusvillechurch.org) and a prayer request will go right out. Also, if you would like to pray for those on our prayer list, please let Barbara Matlack know. She will add you to the prayer team email list.

## Deacons

### Class of 2024

- Andrew Niederer

### Class of 2025

- Gail Butterfoss
- Judy Niederer

### Class of 2026

- Joan Niederer
- Marianne Strickhart

## Session

### Class of 2024

- Patti Manz
- Barbara Matlack
- Randy Niederer

### Class of 2025

- No members

### Class of 2026

- Mark Niederer
- Kristine Schmidt

Ministers: All members of Titusville Church

Pastor: Rev. Stephan Nash

Worship Assistant: Rev. John F. Potter

Accompanist: Emily Rapp

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Barbara Matlack, *Office Administrator*