

*Second Sunday of
Advent*



WNY Church Unleashed

December 6, 2020

*Welcome to WNY Church Unleashed hosted by:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Biegner
Parkside Lutheran Church, Rev. Jeremiah Smith
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For DirecTV: Ch. 67; For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5; For "Rabbit Ears": Ch. 67-1*

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

C Amen.

P Let us come before the living God in confession. As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

C we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous God who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly into Advent in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, ✝ Jesus Christ, our Savior and God.

C Amen

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.



Children's Time and Advent Wreath Lighting

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.



Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' " John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, and

Refrain



night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Youth Group Time

Apostles' Creed

P Let's confess the faith of the Church together using the Apostles' Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace, remember the poor, and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: December 6-13, 2020

TODAY: Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV

10:00 am-4:00 pm: WNY Holiday Needs Drive

10:30 am: Zoom Half-Hour (Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/950766486>,
Meeting ID: 950766486)

11:00 am: Outdoor Advent Tree Lighting

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Tuesday: 7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

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5:00-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere Elementary

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$3,019.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit, Williamsville, NY 14221

Betty Arbogast: Weinberg Dosberg Campus, #200, Getzville, NY 14068

Neal DeLeo: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Susan Epstein: 70 Fairlawn Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dorothy Menth: GreenField's Rehab Center, 5949 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Don Neubauer: 25 Robie Street, Buffalo, NY 14214

Dolores Shearer: Beechwood Continuing Care, 2235 Millersport, Getzville, 14068

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Norma Stevenson: Weinberg Campus, 2700 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068

Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

Scott Vahue: 475 Berryman Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Linda Schunak and family in the passing of her cousin, Michael Endres; Jeff Keefe (Janelle Franasiak's uncle); Robin Comeau and her family in the death of their mother; Thomas Maier; Robert Howe (Father of Deborah Howe); William Skinner (Father of Cheryl Gillen, Gail Singer, and Pamela Wunderlin); Nina Teresi (Wendy Fortune's friend); Barbara Williams (Mary Jo Williams' mother-in-law); Scott Greenawalt; Sophia Eddy

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covid-19 Restrictions: With the current status of Orange/Red zones in Erie County, we ask that you not stop by the Church Office unannounced. If you have a need to come to the office or meet with Pastor Steve, please call ahead and make an appointment (716-835-0407). This way we can help keep you and our staff safe during this difficult time.

In-Person Worship: We have suspended in-person worship until further notice due to Erie County being designated an "orange Covid-19 zone." Please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook. Stay safe, be healthy.

Advent Tree Lighting: Each Sunday in Advent, St. Paul's will come together outside church at 11:00 am for a special Advent event. We will be lighting blue spruce Advent trees on the front lawn. The event will last about 15 minutes and include lighting the trees and singing verses of O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Everyone is welcome.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The December Pantry hours are: Thursday 12/17 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm; Saturday 12/12 and 12/26 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Tiger's Den will **not** be open on New Year's Eve, Thursday 12/31. Instead we will have regular hours on Wednesday 12/30 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Donations for December: paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, and healthy snacks.

Advent Readings: Mary Wolf put together a booklet of Advent readings entitled "Jesus' Family Tree, Advent 2020." If you would like a copy of the booklet, please contact the Church Office and a copy will be mailed out to you.

WNY's Holiday Needs Drive: WNY Church Unleashed, WBBZ TV, and FeedMoreWNY are sponsoring a holiday needs drive to help out those in need in our area. Today from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, St. Paul's parking lot will be the location for you to drop-off your donations of food, grocery gift cards, and cash donations. Your donations will be used to support the food ministries at St. Paul's and Parkside Lutheran Churches, and FeedMoreWNY. Please join us in helping families suffering from food-insecurity in our area.



Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - December 6th, 2020

*At Parkside we are rediscovering the radical love of Jesus -
Gathering All, Serving All, Caring for All*

2 Wallace Ave Buffalo, NY 14214 (corner of Depew)

(716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service 10am Sundays:

- 1) Watch on your TV: Station METV - channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV
- 2) WNY Unleashed Facebook Page
- 3) WNY Unleashed YouTube Page

Indoor Worship is suspended while Erie County is in Orange or Red.

Please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter or check our website for details.

North Buffalo Food Pantry Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm - enter on Depew. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during regular Pantry hours or call the office to arrange drop off.

Donations requested for December-Peanut Butter & Jelly

Nonperishable food donations can also be left in our little red "**Blessing Box**". Please only leave foods that can withstand freezing weather. Granola bars, peanut butter, crackers, instant noodles, etc.

Meals on Wheels Parkside LC location is in great need of volunteers - if you can help 2 or 3 mornings during the week for an hour or two, please contact the office.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Tanya Scaccia for her nephew Aubree; Peter Steffan, for knee surgery; Family & friends of Tom Petschke as they mourn his passing; Paul; Continued healing for Lina; Marlene & Andrew; Joan Bauer, along with family Jameson & Kevin; Health for Melanie's sons Nick and Paul and their families; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Eileen & Ken Moser; Ron Arnold; Norra Carroll.

Friends & Family: Jess & Ed Forster; Donald Railey for recovery from knee surgery; Baby Aubree, who underwent heart surgery on 10/30 and for his parents, Rob and Brandy, to stay strong; Bailey & Family; Donna Durkin; Beverly & Bob; Ed Yeltsis; Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), and cousin Alan; Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski), for her multiple myeloma to remain in remission.; Lysander Pope; Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Bobby Amann; Pray for Carson to remain cancer-free; Victims of coronavirus, health workers, and those who are most vulnerable at this time; We thank the Lord for Pastor Jeremiah and his ministry among us. We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

If you would like to add someone to the Parkside Lutheran Church prayer list, please contact the office.

Parkside For Social Justice – definition and resource for November 2020:

Definition: Redlining primarily refers to the practice of banks and other lenders refusing to grant loans/mortgages to credit worthy persons of color. Red lines would be drawn around whole neighborhoods for which lenders would refuse to do business in or with. This practice prevented minorities from moving into white neighborhoods and led to disinvestment from ‘red lined’ neighborhoods. To learn more about how Buffalo came to be segregated check out https://ppgbuffalo.org/files/documents/data-demographics-history/a_city_divided_a_brief_history_of_segregation_in_the_city_of_buffalo.pdf

Recommended Resource: Have you ever wondered what a modern day Prophet might sound like? I invite you to join your Church Council in reading *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black preacher to the whitest denomination in the Country*.

“Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.” <https://www.amazon.com/Dear-Church-Preacher-Whitest-Denomination/dp/1506452566>

Have a suggested resource or question about this initiative? Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith alisonmsmith07@gmail.com. All are encouraged to sign the ELCA's Anti-Racism Pledge found here: <https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>.



Every fourth Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. We also distribute hats, scarfs, gloves, and masks! Donations will be collected now until spring. Contact the office if you'd like to arrange for drop-off. Thanks for putting love of neighbor into action!



Poinsettia orders are due December 10th. Honor a loved one and help us decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. While we may not be able to worship in person, we celebrate this annual tradition. Poinsettias are \$9 each. Contact the office for more information.

Outdoor Christmas Eve Service at Parkside: Join us for a brief Worship of Lessons and Carols. Wear masks, dress warm and RSVP either by calling the church office or sign up online at <https://reopen.church/r/m6YsuowB>. Each service is limited to 25 individuals. The first service is at 4pm and we will add more services as they fill up.

Want more information about all that is happening at Parkside LC?

Sign up for our weekly email

on our website - parksidelutheran.org Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support WNY Impact Foundation's Buffalo Burrito Project. Just come in to the Chipotle at **1759 Sheridan Dr** in Tonawanda on **Saturday, December 19th** from **4:00pm to 8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to WNY Impact Foundation's Buffalo Burrito Project.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code 4VFRLMB before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals
who have been gifting their services to help bring you
the Sunday MeTV productions:

Musician:

Michael Hooker

Soloist:

Theresa Kosmowski

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

Sound:

Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

DJs/MCs, SOUND & LIGHTING



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