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# Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian Church

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8 am & 10 am Worship

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## PRAYER CHAIN

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Gary Grossman

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Lisa McElroy

Julie Daquiulante

MaryJo Coleman

Landyn

Missy

Caitlin

Chris Grossman

Janice Tocco, Amy & Alivia

Debbie Essary

Bonnie Moore

Paul

Rick

Don Shoemaker

Carol Davis

Ken and Cindy Mcree

Jeff

Matthew C

Tina Perfors

Sandy Wright

Charlie & family

Eileen

Sue

*Sunday*

**November 27, 2022**

**10 am**



**SAXONBURG MEMORIAL**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Our mission at SMPC is  
"To shine the light of Jesus Christ:  
to Discover, Experience and Share His love  
with our community and world."*

**Welcome to Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian Church.**  
**Please take a moment to prepare your heart and mind for worship.**

**10 am Service for November 27, 2022**  
**First Week of Advent**

**\*Gathering Song** Today Is The Day

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**\*Hymn #123** O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come to thee, O Israel!*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**People: For in God's house we shall find hope and healing.**

Leader: In God's house we shall find forgiveness and friendship.

**People: May peace be within the walls of this house of God.**

Leader: Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.

**People: Come, let us sing our praises to God who loves and redeems us. AMEN.**

**\*Song** Word Of God

**\*Song** Only A Holy God

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of Amazing Surprises, we are rushing headlong into this season of buying, giving, greed, and struggle. We want to think of the holiday as delightful, but we have a tendency to make it a time of the highest stress. We over-schedule our time, overdraw our resources, ignore those moments in which we could just relax and have quiet time with our families and with you. We blame it on everything else but our own decision making. We speak of obligations, of the need to be constantly busy, of the pressure to purchase things to make people happy.

The reality is that your love should be our foundation, the base from which we celebrate. Our watchfulness is not necessarily about what is to happen, but rather should be on the ways in which we order our lives, ways that block out your love and your healing power. Forgive us for our stubborn insistence on maintaining schedule rather than focusing on your love. Heal us. Strengthen us and make us watchful over our faith in you. For we ask this in Jesus' name, AMEN.

**(Silent Confession)**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Invitation to Offering & Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music**

"People, Look East"

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. *People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.* Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. *People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.* Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. *People, look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.* Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. *People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.* Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. *People, look east and sing today: Love the LORD is on the way.*

**Children's Message**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn (See Insert)** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

**Scripture:** Matthew 24:36–44 (page 960/701)

**Message:** Be Ready

**\*Hymn** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**\*Benediction**

*You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something he wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.*

**Postlude**

\*Please stand if able.