

Welcome to the Community Church!



A warm and sincere welcome to one and all!
It is a privilege to gather as God's people to open ourselves
to the presence of God and to praise God with loving hearts.

Church Office Phone Number and Hours:

609-397-0650

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

10:30-2:30 pm

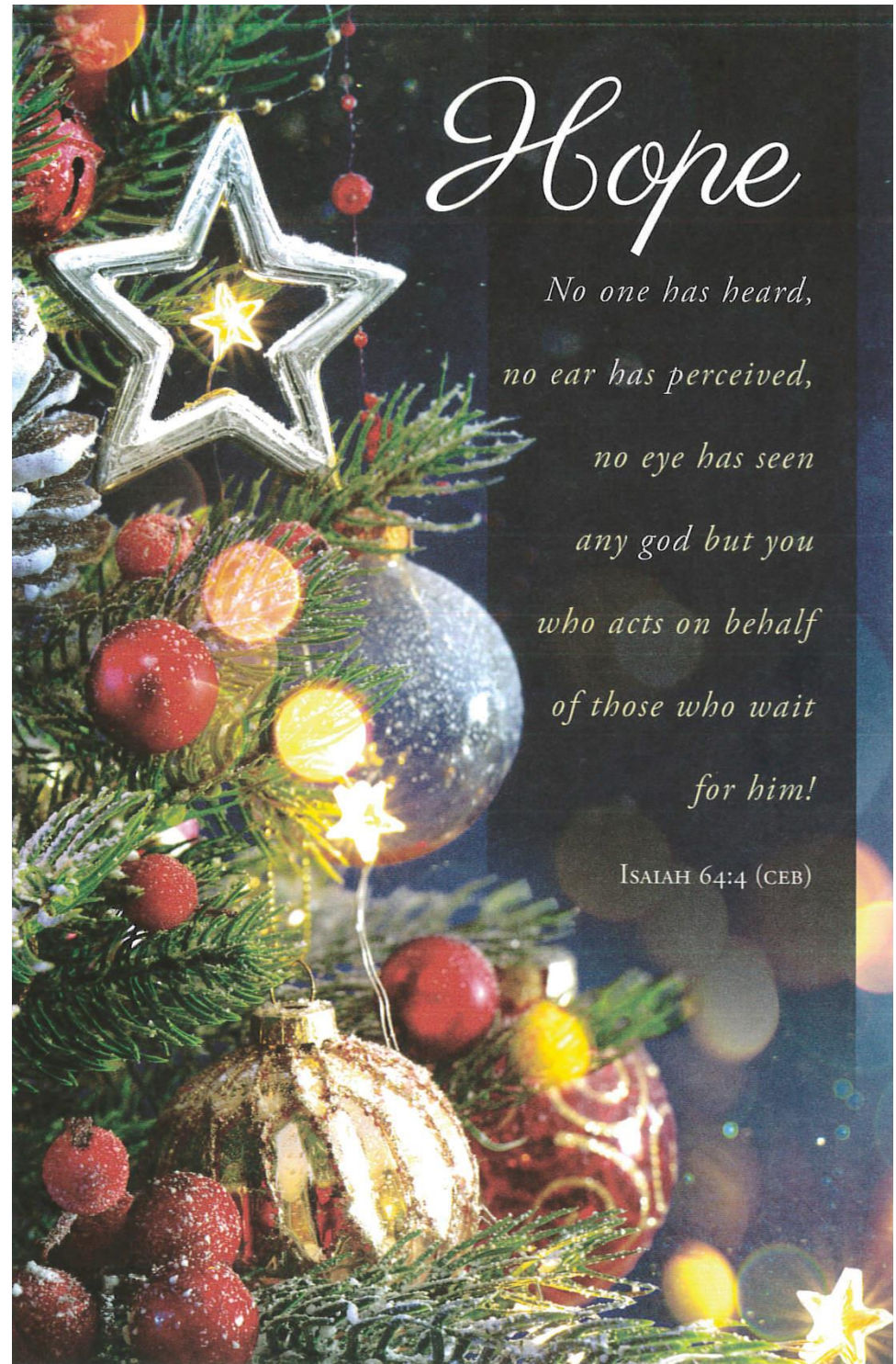
Wednesday 1-5 pm

Website: www.lambpres.org

**The Elder on Call for the Month
of December is:**

Heather McIntyre

610-438-1392



Hope

*No one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen
any god but you
who acts on behalf
of those who wait
for him!*

ISAIAH 64:4 (CEB)

December 3, 2023
10:30 AM

The First Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements (See Insert)

Opening Prayer

+Hymn: #225

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (vs. 1&2)

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

+Passing of the Peace

+Glory Be to the Father #815

In the Presence of the Lord

Prayers of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Offering/+Doxology #815

Special Music: Debbie Crow and Lucia Lee

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Under the Authority of Christ, the Savior

Time for Young Adults

+Hymn: #244

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Scripture:

Luke 2:28-38

Message:

The Best Present

Depart to Serve the Lord

+Hymn: #249

O Come, All Ye Faithful

+ **Benediction**

+Please stand if you are able

About the Message:

The beginning of Advent is not to be taken as there are only so many shopping days left until Christmas. The beginning of Advent is the start of preparing ourselves for the birth of Jesus. So let us take time to remember that although it is a busy time of year, it is time to celebrate salvation through the birth of Jesus. Amen.

Participating in Today's Service:

Elder: Pat Durborow

Deacon: Heidi Danberry

Greeter: Connie Fisher

Hymn Time:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Latin Hymn, 18th Century

For many years this hymn was known as an anonymous Latin hymn. Recent research, however, has revealed manuscripts that indicate that it was written in 1744 by an English layman named John Wade and set to music by him in much the same style as used today. The hymn first appeared in his collection of hymns published in 1751. One hundred years later the carol was translated into its present English form by an Anglican minister, Frederick Oakeley, who desired to use it for his congregation. The tune name, "Adeste Fideles", is taken from the first words of the original Latin text, and translated literally means, "be present or near, ye faithful".

The original Latin text consists of four stanzas. The first calls us to visualize anew the infant Jesus in Bethlehem's stable. The second stanza is usually omitted in most hymnals, but it reminds us that the Christ-child is very God Himself. The next stanza pictures the exalted song of the angelic choir heard by the lowly shepherds. Then the final verse offers praise and adoration to the Word, our Lord, who was with the Father from the beginning of time.

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