



Bazetta Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Rev. Timothy McCollum, Pastor

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**Celebrating the Lord's Day**  
at  
Bazetta Christian Church  
December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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***The Church Gathers Before God***

**GREETINGS IN CHRIST**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

*“Waiting Here for You”* - Martin Smith

**\*ADVENT READING**

The Maloy Family

Reader 1: In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, “Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins” (Isaiah 40:1).

Reader 2: We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation: **We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

Reader 1: We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

**SING**

*“One Candle is Lit”*

#128, verse 2

Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare  
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.  
One candle is lit for the reign of God's pace.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

#149

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
you who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Refrain

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen the natal star:

Refrain

Saints before the alter bending, watching, long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, here among us shall appear:

Refrain

**\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Megen Stocker, Liturgist

L: Let us join together in prayer.

**Holy and Awesome God, in a world fractured by sin, broken by pain, we come seeking wholeness. Rooted in Your grace, peace within us and beyond us can be made real. Send your Spirit upon us that we might be filled with such love that compassion makes room for peace in our everyday moments and our deepest troubles. Then let Your peace flow from us into the entire world. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

*The people exchange with one another, by words and careful gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.*

**ANTHEM**

Chancel Choir

*“Behold Our God”* by Ryan Baird, Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Peter 3:8-15; Contemporary English Version

Dear friends, don't forget that for the Lord one day is the same as 1,000 years, and 1,000 years is the same as one day. The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

The day of the Lord's return will surprise us like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a loud noise, and the heat will melt the whole universe. Then the earth and everything on it will be seen for what they are.

Everything will be destroyed. So you should serve and honor God by the way you live. You should look forward to the day when God judges everyone, and you should try to make it come soon. On that day the heavens will be destroyed by fire, and everything else will melt in the heat. But God has promised us a new heaven and a new earth, where justice will rule. We are really looking forward to this!

My friends, while you are waiting, you should make certain the Lord finds you pure, spotless, and living at peace. Don't forget that the Lord is patient because he wants people to be saved. This is also what our dear friend Paul said when he wrote you with the wisdom God had given him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

#119, verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:1-8; Christian Standard Bible

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

**See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.**

**A voice of one crying out in the wilderness:**

**Prepare the way for the Lord;  
make his paths straight!**

John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. John wore a camel-hair garment with a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, "One who is more powerful than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

“peace”

### SONG OF PRESENTATION

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

#5

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

My loving Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

### \*DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IDENTITY STATEMENT

**We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Words of Institution

Communion Music

*“Forth in Thy Name I Go”* – Harrison; Wesley

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

**Christ Has Died**

**Christ Is Risen**

**Christ Will Come Again**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*“There's Something About That Name”*

#115, sing twice

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

### \*BENEDICTION

### SONG OF SENDING

Oh come Divine Messiah come

The world is longing for the day

When hope shall sing it's triumph

As sadness flies away

Dear Savior come to tired earth

And bring the grace of day

Dispel the night with thy face

Come, Messiah, come

Oh come, Divine Messiah, come

Oh come, Divine Messiah, come

Oh thou whom matrons sight for,

Whom priest and prophet long foretold

*“Oh Come Divine Messiah”* – People and Songs

Does break the captive fetters,

And brings the wayward home.

Dear Savior come to tired earth

And bring the grace of day

Dispel the night with thy face

Come, Messiah, come

Oh come, Divine Messiah, come

Oh come, Divine Messiah, come

There is hope today that God Himself  
might shine

Upon our souls and say

Unto you a Savior comes and

Everything will change  
Everything will change  
There is hope today  
That God Himself will take  
Our wounded world and say  
Unto you a Savior comes

Everything will change  
Everything will change  
Oh, come, Divine Messiah, come  
Oh, come, Divine Messiah, come  
Oh, come, Divine Messiah, come  
Oh, come, Divine Messiah, come

Darlene Ball, Choir Director

\*All who are able may stand.

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### **THIS WEEK AT BAZETTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Administrative Board meeting  
7:00 p.m. Scouts

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday: 4-7 p.m. Live Nativity

3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. Small Group  
of Advent: 10:00 a.m. Worship

#### **In case of emergencies:**

Fire Alarm: Calmly and quickly evacuate the building. Reassemble at the pavilion next to the garage. No longer at flagpole. Do not block the fire lanes. All doors in the sanctuary lead to outside exits.

Tornado Warning: Calmly and quickly exit through the rear doors and assemble in the hallway of the Educational Wing/Child Care area. Stay away from all doors and windows.

Gunshots or Threats: Duck down between the pews to shield yourself and allow the Security Team to handle the situation.

## **Open Communion and Offering Information**

We celebrate the Communion of the Lord's Supper every week. It is open to ALL Christians. Everyone who is able is invited to come to the front by rows. A piece of bread and cup of grape juice will be given to you to partake. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

Kneelers are available on each side for those who wish to stop and pray. If you are not able to come forward for any reason, a plate and cup will be offered to you. If you prefer not to partake, just indicate that when offered the elements.

The offering that we share in worship is part of our shared commitment to doing ministry together. In our offering, we reflect that we are called to share in the blessings we have that others may be blessed. Offering bowls are provided in the center and right-hand aisles.

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome! As we come together to celebrate this second Sunday of Advent, let us lift up our heads to see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory, our Savior and Redeemer!

If you have questions concerning membership with this congregation, speak with Pastor Tim or any of the BCC Elders (Dan Davis, Paula Davis, Jim Dolgae, Heather Faler, Myra May, Christy McCollum, Valarie Rizzo, Michelle Stineman, Megen Stocker, Larry Swiger).

**Blue Christmas Service:** Monday, December 11, 7:00 p.m., at Champion Christian Church; calming service designed for anyone who wants to step away from holiday hustle and bustle and experience an evening of peace

**Women's Spiritual Retreat**, "Treasured", Holiday Inn Express by the mall, Friday, January 26, thru Saturday, January 27, 2024. Please sign up on the easel by the office door TODAY to help with planning purposes. The registration deadline is Tuesday, December 26, 2023. See your December *Bazetta Beacon*, or the easel for more details.

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**Loose Change Mission Jar:** We are collecting loose change in the Gathering Space for missions. From October through December, the funds will go to Youngstown Blue Coats. Thank you!

**Angel Tree Ministry:** Return all gifts to the church by TODAY, December 10, 2023. Your generosity of giving from what you have is so appreciated by the families who receive. Thank you for sharing of God's Love and being the vessel from whom the Holy Spirit works in and thru within the Angel Tree Ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please see or call Patti Peterson, 330-647-4591, or Sue Cross, 330-717-6224.

### **Drive-thru Live Nativity**

Saturday, December 16, 4-7 p.m.

Excitement is in the air!!! We will be hosting the community to come on out to our place to see the characters and hear the story of the first Christmas so many years ago. Real animals will be here, including a camel! Be sure to tell all your friends and family about this and invite them to come.

If you would like to help in some way with this event, please see or call Jeannette Callahan. Her number is 330-980-2374.