

**First Sunday of Advent:
Wait Upon the Lord with Faith**
November 28, 2021



HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Haven Road Hagerstown, MD 21742 (301) 733-5056

Worship with Communion: Sunday 9:30 a.m. (in-person & Haven's Facebook 'Live')
(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366>)

Ministers: All God's People at Haven Pastor: Linda M. Alessandri

COME LET US WORSHIP

A warm welcome to each of you as we gather for worship today and a special welcome to our guests. As we offer God our praise, may you be richly blessed by God's gracious Word, Meal and community.

HAVEN IS WORKING TO PROTECT EVERYONE'S HEALTH AS WE WORSHIP

***The air in Haven's sanctuary is circulated through our new ionizing system 24/7.** This system is the same used in airplanes and doctor's offices to combat airborne particulates that carry bacteria and viruses including COVID.

***Hand sanitizing** stations and **masks** are available at both entrances.

***Hand sanitizer** is available in every pew.

***There is an area of chairs for those who wish to practice social distancing** in the back of the center portion of the church.

***Communion can be brought to anyone** who would prefer not to come into the center of the congregation.

Pass on the word that Haven is a good place to worship, with safeguards in place to combat COVID during these challenging times.

Special Worship Notes and Precautions

With Washington County still designated as an area of high COVID transmission, the Maryland Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend but do not require that vaccinated persons wear masks during indoor gatherings. At Haven, vaccinated persons are welcome to wear a mask at worship, for their own protection or the protection of elders, immune-compromised, children, and the unvaccinated.

At this time, as we continue to be mindful and caring for one another, please:

- use provided hand sanitizer as much as possible (as you enter & leave the building & in the pews);
- pass the peace from your seat for now. (A wave, bow or fist bump are the safest. Include a wave to those participating at home. Use hand sanitizer if you do exchange a hand shake.)
- As you come forward for communion, please leave some space between yourself and any persons in front of you who are from another household.
- Like Jesus, we strive to invite, welcome and include everyone. Thus, practicing good hospitality, PLEASE do not ask or quiz persons about their mask choice OR their vaccination status. Wearing a mask or not, we worship our Lord together with gratitude and joy.
- If you are feeling poorly or have a temperature, please join worship on-line until you are feeling better. Call the church if you'd like to be added to the prayer list or speak with the pastor.

*We give thanks that God IS with us as we gather to worship.
We give thanks for your presence, patience and your prayers
during these unprecedented times as we worship together
the Lord who is forever good, loving and faithful.*

*"I was glad when you said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
Psalm 121:1*

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(vs 1-2) #257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A: Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

C: **They shall mount up with wings like eagles,**

A: They shall run and not be weary,

C: **They shall walk and not faint.**

Isaiah 40: 31

(after announcements)

A: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits.

C: **and in God's word I hope.**

Psalms 130: 5

PRELUDE

“Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland”

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Wait upon the Lord.

C: Be strong and courageous.

P: Wait upon the Lord. That's what Abraham did, even though he was about a hundred years old.

C: And Sarah's womb was barren.

P: Still, Abraham and Sarah waited in faith.

C: Fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

P: Wait upon the Lord.

C: Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Wait upon the Lord.

C: Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Be our strength every morning and our salvation in the night of despair. Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Abraham and Sarah; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 17: 1-9

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath

*The **candles** signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. The **evergreens** remind us that God is life and brings life to us. All these are arranged in a **circle** because the love of God and life in Christ has no end. Each week we light an additional candle. On Christmas Eve, we light all the candles, including the center one, the **Christ Candle**. As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us. He is Emmanuel... "God with us."*

“Light One Candle To Watch for Messiah” (vs. 1)

#240



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

P: Wait upon the Lord.

C: **Be strong and courageous.**

P: my soul waits for the LORD,
more than those who watch for the morning,

C: **more than those who watch for the morning.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “God’s Abiding Word Now Hear”

Tune: “Angels from the Realm of Glory”

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God's abiding Word now hear.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

See the Son of Man appear.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our redemption drawing near!

GOSPEL Matthew 1: 16-25

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew the first Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(after the Gospel is read)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Seminarian Katy Moran



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

THE PRAYERS Each prayer ends: "Hear us, O God." C: "**your mercy is great.**"

*When the petition is read that includes those serving in the armed forces, the **congregation** is asked to please join in reading the names in bold print:*

... Protect those sent into harm's way for the sake of peace especially **Gavin** Anderson, **Ben** Asbury, **Amanda** Bertucci, **Richard** Collins, **Cole** Conrad, **Nick** Graham, **Michael** McKenzie III, **Travis** Thompson, **Hunter** Wiles.

*When the petition is read that includes those listed in our prayer list, the **congregation** is invited to join in that prayer by reading aloud the names below. Read only the **bold** portion of the names, going down the columns. (*Friends & Family of Haven Members)*

... especially,

Carol Shull
***Virginia White**
***Sandy Brandon**
***Edward Staley**
***Helen VanderHamm**
***Nasrin Sotoudeh**
***Courtney Belmont**
***Caitlyn Battoe**
***Brandi Allsop**
***Seth Battoe**
***Debora Daniels**
Larry & Sharon
Hartsock
***Teresa Hoover**
***Lindsey Hoover**
***Johnny Wright**
***William Burkley**
Harold Rice
***Amanda Cunningham**
***Jim & Ann Conrad**

***Tara**
***Tally Uchina**
***Penny Carpenter**
***Darcy Funkhouser**
***Ernie Howe**
***Ralph & Marion Rowe**
***Marci Dean**
***Lois Fortney**
***Stafford Family**
***Dave Bennett**
***Jennifer Tobin**
***Elena Naylor**
***Patrick Stoneberger**
Scott Rhodes
***Maxine Snowberger**
***Penny Richardson**
***Miss Dee**
***Christina & Family**
***Marianne Leatherwood**
***Joan Church**

Valerie Wills
***John Morgan**
***Oliver Hart**
***Diana Grimes**
***Jan Reynolds and**
Family
***Liz Miller**
***Paula Viscusi**
***Tina Krichnan**
Pam O'Connor
***Eleanor & Max Ernest**
***Sadie Garner**
***Family of Wilma**
Ogren
***Vera Rosenow**
***Gael & David Butcher**
***Nelson Strobert**
***Rod & Patty Bonebrake**
***Claudy Family**
***Holder Family**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*(Pass the peace from your seat for now. A wave, bow or fist bump is the safest.
Include a wave to those participating at home. There is hand sanitizer in the pews.)*

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY

“*Comfort, Comfort*”

arr. John Ferguson

THE OFFERING

P: It's Offering time! C: **Praise God!**

*(May God bless what we give and use it to bring wholeness, healing and hope to God's world. Amen.
Thank you for your faithful generosity.)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.

**C: Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;

broke it and, and gave it to his disciples,

saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,

saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,

that the bread we break and the cup we bless

may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ

and with your church in all the world.

Teach us to pray night and day that we may see you face to face.

Strengthen us in holiness, faithfulness, joy, and love

so that we may be ready at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here, with the gift of himself.

C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those communing in their homes: Please have your communion set(s) ready, removing the protective film on the host and grape juice. Pastor will then say, "Body of Christ, given for you." Please consume the host. Pastor will say, "Blood of Christ, shed for you." Please drink the grape juice. As your brothers and sisters in Christ in the church receive communion, please pray for them and/or sing the communion songs on their behalf.

*For those communing in the church: Holy Communion will be offered in bread and wine. Grape juice is also available. As your section comes forward, **please leave room between yourself and those in front of you who are from another household.***

First come to the pastor to receive the bread dropped into your hand. Step to the side and consume the host. Second, go to the assisting minister to take a cup of wine or grape juice. Step to the side and consume the wine or grape juice. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket where you can dispose of your empty cup.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

“As the Grains of Wheat”

#465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

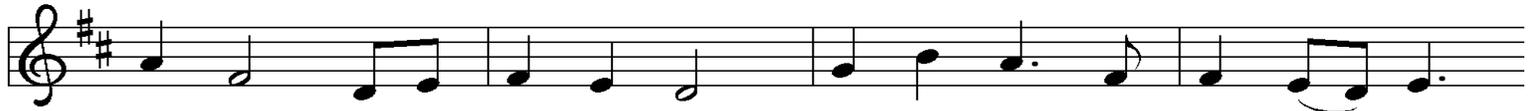


Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

#479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

“What Feast of Love”

#487



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

TABLE BLESSING C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God for whom we wait,
you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.

C: **Make us ready always to welcome Christ in to our hearts,
and send us forth to be your people in the world,
announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: May God give us the faith of Abraham and Sarah, the hope of Isaiah,
the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah.
God will make us strong and courageous.

C: **As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

(vs 1, 3, 6) #263



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” setting by Johann Walther

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near. Share the good news.

C: **We will! Thanks be to God!**

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Serving God’s People this Sunday Morning: November 28, 2021

Presiding Minister Pastor Linda M Alessandri
Preacher Seminarian Katy Moran
Assisting Minister Marge Cunningham
Organist Stephen Pastena
Acolyte Ethan & Cindy Rhodes
Ushers Kathy Wright, Kim Pile, Will Seilhamer
Securing the Building Scott Rhodes, Doug Rhodes

We also Remember in Prayer: Our homebound members: *Irene Giffin, Sari Kilheffer, Phyllis Meyers, Inez Winebrenner and Dorothy Zinkand.*

Military personnel serving in harm’s way: *Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Amanda Bertucci, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Nick Graham, Michael McKenzie III, Travis Thompson, Hunter Wiles.*

Hospital Admissions: *PLEASE call Haven’s church office (301-733-5056) or Pastor Alessandri (301-745-4216) if you or a loved one have a planned or emergency admission to the hospital. We also want to add you or your loved one to our prayer list so our congregation can lift you up in prayer.*

*The flowers on the altar are given the **Glory of God** in honor of **Our Anniversary,**
Will & Joanne Seilhamer.*

*Next week’s readings **December 5, 2021** ~ Wait Upon the Lord with Hope
 Isaiah 40: 27-31, John 1: 1-5*

Serving God’s People next Sunday morning: December 5, 2021

Presiding Minister Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister Danny Kiblinger
Organist Stephen Pastena
Acolyte Melita Kaplan
Ushers Kathy Wright, Kim Pile, Scott Rhodes
Securing the Building Nancy Newkirk, Elaine Michael

	Year to Date Actual October 30, 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year To Date (over/behind budget)
	\$165,412.75	\$166,666.00	(-\$1,253.25)



WE HAVE REACHED 62.3 % OF OUR FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER GOAL!

As November 21, **\$64,093.30** has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. Way to go Haven! You are blest and a blessing.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNIEIS

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS RETURN – The Christmas tree and tags went up several weeks ago and already we are down to the last few tags. (*Way to go, Haven!*) Each tag has items needed for the **10 families** from Fountaindale Elementary School for whom we are providing Christmas food baskets. This is by far the most we've had the opportunity to help in a long while. Food and money collection will continue through Sunday, December 19th. Blessed to be a blessing – Thanks be to God!



WINTER CLOTHING URGENTLY NEEDED FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

Hello Friends,
Catholic Charities Immigration Refugees Services of Harrisburg is in dire need of winter clothing for Afghan refugees. Will you help collect these items? Items

needed are **coats, hats, gloves, scarves and socks of all sizes**. They can be **new** or gently used (like new). Collection dates are **November 28-December 19**.

This collection is a partnership of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, HARC, and Catholic Charities Immigration Refugees Services of Harrisburg. Thanks to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for coordinating the effort.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date information about church events and worship visit www.havenlc.org.

ADVENT BEGINS TODAY This Advent our worship theme is **Wait Upon the Lord**. Today, with the help of our guest preacher, seminarian Katy Moran, we consider what it means to “Wait Upon the Lord *with Faith*” like Abraham and Sarah and their Hebrew ancestors. We wait, trusting in Jesus, who came first in Bethlehem and will return at the end of human time to bring healing, wholeness and peace.

There are Advent devotionals available in the narthex for adults and teens. Materials for children were delivered but we have some remaining if we unintentionally missed someone.

RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED TODAY! The wood from the cross that once stood in front of the Education Wing was repurposed into Advent logs or centerpieces that could be used any time of the year. TODAY we will announce the winning tickets. Remember there is only one winner per household, no matter how many tickets you purchase or are drawn. All proceeds will benefit the Faith Building Together debt reduction fund. Thank you for your support and joining in the fun.



**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS ORDERS**

Purchase your Christmas Poinsettias by filling out an order form/envelope, found on the tables in the narthex. Please fill out all the information on the envelope and submit it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by the deadline. If you prefer to order via phone (301-733-5056) or email (havenoffice@havenlc.org) please let us know who the flowers are in memory/honor of, your name and how many you would like to order then bring or mail your payment to the church with memo line: Poinsettias.

Poinsettias are \$8.75 each. Deadline is today, Sunday, November 28.

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

November 29 6:00 Bell Choir

December 1 10:00 Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 9-10)
7:00 Choir

December 5 9:30 Worship (in-person/Facebook Live)

10:45 Adult Sunday School (What does the Bible say about Heaven & Hell?)

10:45 God Squad Explorer Event – Adventures into Christmas

12:00 Confirmation Class (parlor)

Haven Mission Statement:

“To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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