



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

2733 Springhill Road, Staunton, VA 24401

Kenneth A. Price, Interim Pastor

*Our worship begins with the prelude.
Please use this time to prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

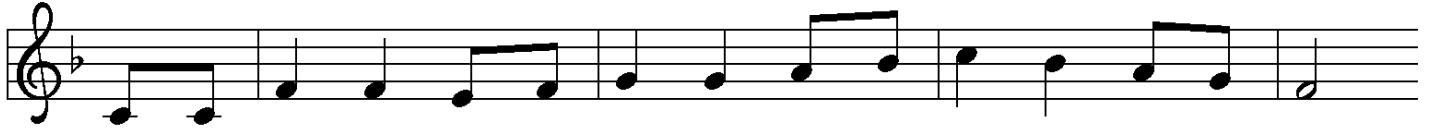
C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.
 Music: W ZŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

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.

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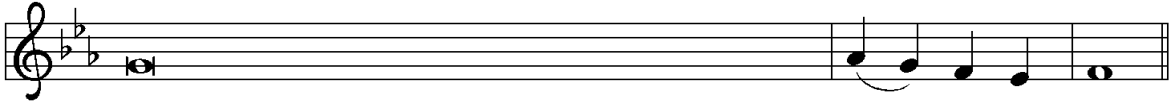
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



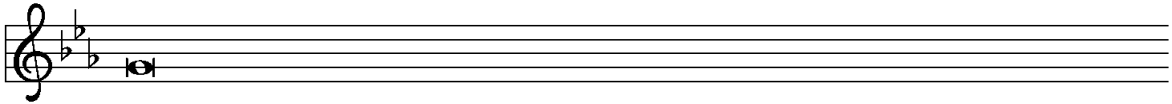
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



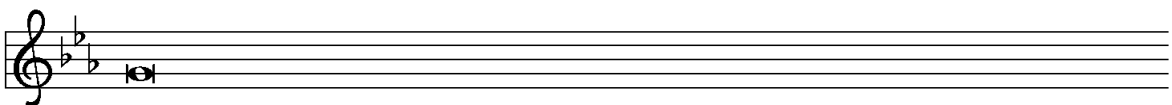
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. a - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Fourth Sunday – The Wonder of Hope

Today we light four candles. The first candle calls us to behold the glory of the season with renewed wonder. Advent is a time to be awed by God's redeeming love for the lost and broken. The second candle calls us to reclaim the promises of God spoken in ages past. As the light fills the room, so the Word of God fills our world with hope for the hurting, peace for the restless, and joy for the heavy hearted. The third candle is an invitation to wait patiently upon the Lord. In a world where we often lack for patience, Advent reminds us to rest in God's timing and trust God's plan. The fourth candle challenges us to grow in faithful expectation. As people whose faith often becomes tamed to the miraculous, Advent is a time to remember afresh a God in whom all things are possible.

L: During Advent our hope is rekindled by God's light in the darkness.

C: **This light comes as a tiny baby and that baby brings the hope for which we have been longing.**

L: During Advent help us, oh God, to embrace this hope.

C: **Oh Lord, may we behold your glory.**

L: During Advent may we truly welcome and rejoice in your son who has reclaimed the lost.

C: **Oh come let us adore him, Christ, our Lord.**

Four candles are lit.

Children's Time – Change for Hope Offering

The Cantata

Born a Savior, Born a King

**Sung by the Pleasant View ELC Choir
Narrated by Bill Luders
Accompanied by Stephen Dickerson on Piano and
David Taylor on Flugel horn**

Silence for Reflection

APOSTLES' CREED

A God has made us his children through our baptism into Christ. Living in trust and hope, together we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Stand

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you.

The people may move about and greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace and may say "Peace be with you."

Sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await God's justice.

A brief silence.

A Pour out your Spirit on the church, that its leaders and all the baptized may answer your call to be bearers of the revelation of your love for the world. Hear us, O God.

After portion of the prayers:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared

Stand

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: FRANCKE, J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **God of abundance,
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.**

**Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts

C **We lift them to the Lord**

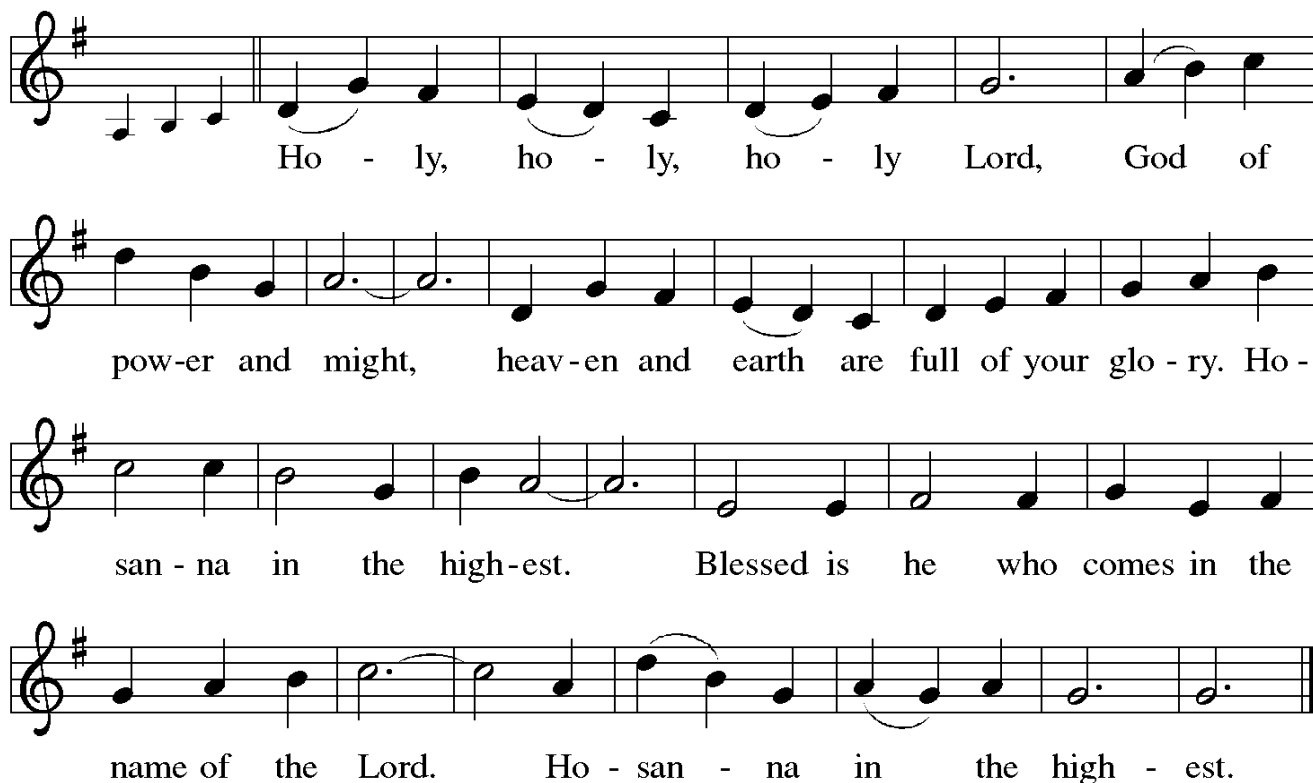
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

LORDS 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.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said,

“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

*All baptized persons, at Christ’s invitation are invited to the Lord’s Supper.
Children who have been instructed or commune in another parish may commune.*

Please bring non-communing children forward to receive a blessing.

Communion is received by intinction.

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

P: The body of Christ, given for you. **A:** The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may make the sign of the cross and say: **Amen***

The congregation is welcome to sing the Communion Hymn

COMMUNION HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

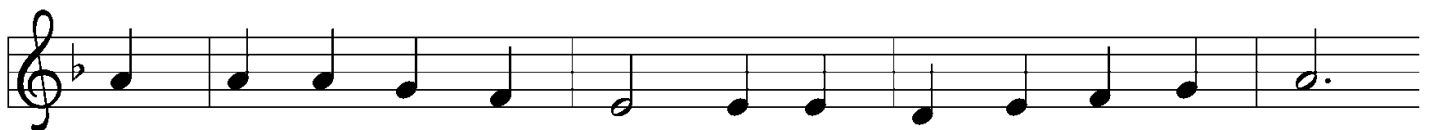
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O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

Stand

P And now may the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

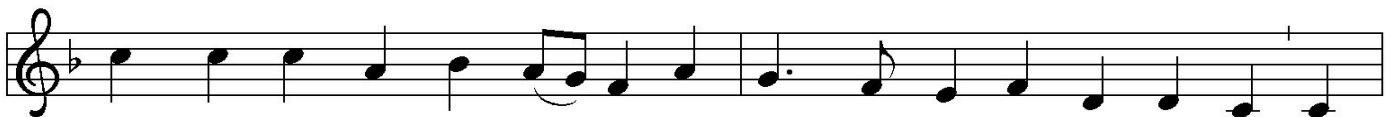
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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

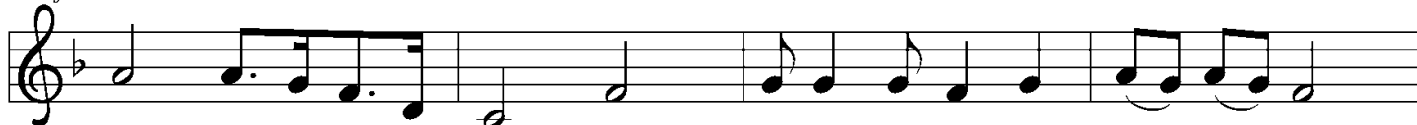
God for whom we wait,
in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

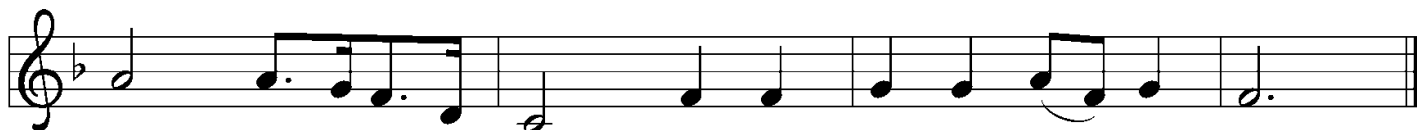
BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Called by God's love.....inviting, nurturing, growing, serving!

Visiting Strangers, Friends, and Family: You are welcome here!

It is our joy to show hospitality to you. We welcome your presence among us and invite you to return. Our ushers are prepared to answer your questions or direct you to classrooms or the nursery. A nursery is provided for young children during the worship service and the education hour. Families with young children are encouraged to sit near the front so that the children can see and participate fully in the worship service.

We believe our Lord's real presence is in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Supper is a meal for forgiveness of sin and eternal life; thanksgiving for what God has done in Christ Jesus specifically 'for you.' All baptized persons, at Christ's invitation are invited to the table. Children who commune in another parish may commune here. Please bring non-communing children forward to receive a blessing.

Attendance Last Sunday: 115

Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

For the Good of the Church: Our Bishops, Mark and James; Our sister churches Good Shepherd (Lexington), Vacant; Muhlenberg (Harrisonburg), Rev. Dave Nelson and Rev. Bob Humphrey; for our interim Pastor, Kenneth Price; and for all pastors.

For Healing and Recovery: John Flavin, Zach Cook, Frances Quick, Mary Sue Hise, Dorothy Craun, Nancy Vayvada, Robert Fauber, Virginia Subalesky, Pat Luders; Sue Painter; Margaret Cox; Jane Hickock; Kenny Jordan; Otis Troxell; Caroline Kite; Ree Ann Betts; Yvonne Troxell; Linda Zullig; Betty Cox; Watts Jetton.

For Care of those in the military & working in war zones: On active service – Ben Fauber, and Alex Rankin. For all returned veterans, safe health care, meaningful jobs, relationships and peace.

For Our Friends and Neighbors: Amanda Beyerlin, daughter of soldier of Chip Lilly; Lloyd Rexrode, friend of Dick & Linda Zullig; Pat Rexrode, mother of Amy Moyers & Robyn Simmons; Charlotte Fitzgerald, sister of Dorothy Craun; Madaline Harris, sister of Doug Painter Sr; William Bauer, Karen Fauber and Sue Cook's father; Kyle Hilbert friend of Betty and Kenny Jordan; Fred Berry; Anthony Arehart, friend of Doug Painter Sr.; Herbert Hays friend of Kenny and Betty Jordan; Thelma Varner, the sister of (Virginia) Louise Subalesky.

Debbie Blackwell is staying at Envoy in room 230. She appreciates your encouragement and prayers.

Thanksgiving Offered: The church would like to thank Christine Puffenbarger for loaning us her ceramic nativity set that is on the organ. It is beautiful and makes a wonderful addition to the Sanctuary.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Doug Painter whose sister, Madeline Harris, died on December 13th.

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To have information printed in the bulletin: please contact David Taylor at d_taylor4444@hotmail.com or call 943-9227. Written announcements can also be left in the top basket in the church office. Please always give your name and contact number with each announcement. Please have information in by Thursday morning for the following Sunday.

Web Site Calendar: Help keep our calendar up to date. If you have announcements of upcoming events please call, e-mail, or write it down and hand it to me at church. This is a valuable tool for our church I don't want to miss any upcoming events. **For more information** or to volunteer, please call or e-mail Michael Vayvada at 280-7952 or vay@cfw.com



Announcements —12/18/11

Are given today to the Glory of God
By Mr. and Mrs. James Cox Jr. in memory of their grandparents.

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The Dale Rankin family are the leaders in lighting of the Advent Wreath.
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Christmas Caroling: Today! The Quicks Bus will leave the church at 3:30. The bus will go to Shirley Crawford's house for hotdogs and chili after caroling.

The Christmas Candlelight Eve Service: will be at 9:00 on December 24. This is a festive service as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Come and invite you family and friends to join you!

Next Sunday is Christmas day: We will not have Sunday School, but the worship service is at 11:00 o'clock. The informal worship service will feature lessons and carols. Take time with you family and worship together.

Altar Flowers: Thanks to everyone for placing flowers on the Altar. If you would like to be deleted or added to the flower list, please let Alice Fauber know. If want the flowers to remain the same as this year, that will be done. Thank you, Alice Fauber, 234-9918.

Handbell Concert: The Mountain Valley Community Handbell Ringers will have a special concert for us and our guests on Wednesday, December 21, beginning at 7:00, at the church. This will be the culmination of our Wednesday Advent worship services, a joyful musical celebration of the Advent season. You will enjoy hearing the music of this very talented group, so invite your friends for this evening of Christmas bells, followed by refreshments. **Please note the time is 7:00, not 6:30 as printed in the newsletter.**

Food Pantry Fund Raiser: Jimmy Fortune in Concert Monday, December 19 at 7:00 PM at the Weyers Cave Community Center. To Benefit the Verona Community Food Pantry. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at the Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren

The deadline for the January newsletter is Today 18. The "View" will go to print on Tuesday, December 20 and be available at church at both the Christmas Eve service and the Christmas service on the 25th. Please send information to Catherine Taylor at pvelcnewsletter@yahoo.com.



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Pastor Kenneth A. Price

Music Director: Judy Shuey
Assisting Minister: Jim Sheets
Reader: Bill Luders

Organist: Stephen Dickerson
Acolyte: Cassidy Simmons
Communion Assistant: Cheryl McKay

Communion Prep: Alice Fauber and Wanda Bowers; Nursery: Tammy Cox
Greeters & Ushers: Hunter and Alice Fauber, and Fred and Wanda Bowers

Serving Next Week:

Dec 25th: Reader – Kenneth Landes; Nursery – N/A;
Acolyte – N/A; Communion Assistant – N/A

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-14
John 1:1-14

Next Week's Sermon

Lessons and Carols

Serving Next Month – January 2012:

Assisting Minister – Betty Cox; Communion Prep – Cheryl McKay and Susan Wright
Greeters and Ushers – Roger and Cheryl McKay, and Forester and Susan Wright

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