

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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November 30, 2025

9:30am Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

"BUSY BAGS": Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY CARE: Available during worship for children birth-kindergarten. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Is held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, except the first Sunday of the month. Youth meet their teachers after the children's message in the sanctuary. Parents, please pick up your child from the 2nd floor classrooms immediately following worship. Follow signs for the office.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: "gladurhere!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: Like the ancient Israelites we too long for the coming reign of God when peace and justice will prevail. Will we allow our imaginations to cling to the hope that resides within us?

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)

Prelude: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" - Thomas Chesterton

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Here we stand anew at the beginning of all hope.

People: Here we wait and watch for the coming of our Lord.

Liturgist: Though darkness covers the earth

and deep darkness comes upon her people,

People: The hope of God shines and is not overcome by the darkness.

Liturgist: Men and women, young and old,

lift up their eyes to see the coming hope of God.

People: In faith, we lift up our eyes in hope to God.

Liturgist: For God's hope gives of mercy and proclaims of grace,

as it births newness into this world and into our lives.

People: O come, O come Emmanuel!

Liturgist: As God has come in Jesus, so God will come again,

in the fullness of time, wiping away every tear,

as all things are made new.

People: Our Hope is in the Lord our God, the creator of heaven and earth.

Liturgist: As we light this first candle of Advent,

may it proclaim the truth of the God who comes,

casting out all darkness, filling our hearts with hope

of the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Lighting of the Candle of Hope)

Liturgist: Together, let us pray.

All: As we begin anew our journey to the simple presence of your love,
given to this world in the flesh and blood of Jesus,
renew us in your hope, that we may see beyond the darkness
as you call us, here and now, to live by the hope of your light
that has, and continues, to shine
through the abiding presence of your Spirit.

Awaken us from our slumber, that we may hope anew.

Come, Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Processional Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1,2,6,7) (p. #116)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Gracious God, it is not a year abundant with hope.

We cry out for solace, for rest, for strength;

we curse in anger at the horrors we see perpetrated in your name;

we turn our backs on those who suffer,

and we scorn those who bring suffering upon others.

We are lost and demoralized, aching for the hope in your Word,

and yet when you speak, we do not hear.

We do not quiet the spirit within or allow your peace to fall upon us.

We root ourselves in devastation

when true strength is born out of your tender grace.

Forgive us, God, for abandoning hope in favor of fear

and a desire for retribution.

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...God will be our shelter while we rest, as well as when we are ready,
once again, to rise up.

People: Thanks be to God!

Praise Response (Unison)

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps. Those in 1st-7th grades are dismissed to Sunday School or back to their guardians following the message and the decorating of the Christmas tree.)

Prayer of Illumination

All: Almighty God, you open the eyes of the blind,
you pierce the darkness with light, you set the prisoners free.
In the proclaiming and the receiving of your word
open now our eyes to see, enlighten our hearts to know,
that we too may be set free to the joy of your truth.
Speak Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. #631)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44 (p. #27)

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Antiphonal Praise" - Patrick M. Liebergen

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope.
Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.)*

Offertory: “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” –
David Cherwien (Basque Carol)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-low;
Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

All: Saving God, we give ourselves in service to you
as we await Christ's coming.

Bless all that we offer

**that your church may shine the light of your hope,
provide the refuge of your care, and witness to the good news
that you have made known to all the world
through the precious gift of your Son.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" (p. #342)

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the left hand.

1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;
2 Here share with us in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood;

O Sav - ior, stay with us and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
That liv - ing bread, that heaven-ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Invitation

Pastor: As often as we gather.

People: We gather in remembrance of Christ.

Pastor: When we care for another in need,

People: We care for Christ our Lord.

Pastor: When we break the bread and share the cup,

People: We participate in the kingdom of God.

Pastor: Come to this table, one and all, because you belong here!

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...we offer ourselves to you, uniting our voices
with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Seraphic Hymn *(Sung in Unison)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: ...passionate for mercy, devoted to justice, united in faith.

All: **Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sharing of Elements – Pew Communion

(All who seek to unite their lives in discipleship to Christ are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will serve the bread – gluten free option in the center. Then the trays of red wine and white grape juice. Hold each element until invited to consume that we may be united as one body in our receiving. Place empty cups in the pew holders.)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: **Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west,
north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.**

**We thank you for Christ's presence alive to us now,
and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will,
as you go with us, so that whether we are gathered or scattered,
we may continue to abide in you and with one another
in service to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" (p. #117)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: “Postlude on an Ancient Carol” - Kihlken (Polish Carol)

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent, Tree Decorating

8:30 AM Chancel Choir
9:30AM Worship, Nursery

Monday, December 1

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM Recovering Couples Group – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 2

6:30 PM Worship & Music - Library

Wednesday, December 3

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM New Members – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 4

10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, December 5

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent, Keystone Brass, New Member’s Joining, Angel Tree Gift Blessing, First Sunday Fellowship, Congregational Meeting

8:30 AM Chancel Choir
9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
10:45 AM First Sunday Fellowship
11:00AM Congregational Meeting
1:00 PM Wyo Girl Scout Troop 1693 – Room 22

3:00 PM Boy Scouts, Arrow of Light – Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 192 – Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 413, PLC Meeting – Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Bob Glasgow now lives far from Bausman. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Healing & Strengthening: St. Andrew’s UCC, Reading and Pastor Michael A. Baal;
Randy Ulmer; Wisdom & Faithfulness For the 2026 Budget; Lorraine Yahner; Tracey Rohrbach; Christians in Nigeria; Jean Wall & Family

Care & Support: Helen Fisher; Virginia Buser; George; Rev. Millard Fisher; Lori Moser;
Jerry Henry; Jan Heist

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family of Bridget Orner; Moretz Family; The Family of Ray Miller

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

11/30 Scott Sulzer
12/2 Christopher Warner
12/6 Nancy Reuter
12/7 Marjorie Huyett

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: In Honor of our 61st Wedding Anniversary, with many thanks for 5 ‘bonus years, Mary and Les Moll.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Kent Hollinger

Ushers: Anne Anders, Jodi Reardon, Chad Rutherford, Max Spayd

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Bethany Emkey

Welcome: Shelby Brunner

Advent Liturgist: Sandy Mengle

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Stewart

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Altar Guild: Mary Moll

Elders: *Anne Anders, *Jodi Reardon, Chad

Rutherford, Max Spayd, Sue Showalter

(choir) (*These Elders uncover and cover the elements.)

Welcome Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Stewart:

Born in Philadelphia, Pastor Stewart has lived in Pennsylvania, Nebraska, and New York. Finally settling in Pennsylvania in 1973 and prior to his pursuit of higher education he was able to learn from a wide variety of work experiences as a department store salesperson, store manager, and professional musician. Dr. Stewart holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion with a Minor in Psychology from Eastern University, a Master of Divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University. He has attended numerous continuing education events including an extended unit of Clinical Pastoral Education from Penn State University's Hershey Medical Center. Ordained in 1979, Pastor Stewart has 46 years of pastoral experience as a chaplain and parish minister.

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 118

Online: 8

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$11,428 Online: \$4128 2026 Pledge Total: \$229,412

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

Poinsettia Sale – First orders for poinsettias are due today and can be picked up next Sunday, Dec 7. The final order is due on **December 15 with a delivery of December 24 (Christmas Eve)**. The Christmas Eve delivery will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service and may be taken after the service or left in the sanctuary to be delivered to our sick and shut-in members. Poinsettias will be provided by Penny Hill Farm. Orders can be given to Lori Moser at lmoser928@gmail.com, 610-678-7395, press #, Bonnie Shiner at blshiner@comcast.net, 610-488-1671 or drop form off in the church office or offering plate. Each poinsettia is \$11 and are available in four colors. Payment should accompany your order.

Angel Tree Gifts - All of the tags have been taken. Please remember the gifts are due next **Sunday, December 7th**. All gifts should be put into gift bags only (**NO WRAPPED BOXES**) with the original tag securely attached. Thank you for making Christmas special for those less fortunate than us.

Christmas with the Keystone Brass – Next Sunday, December 7 we will be welcoming the Keystone Brass Quintet to perform with a pre-service recital beginning at 9:15 AM. The quintet was founded in 1976 and has more than 350 performances in 49 years. The current members are Peter Johnson (trumpet), Doug Winemiller (trumpet), Steve Burg (horn), Mike Hartman (trombone), and George DeMars (tuba). Their musical style ranges from Renaissance to contemporary music and everything in between. Be sure to invite a friend! This will be a wonderful concert during worship. The Keystone Brass is sponsored by the Bausman Luyben Music Endowment Fund.

Bausman's Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, December 7 - The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on December 7. It will begin by 11am following the worship and refreshments welcoming Bausman's newest members. The meeting will include election of Consistory members, the proposed 2026 budget, updates on capital projects, and other updates.



If you cannot attend in person, an online option is available. To participate online, you must register online by December 5th using the QR code to the left. The meeting will be hosted on Bausman's private YouTube channel. Only registered participants will receive the meeting link. The link will be emailed 5-10 minutes prior to the meeting's start. All comments and votes will occur via YouTube's chat function.

In Recognition of Pastor Joe's 20th Anniversary of his Ordination - On Sunday November 23, 2025, we celebrated Pastor Joe's 20th anniversary of his ordination. From now till Dec 17 there will be a card and extra paper on the Bell table in the sanctuary if you would like to leave him a note. We are also collecting money to be donated to Camp Lutherlyn in Pastor Joe's name. This camp is a very important place to him, and we felt it would be a nice way to honor his 20th year. There is an envelope with the card etc. on the Bell table for these donations.

Bausman is in its 20th year of supporting Family Promise! The next date to provide a Monday dinner for a homeless family is December 1st. Please consider preparing and delivering a meal to a family as they strive to become independent through Family Promise's program. More information about the family members will follow. Please see Kathy Errich to volunteer to help these local families in need.

Children's Christmas Pageant - The annual children's Christmas Pageant will be performed during service on Sunday, December 14. Please plan to attend that day to see our youth act out a story telling the real reason for the season! You won't want to miss this special event.

Christmas Eve Pre-service Recital Performers - Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Are you interested in performing for our Pre-Service Recital on Christmas Eve? We are looking for singers, instrumentalists, soloists, or small groups (of all ages) to perform before our Christmas Eve Service. Please contact Sharon Luyben @ 610-334-6479 if you are interested in singing or playing an instrument! Pre-service Recital begins at 6 PM / Christmas Eve Worship begins at 6:30 PM

Sauerkraut Available – If you are interested in purchasing sauerkraut, they are \$8/quart and \$5/pint. We ask that you do not buy more than 4 in total so that others may have an opportunity to make a purchase. Thank you.

Become a Bulletin Sponsor –Thank you to everyone who signed up to be a sponsor. If you would like to sponsor bulletins in 2026, the new poster & request forms are posted on the doors by the church office.



Acolytes Sign-up - If your child is interested and has served as an acolyte previously, we encourage you to sign them up. If your child is interested in being an acolyte but has no experience, or would like a refresher, please contact Stephanie Tremble and instructions/training can be arranged.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Isa. 11:1-12; Exod. 19-20:17

Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710
 Based on ancient antiphons from Advent Vespers
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851, and others; alt.
 St. 2, 7, transl. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; alt.

Unison

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and

ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly
 or - der all things far and nigh; To us the path of

ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, and help us in that way to go.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

6 O come, O Day-spring, come and cheer
 our spir-its by your ad-vent here;
 Love stir with-in the womb of night,
 and death's own shad-ows put to flight.
 (Refrain)

7 O come, De-sire of Na-tions, bind
 all peo-ples in one heart and mind;
 Make en-vy, strife, and quar-rels cease;
 fill the whole world with heav-en's peace.
 (Refrain)

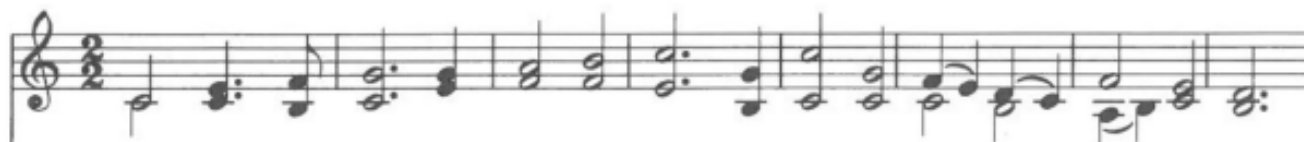
Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

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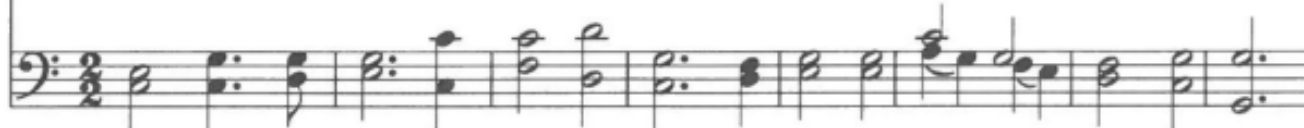
Georg Weissel, 1641

Ps. 24:7-10


Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1865; alt.



1 Lift up your heads, O might-y gates; be-hold the glo - rious Rul - er waits!
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple, set a - part
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to you; here, Christ, a - bide!
4 So come, my Sov-ereign; en - ter in! Let new and no - bler life be - gin;



The Sov-ereign One is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
From earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
Let me your in - ner pres - ence feel; your grace and love in me re - veal.
Your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.



Georg Weissel, a Lutheran pastor, served a church in Königsberg, East Prussia. He wrote some twenty hymns, most of them for the great festivals of the church year. This hymn was written for Advent.

Tune: TRURO L.M.
Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789