

## Advent

Douglas E. Wagner

He comes to heal the broken hearted,  
and those who thought that hope was gone.

To those who grieve, He is a refuge;  
to those who despair, He brings the dawn.

He comes to dry the tears of orphans,  
and bless the lonely and oppressed.  
He comes to feed the hungry pilgrims,  
and helps the weary find their rest.

He comes to light a world of darkness,  
to cast all bitterness away.  
He comes to live with us forever.  
He comes to be born in us today.

Alleluia! The Lord is born in us today.

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# Welcome

## Second Sunday of Advent



### “Comfortable” Christmas

### Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2

## December 7, 2025



# Salem Evangelical Reformed Church, Hellers

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Waiting—Wonder—Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

### Ringling of the Bell

*We Gather to Glorify God*

**Prelude** Preparing our hearts for worship

**Advent Candle Lighting (Peace Candle)** - Bill & Cindy Portner

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Angels We Have Heard on High* (#227)

### \*Our Prayer of Affirmation

Father God, thank you for sending your Son, our Prince of Peace, to us in the Christmas story we find in Luke 2. God, I know I may have heard this story a dozen different ways. Help me to realize the astounding truth of the miracle of Jesus' birth. And let me pick up on the small details: why you chose shepherds to see Jesus first, why Jesus had to be born in a stable, the importance of the town of Bethlehem ... the list can go on. Help me to experience the glimpses of joy everyone present at Jesus' birth would've felt. Fill me with everlasting peace because of the gift of salvation Jesus offers us. Amen.

**Scripture Reading** Hebrews 13:12-16 (pew Bible page 1197)

**\*Hymn of the Month** *Fullness of Grace* (#221)

**Anthem** *Advent* -Sanctuary Choir

\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

*We Gather to Grow in the Spirit*

## Pastoral Prayer

**The Message** "Comfortable" Christmas - Dr. Sam Harbin  
Matthew 1-2 (pew Bible page 959)  
Luke 1-2 (pew Bible page 1016)

*We Gather at the Lord's Table*

## Communion Meditation and Invitation Service of the Elements

*We celebrate an open communion. All who believe in Jesus Christ  
as Lord and Savior are invited to the Lord's Table.  
The tray contains both white grape juice and red wine.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*We Go Into the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

**\*Hymn of Devotion** *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* (#259)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Worship Leader—Bill McLain

Director of Music—Carolyn McLain | Organist—David Andrews

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes at the exits.  
You can also text SH to 717-807-5656 or scan this QR code.  
If you're new today, welcome! Please fill out a visitor's card  
(in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering box.



## Sunday School at 11:15 AM—All Welcome!

Upstairs	Age 3—7	Loving Jesus
Upstairs	Age 8—12	Listening to Jesus
Upstairs	Age 13—18	Digging Deeper (Westminster Catechism)
Berean Room	Adults	<i>The Basics of the Christian Life</i>