

St. John's Sinking Valley
November 30, 2025



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Tyrone, PA 16686

* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –
Lighting of Candles:

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Log/Children's Message –

Opening Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (LBW #551)

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Lessons & Carols

Welcome to our service of "Lessons and Carols". Today we will tell the Christmas story through various Biblical passages and then we will sing corresponding carols that go along with the passage that was just read. It is our hope the Christmas story will come alive for you this day! Today will have us journey from the annunciation to the fields of Bethlehem.

ADVENT

Isaiah 7:14 – Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel. Isaiah 9:6 – For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Carol:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (LBW #34)

ANGEL APPEARS TO MARY

Luke 1:26-38 – In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary....the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus... "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God..." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Carol:

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (LBW #30)

ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH

Matthew 1:18-23 – This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is

conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel”- which means, “God with us.”

Carol:

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (LBW #54)

BIRTH OF CHRIST

Luke 2:1-7 – In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world...And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Carol:

O Little Town of Bethlehem (LBW #41)

SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-15 – And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men...”

Carol:

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (LBW # 70)

Benediction –

Let us go forth in the Grace of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the advent message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells

*Extinguishing of Candles –

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Brenda, Krystal, Doreen, Ellen, Kathy, Emily, Craig, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Ernie, Jaxon, Judy, Mary, Mike, The Kost Family, Bonnie, Janet, Sally, Jeff, Brian, Judy, Tom, Jason, Joyce, Albert, Carly and Justin, Jaclyn, Bob, Sr., Jill, Lana and Andrea, Kelsi, Fred, Sr., Kathy, Ken, Mary Lou, Curt, Sue, Kim, Wendy, Linda, Mark, Peggy, Sarah, Dalton, Nico, Michael, First Responders, Members of our Military and their families, Cancer treatment patients and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church.

If you would like anyone added (or if someone can be removed) please let Carey Williams (brooke2235@yahoo.com) know. Thank You.

Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Drew Baker is our Worship Leader. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085. Drew's Email: jesus2thevalley@gmail.com

Prayer Chain –There is a prayer support chain in place. If anyone would like to commit to praying and being part of the chain, please see **Drew Baker**. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Drew know.

Give to St. John's online for a one-time or a recurring gift using the church's website:

www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com

Scroll down the home page and click on the PDF "Online Giving DIRECTIONS" for more information. Click on the "Online Giving Web Site" link to create a free profile and get started.

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Reader/Offering Schedule

November	Reader	Count Offering
11/30/25	Lauren Fleck	Lauren Fleck Ryan Fleck
December	Reader	Count Offering
12/7/25	Madison Harper	Howie Overcash Marty Williams
12/14/25	Ryan Fleck	Howie Overcash Marty Williams
12/21/25	David Lang	Howie Overcash Marty Williams
12/28/25	Remington Fleck	Howie Overcash Marty Williams

Events / Meetings / Special Services

December 3rd – Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

December 21st - Christmas in the Valley

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m.

We Care Meals

December 13, 2025 ~ December 27, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Council Meeting** - There will be a council meeting on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

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Church Directory – The Church Directory is complete! Copies can be found on the back table—please remember to take one. In addition, if you are unable to worship in person and would like a copy mailed, please contact Heidi Shetler at (814) 327-1995.

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**Good Samaritan Fund – November** – This month we are collecting for the **Tyrone Food Bank**. Please prayerfully consider helping this important, local organization.

### ~~~~~ **Christmas in the Valley- 4pm-6pm**

Join us for a night of food, fellowship and fun. Experience the beauty of St. John's advent decor, partake of tasty goodies and witness the splendor of the Christmas story through the ministry of Boston Bachert. From a very early age, Boston has trusted the Lord with his life. As a result, through him, he's been able to do things he never thought possible! When Boston was 7 years old, he was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome, OCD, and auditory processing issues. He uses the skills he's developed in acrobatics, gospel illusions and tricks not only to entertain and connect with his audience, but also to share his own personal story of faith and overcoming. He shares how he chose to trust God with his struggles in life, and how Tourette's doesn't have to hold him back - it actually helps him be the performer that he is today! It also gives him a platform to help others and share Christ's love for each and every one of us.

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REMINDER - Good Samaritan Fund Recipients – The Good Samaritan Fund was established to help anyone in need. If you know of anyone (individuals/families/missions), please pick up a form on the back table, complete it and put it in the offering plate or in the basket on the back table.

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**Sunday Evening Bible Study** – Adult Bible Study will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Drew Baker (814-932-4085), or Jerry & Heidi Shetler (814-327-4808 / 814-686-2347).

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Favorite Hymns – If you have a favorite hymn, please be sure to put it on the list on the back table.

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**We Care Meals** - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, some recipients are elderly, young, home bound, recovering from illness or accident, or just could use a good meal and a smiling face delivering the meal. If you know of **“ANY ONE”**, please contact Drew or a member of council.