

Morning Worship—December 10, 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

PRELUDE "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desire" arr. C. T. Andrews

INTROIT "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Jarrod Brown

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE "Peace" Jeanne Nostrandt & Kim Meadows

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the First Advent Candle signifying our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Savior, born a king in the line of David. Jesus will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations. [The First Candle, the Candle of Hope is lit.] Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace." Jesus said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. We light this candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through Him peace is found. [The Second Candle is lit, the Candle of Peace.]

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, Light of the World. Give peace in our hearts this season. We ask that as we wait for You to come again, that You would remain present with us in Your Spirit. Help us today, and every day, to worship You, to hear Your word, and to do Your will by sharing Your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the One Who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us assemble together as the Church of Jesus Christ.

People: Let us celebrate the triumph of grace,

Leader: And give thanks for the generosity of love divine.

People: Let us joyfully worship God!

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 8** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the World,

People: but to be its Savior.

Leader: We can trust God's Word.

People: We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music "Christmas Reminiscence" arr. Phillip Keveren

Doxology 591 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Jackson Weller

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "In the Bleak Midwinter" Holst/Rosetti

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

LESSON (421/441) Psalm 85

SERMON "Near to Those Who Fear" Rev. Allen Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 38** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 11, stanza 1 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in F" arr. T. Hine

The flowers today are placed in loving memory of Mr. Guy Fowlkes and Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Kirk by the family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), Mary Bray, Kathy Cropp, Marilyn East, Mrs. H. Harris (Kathleen Harris’ Mother), Maurice Katoen, Nancy Poindexter, Richard Ramey, Tom West, Samantha Williams

ON THE MEND— Dianne East, Nultie Wiseman

Our condolences to Gene & Dixie Hayes in the loss of Dixie’s son, Jamie Stevenson Dec. 2nd.

Our condolences to Judy Hooker and family in the loss of Tim Dec.4th.

Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
Saturday Dec. 16th at 8:00 a.m.

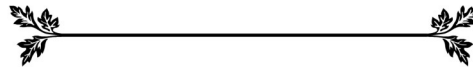
Angel Tree Party Sat. Dec. 16th at 2 p.m.
Everyone is invited to share in the fellowship with our angels and caregivers.

Our Wednesday Family Dinner for Dec. 13th at 6 p.m. will be a Christmas celebration & dinner featuring a handbell concert. If you are attending please sign up in Dunglinson-Roberts or call the office today to sign up!! Price is \$6 per person/Children 10 & under free. We will have ham, sweet potato soufflé, steamed veggies, apple cranberry crunch, salad, & rolls. Carrot Cake or Black Forest Cake for dessert.



SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	K. Clifton/D. Shelton
Children’s Sunday School	K. Dolianitis
	Carolyn Baker/Kathy Machado
Elders at Front Door	Reynolds
Friendship Period	D. Swann/D. Zook
Deacon to Receive Offering	ML Crane
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Jackson Weller
Time for Young Disciples	Jackson Weller
Sound System	Edward Blount
Ushers	Team 2
Flower Ministry	Elders
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 16	K. Dolianitis/J. Perez



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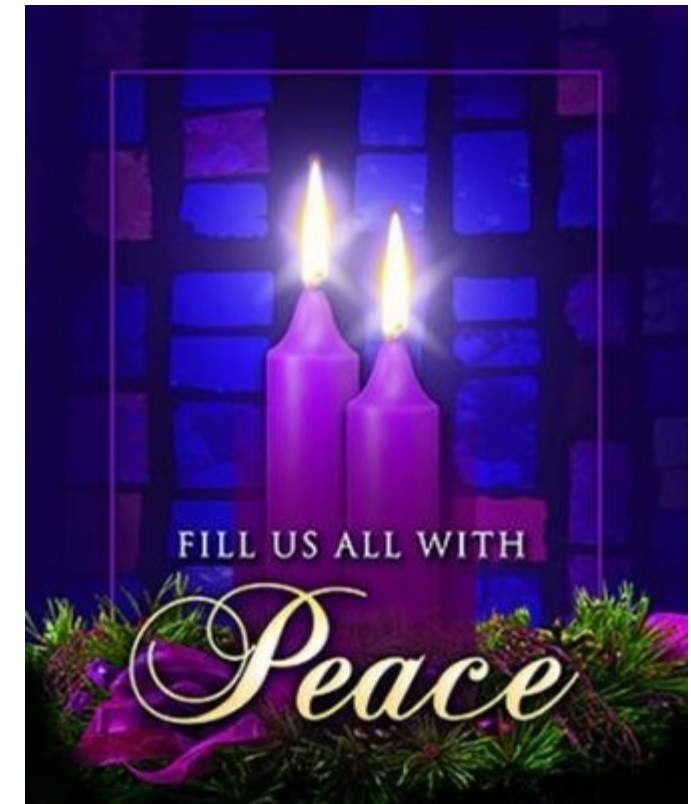
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HIM KNOWN**

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, December 11

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. VIP Comm.

TUESDAY, December 12

5:15 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, December 13

6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner

THURSDAY, December 14

12:30 p.m. Staff Luncheon
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 15

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 16

8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry
2-4 p.m. Angel Tree Party

SUNDAY, December 17

9:00 a.m. Mission Comm.
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
Mid & High School, Rm 112
Outlook Class, Rm 322
Bible Fellowship, Library
Seekers, Rm 109
10:15 a.m. Happy Birthday Jesus Party
10:50 a.m. Called Session, Chapel
11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Following Lunch Rehearsal Pageant