

Morning Worship—December 9, 2018

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.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Roy Brunner

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE "Peace" The Pinckney family

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.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abounding grace, have mercy upon us. Our valleys are deep when we are encompassed with care. Our mountains are high when our burdens are heavy. We grope in the maze of our tangled alliances and reap the pain of bad choices and ignorant gambles. You promised that all flesh shall see your salvation. Show us the straight path and the smooth way that lead to your righteousness, through Jesus Christ, who is the way.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Paul prays, "that our love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."

People: Friends, in Christ live in the assurance of righteousness to the glory of God.

***GLORIA PATRI** (579) GREATOREX, 1851

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Jackson Weller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, show us Your ways and teach Your paths. By Your Holy Spirit, open our minds that we may be led in Your truth and taught Your will. Then may we praise You by listening you Your Word and by obeying it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON (657/693) Malachi 3:1-4

ANTHEM "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" Gerhardt/Monk

GOSPEL LESSON (726/763) Luke 3:1-6

SERMON "Look Straight Ahead" Dr. John McDonald

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostles' Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 441** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (See pew insert)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" arr. Mark Hayes

***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

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 12** "People, Look East"

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 554** Let All Things Now Living

POSTLUDE "The First Noel" arr. E. T. Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Amy Brace, Lisa Brown, Charles Cuttle, Lib Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Dianne East, Dianne Hottenstein (S. Mathena), Martha Jo Hodges, Gail Jones, Beth Landfair (John’s mother), Bill Landfair (J. McDonald’s step father), Mary Ann Wiseman Lewis, Jane Marini (B. Fitzgerald’s daughter), Ellen McDonald (John’s wife), Lee Norman, Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena), Freel Shippe (J. McDonald’s father-in-law), Ella Ryan, Sandra Strange, Jim Turner, Tom West

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed.

ON THE MEND— Joe Alexander, Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), James Gill Sr. & Jr., Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Jay Hayes, Willem van der Griendt, Nultie Wiseman

Our Service Personnel & First Responders.

Everyone is invited to the Angel Tree Ministry party December 15th from 2—4 p.m. In the fellowship hall. We will have a wonderful time and also have a chance to make a craft with our guests.

Join us for our Lesson & Carols service Dec. 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 5 p.m. Invite your neighbors and friends to these special services. The Church Office will be closed 1/2 day Dec. 24th and the rest of the week of Christmas.

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, December 10

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group
11:00 a.m. VIP Comm.
6:00 p.m. Deacons

TUESDAY, December 11

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

WEDNESDAY, December 12

5:00 p.m. PNC Comm.
6:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, December 13

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 14

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 15

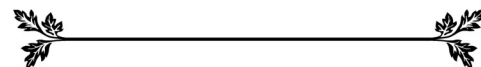
8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry
2-4 p.m. Angel Tree Ministry Party

SUNDAY, December 16

9:00 a.m. Missions Comm.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
See below for Class information
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Noon Fellowship

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	B. Takata
Children’s Sunday School	TBA
	The Argyrakis Family
Elders at Front Door	C. B. Strange
Security & Side Door	F. Baker
Visitation	B. Meadema
Deacon to Receive Offering	K. Dolinaitis
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	J. Weller
Time for Young Disciples	J. Weller
Sound System	E. Blount
Ushers	Team 2
Flower Ministry	Elders
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 15th	D. Parris/H. Beale
Saturday Lunch Attendance 12/1	39



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Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.
Youth (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon
Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class
Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class
Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class
The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum
K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors
We provide nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.