CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Peace United Church of Christ **December 24, 2011**

SPECIAL MUSIC **Please hold all applause**
Trumpets – Mark Anthony, Clair Lausch, Jonathan Lightcap, Daniel Schweitzer
Piano Solo – Allyson Butz
"Let All Flesh Keep Silence/Carol of the Bells"
Trumpet Solo – Jonathan Lightcap
Solo – "Mary's Song" Sheree Wolf
Duet – "What Child Is This" Dan & Pat Hall
Solo – "Bethlehem" Heidi McDonough
Bell Solo – "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Cindy Anthony
PRELUDE *"Sing We Now of Christmas" Organ & Piano*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the light of the world.

People: We relight the candle of hope reminding us of God's promise to send a Savior.

Leader: We relight the candle of peace reminding us that it is only through God that peace can be found.

People: We relight the candle of love reminding us of God's gift of love to us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We relight the candle of joy reminding us that God's salvation is the true source of our joy.

We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night. By God's grace may we share Christ's love, light and life with all the world.

CHOIR RESPONSE *"My Christmas Prayer"*
***HYMN The First Noel".....no. 179**
***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Almighty God - you have made this night holy by the gift of your son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon him rested all your grace. Through him all your grace and mercy has come to us. Let his light shine within our hearts and may our lives shine with his light tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. As we celebrate your priceless gift of love, help us to feel your presence, hear your word and live and share your everlasting love that has come to us through him. AMEN.

BELL CHOIR *"Dona Nobis Pacem" "Angel Tidings"*
HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 9:1-7 pg. 555
CHOIR ANTHEM *"And This Shall Be a Sign"*
GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-19 pg. 832
MESSAGE
CHOIR ANTHEM *"A Carol Celebration"*
*PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER
***HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem".....no. 178**
THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS *"O, Holy Night"*
***OFFERTORY RESPONSE/Doxology.....no. 382**
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE *"Silent Night"
We invite the congregation to sing when the choir begins to sing

Silent Night, Holy Night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, Holy Night, Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts Sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent Night, Holy Night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy Holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

***HYMN "Joy to the World!".....no. 171**
*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE (those who are able please *- stand)

Pastor.....Rev. William E. Hoch (717.335.0387)
Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias
Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman
Altar Guild Workers.....Edie Graff & Dixie Schweitzer
Acolyte.....Allyson Butz
Greeters.....Jim Gress & John Haldeman

We invite those who purchased poinsettias to pick them up after worship this evening.