

SPECIAL REQUEST: When using church facilities, kitchen, fellowship hall of any additional rooms, please clean up (sweep, mop or whatever is needed) and put away any utensils so that the church is ready to be used by the next person or group.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Stauffer	Stewart Mohn	Betty Kilakis
Family of Sue Burky	Barbara Dynes	Galen Bixler
Ruth Ann Zimmerman	Sylvia Brenneman	Justin Conrad

### COMING EVENTS

Sun, Jan 1 – No Sunday School, worship at 10:30  
Tues, Jan 3 – Health and Welfare Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Weds, Jan 4 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00  
Thurs, Jan 5 – Bible Study – 7:00  
Sat, Jan 7 – Un-hanging of the Greens – 9:00 am  
                  4:30-6:30 Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner  
Sun, Jan 8 – Communion and the ordination and installation of new  
                  council members  
Tues, Jan 10 – Spiritual Council – 6:30  
                  Church Council – 7:00  
Tues, Jan 17 – Baking Bunch – 7:00 am

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# PEACE

*United Church of Christ*

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*Denver, Pennsylvania*

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who  
are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn  
and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not  
but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to  
whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door  
and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
WELCOME!*



January 1, 2012  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

**Thought Before Worship**

**All power is of God.**

**What is not of God, has no power to do anything.**

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is still Christmas.

**People: Joy is still loose in the world,**

Leader: Love is lodged in hearts,

**People: and peace is still our fervent hope.**

Leader: It's still Christmas,

**People: Though the presents are all unwrapped,**

Leader: The batteries have run down,

**People: And family members have returned home.**

Leader: It's still Christmas,

**People: For God begins anew, with a child who will lead us**

Leader: So let us live with tender compassion, gentle care and overflowing love; as we worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

**\*HYMN “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”.....no. 168**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord God of Christmas, we stand on the threshold of another year. We thank you for giving us another year of life. You have given us many gifts during the last year; and yet we realize that we have often failed to use those gifts or our lives as creatively and constructively as we should.**

**Now give us the care to shape the moments of this next year into tender, gentle expressions of concern. May the year be filled with achievements: wrongs corrected, friendships deepened, the disheartened encouraged. Help us to energize your love, even as you became love to us. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

*(please use this time to confess your personal sins)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader- In the name of the babe of Bethlehem, our failures, fears, weakness and doubts are all forgiven!

**People- May God dwell in our hearts making us new and whole once again. AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 72:17, 10-14 pg. 464

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 pg. 783

MESSAGE “A Ruler Came”

PASTORAL PRAYER

**\*THE CREED.....inside hymnal front cover**

**\*HYMN “I Wonder As I Wander”.....no. 183**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “”

\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD’S PRAYER**

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

**\*HYMN “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”.....no. 170**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

(those who are able please \*- stand, +-kneel)

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Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org).... William E. Hoch (335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Ms. Olivia Moyer

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....

Acolyte.....

Greeters.....

Head Usher.....

Attendance for Dec 25.....70

Offering for Dec 25.....\$1,930.00

Month to Date Offering.....\$16,928.85

Amount needed each month to meet budget.....\$15,284.00

The Altar Flowers are given in

This Morning we welcome to Peace Church Rev. Ken Trauger as he leads out morning worship!