

Thought Before Worship

Today be thankful and think how rich you are. Your family is priceless, your time is gold and your health is wealth!

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Prayer of Thanksgiving”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God, for the work of God’s hands is amazing.

People: The sun warms our day, and the moon lights our night.

Leader: The earth is filled with bounty, so give thanks to God,

People: For God's love is everlasting; a constant source of comfort, a companion in difficult times.

Leader: God is our strength and our shield, our hope and our life.

Give thanks as we worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*HYMN **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”.....no. 392**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. Help us to understand that we cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive.

Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, O God, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of thanksgiving that touches the world with hope. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus said, “You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free.” The Truth – In Christ we are all forgiven!

People: By faith we receive this generous gift of God’s grace! AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

CHILDREN’S CHOIR *“Father We Thank Thee”*

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

pg. 949

CHOIR ANTHEM

“I Give You Praise”

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-40

pg. 807

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

BELL CHOIR

“Let All Things Now Living”

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

*HYMN **“Faith of Our Father’s”.....no. 389**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“Fragment of an Etude”*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN **“Now Thank We All Our God”.....no. 525**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org

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

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Mrs. Beverly Madara

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Sylvia Leach and Linda Coventry

Greeters.....Georgean Bixler

Head Usher.....Nancy Reese

The altar flowers are given in memory of Ray Firestone by his wife Pauline Firestone.

Reminders from Health and Welfare –We are gathering gifts items for Christmas at Colonial Lodge – personal items - hard candy, Kleenex, gloves, and hats.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff Moyer

Pat Hall

Vaye Freeman

Walter Fink

Betty Good

Colleen Dennis

Megan & Will Bentley

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Orders can be placed before or after worship on the following Sunday's – November 30th, December 7th and 14th. Members of the Altar guild will be in the Narthex to take your orders.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 25th – Bible Study – Canceled
Wednesday, November 26th – Thanksgiving Eve Service – St. Paul's Lutheran, Adamstown – 7:00 pm
Monday, December 1st – Benevolence Meeting – 6:00 pm
Thursday, December 11th – Colonial Lodge Christmas Party – 6:30 pm

ADVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30th – First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 7th – Hanging of the Greens – This is a special event in the life of the church as we prepare the church for the Christmas Season. There are decorations to be hung, trees to be decorated, nativities scene to be put in place. There is also a time to prepare special gifts and treats for our SCC members. You are invited to bring a plate or batch of your favorite cookies. These will be included in a gift bag that will contain those cookies, gift and Christmas Cards. Following the decorating and preparing the gifts, we will join in a fellowship meal together! Please join us!
Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service- This is a well loved tradition of the church. Highlights of this service include special Christmas music offered by many members of the church, warmth of fellowship and the lighting of candles to celebrate and commemorate the birth of Christ our Savior. Invite family, friends and neighbors.

PEACE

United Church of Christ

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!*



November 23, 2014
Thanksgiving Sunday