

**Thought Before Worship**

A prison, in which one waits, hopes... and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent!

Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Lord's Prayer"

\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*The First Sunday of Advent  
A Candle of Light*

\*HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".....no. 86

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, as we await the coming of Jesus, we confess that we do so with divided loyalties, scattered attention and idolatrous hearts. We want to welcome a baby but not surrender control of our lives to a Lord who expects our allegiance. We like the idea of having something and someone to believe in but do not want those beliefs to demand a change in our behaviors. We are inspired by brilliant stars, angelic song and the Magi's gifts, but are not interested in the risky business of sharing the good news. Our lives are cluttered with parties, packages and pageantry, and in the midst of it all, we have misplaced the truth of the Incarnation--that you have come to be with us, to know us and be known by us, to dwell not just with us but within us, for the sake of all creation and the world. Forgive us, precious Son of God, we pray, and restore to us the joy of being yours. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have a High Priest who understands our weakness, hears our prayer and responds with mercy to our confession. Hear the good news in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: In the Christ of Bethlehem we have new life. Alleluia!  
AMEN.**

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9 pg. 606

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Are Waiting"

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

pg. 826

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*THE CREED.....page 23 of Red Hymnal

\*HYMN "Let Us Break Bread, Together".....no. 210

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

\*COMMUNION LITURGY.....red hymnal pg. 27-29

*Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth;*

*Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.*

*Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of The Lord,*

*Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!*

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\*HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent".....no. 83

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

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Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

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

Greeters.....Ed and Sue McIlmoye

Head Usher.....Nancy Reese

The altar flowers are given in appreciation of the dedication and service offered by Vicki Garner-Sweigart as chairperson of the Altar Guild, by members of the Altar Guild.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Altar guild will be in the Narthex to take your orders. The cost is \$7.00 for a 5 bloom plant. The poinsettias will be in the church sanctuary on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and for the Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The poinsettias should be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

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

### COMING EVENTS

Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Benevolence Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Colonial Lodge Christmas Party – 6:30 pm

### ADVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 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.

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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!*



November 30, 2014  
First Sunday of Advent