

Thought Before Worship

Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Jesu Noel" piano & organ

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Second Sunday of Advent
A Candle of Peace

*HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".....no. 184

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are many roads to choose; yet only one leads to life. Gracious God, we confess our desire to choose roads that lead to so many things that keep us from you. We are so easily distracted, tempted by paths that seem to lead to good things -- wealth, prosperity, health -- and yet they never satisfy. Keep us on the path that leads to you. Give us a desire for the things that are of you, that we know will bring us ultimate joy and to you, great glory. Thank you for never leaving us behind when we wander. Draw us back to you. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is that Jesus liberated us from all that tarnishes or diminishes the image of Christ within us. Enter God's Advent joy, for our sin has been forgiven.

People: Once we were enslaved to the power of sin. There was no escape. Now we are free in Christ. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:1-11 pg. 581

CHOIR ANTHEM "Invocation for Advent"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8 pg. 812

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN "As With Gladness, Men of Old".....no. 202

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Still, Still, Still"

Cindy Anthony, Bells

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory".....no. 190

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.....Edie Graff and Dixie Schweitzer

Greeters.....Barry and Pat Harting

Head Usher.....Vicki Garner-Sweigart

The altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer

Pannebecker by Art and Karen Pannebecker.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff Moyer Pat Hall Vaye Freeman

Walter Fink Betty Good Colleen Dennis

Megan & Will Bentley Amy Wolf

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Orders can be placed before or after worship this morning or next Sunday. 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 sanctuary on Sunday, December 21st and for the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th. The poinsettias should be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

THE POWER PACK PROGRAM needs a few volunteers to help pack and distribute packages of food. It will only take about 1 ½ hours of your time. If you would like more info, please stop by the Power Pack Room on a Wednesday morning at about 10:00 am.

Health and Welfare committee will be assembling the Christmas gift bags for our Special Care and Concern members following worship!

Join us, following worship, as we decorate for the Christmas Season. Also join with us for a meal when we are finished! This is a time of fun, fellowship and service.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 9th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Spiritual Council – 6:30 pm

Church Council – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 10th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 11th – Colonial Lodge Christmas Party – 6:30 pm

Next Sunday Children's Ministry will be participating in our worship service as we join together in Song and in sharing of different Christmas Traditions. We invite members of the congregation to bring an ornament or a decoration that symbolizes you or your family's Christmas tradition. Near the end of the service you will be invited to bring those forward to be placed on or near the Altar. We invite you to remain after the service to see what others have brought and to share the significance of your contribution with those who have gathered.

ADVENT CALENDAR

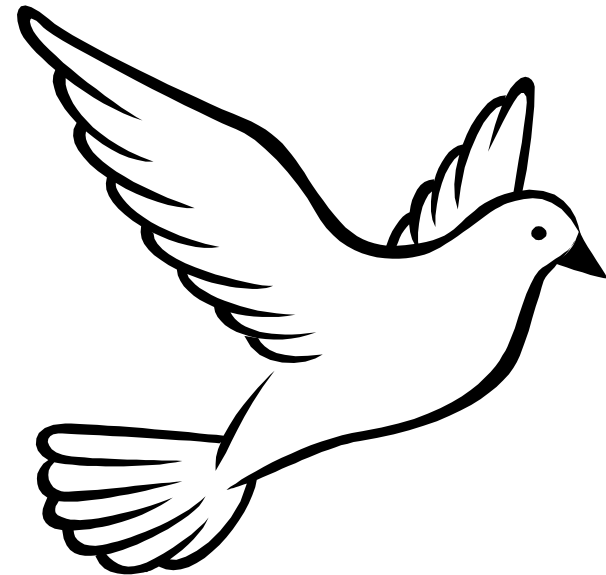
Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service- This is a well loved tradition of the church. Highlights of this service include special Christmas music offered by many members of the church, warmth of fellowship and the lighting of candles to celebrate and commemorate the birth of Christ 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!*



December 7, 2014
Second Sunday of Advent