

### Thought Before Worship

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to God's peace.

Gold Hymnal

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" *piano & organ*

#### \*LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*A Candle of Hope*

\*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High".....no. 192

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are humbled by the thought that you, creator of the universe, would take on human flesh and become like one of us. You set aside your power that we might see you in human flesh. We have been healed by your touch, comforted by your compassion, convicted by your teaching and changed by your grace.

Merciful God, call us to look deep within ourselves and our being. Help us to look at our actions and behaviors that we might see where we have failed to be your children. We confess all these to you. Forgive us and strengthen us that we might once again be yours and share your grace with the world around us. AMEN.

#### +SILENT PRAYER

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

#### +KYRIE

#### +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's judgments are just and God's compassion is tender toward all. By the grace of God who came to us in human flesh, all our sins are forgiven!

People: God's love is unfailing. By that love we are restored to life and to faith. AMEN.

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

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 7:10-17 pg. 554

CHOIR ANTHEM "In the Bleak Mid Winter"

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

pg. 831

#### MESSAGE

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

BELL CHOIR "Ding Dong Merrily on High"

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

\*HYMN "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear".....no. 197

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Manger Medley"

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

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

#### \*HYMN

"While shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night".....no. 175

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

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

Pastor ([pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org)) ..... William Hoch (335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary ([secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)).....Mrs. Beverly Madara

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Edie Graff & Dixie Schweitzer

Greeters.....Art & Karen Pannebecker

Head Usher.....Vicki Garner-Sweigart

The altar flowers are given in honor of all the children who live in hunger, abuse or neglect.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff Moyer

Pat Hall

Megan & Will Bentley

Walter Fink

Betty Good

Janelle McDonough

There will be no Bible Study on December 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Join us on January 6<sup>th</sup> as we continue our study of Exodus.

Janis and I wish everyone a most blessed and joyous Christmas and God's blessings for a happy and healthy New Year.

Pastor Bill will be off the week after Christmas. Rev. Megan Malick will fill the pulpit on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### COMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Ordination and Installation of new Church Council Members

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner – 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany communion

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Council Meetings

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Faith Exploration Night – For those interested in helping to build and strengthen the church as we move to the future – 6:00 pm.

### ADVENT CALENDAR

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.

The lights that are now being used by our Bell Choir were purchased from memorial money received in memory of Bill Harting. We are especially thankful for this gift!

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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!*



December 21, 2014  
Fourth Sunday of Advent