

Thought Before Worship

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents
as it is about opening our heart to the love of God in Christ Jesus
and sharing that love with others.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Yuletide Echoes"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Advent Season is an ancient tradition of the Church –
We gather to tell the age old stories of John the Baptist, of
shepherds keeping watch over their flocks, of Wise Men
bringing gifts for the new born Christ Child.

**People: We can picture Mary holding the Christ Child with
Joseph looking on and are amazed that God would give to
us so great a gift of love.**

Leader: The songs we sing have been sung for ages, still they stir in
us the knowledge that we are loved and we love God.

**People: Now the work begins for we are called to live to our
calling as the people of God!**

Leader: So let us worship with joy, with hearts full of gladness. Let
us worship our God, our Savior, and God's Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

*HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....no. 193

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, Christmas Day has come and gone. The presents
have been opened and now we stand on the threshold of another
year. We thank you for giving us the gift of another year. 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 might have. Forgive us.**

**Now give us the care to shape the moments of this next year into
tender, gentle expressions of concern. May the year be fulfilled
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 his name.**

AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Once we lived in darkness, now we live in the light of God's
love. By that love we are all forgiven!

**People: By the love of God in Christ Jesus we have love, light,
peace, love and Joy. AMEN.**

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 61:10-62:3 pg. 604

CHOIR ANTHEM "Go With the Wise Men"

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:22-40 pg. 833

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN "Good Christian Men Rejoice".....no. 177

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "The Quiet Carol"

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "Go Tell It on a Mountain".....no. 205

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.....Erla Hartranft

Head Usher.....Vicki Garner-Sweigart

The altar flowers are given in memory of Candice Parker by Ron and
Carol Parker.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff Moyer	Pat Hall	Megan & Will Bentley
Walter Fink	Betty Good	Janelle McDonough
Jeff Getz	Tyler Lehman	

There will be no Bible Study on December 30th. Join us on January 6th as we continue our study of Exodus.

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

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 4th – Ordination and Installation of new Church Council Members.
Heath and Welfare meeting - immediately following worship

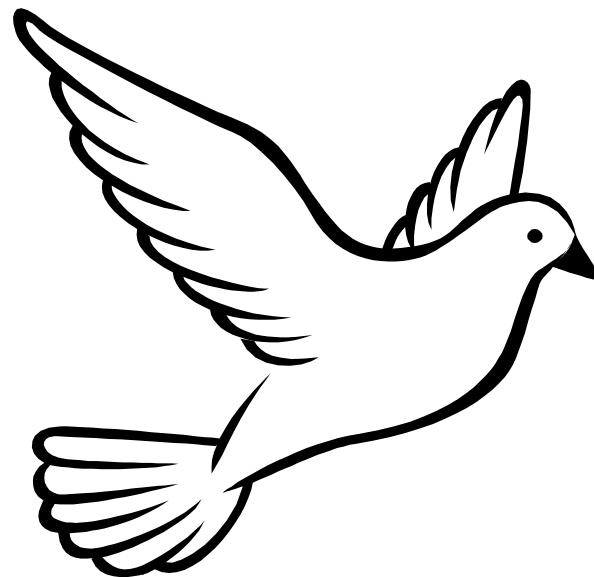
Tuesday, January 6 – Bible Study – 1:00 pm
Wednesday, January 7 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Sunday, January 11 – Epiphany communion
Tuesday, January 13 – Council Meetings
Sunday, January 18 – Faith Exploration Night – For those interested in helping to build and strengthen the church as we move to the future – 6:00 pm.

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 28, 2014
First Sunday After Christmas