

Thought Before Worship

When you ask God's guidance in a matter, be sure you listen to God's voice, and not just what you want to hear.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "March of the Three Kings"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are at the threshold of a New Year. We are mindful that this is a gift. In this New Year we will follow the star rather than the crowd.

People: We will do what Mary did – worship and rejoice in the grace and mercy of our God.

Leader: We will do what Joseph did and listen when God speaks.

People: We will do as the Wise Men did and seek God's gift and grace.

Leader: And like the Shepherds we will praise God for all that we have heard and seen. We will do all this as we worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies".....no. 322

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, all around us we see the scars of sin: violence, illness, poverty, want and degradation. This is not as you intended our world -- or us -- to be. It is not what you created us to be, nor what you created us for. We are grieved and sorry for the mess we have made, and we acknowledge our inability to change it on our own. We fling ourselves upon your mercy, grateful that you have not abandoned us to our own devices. You are ever present, coaxing reconciliation out of hatred, whispering peace in the midst of war, nurturing hope from the seeds of despair and creating new life out of dead ends and failures. Renew us by your grace to be useful instruments in your hands for your eternal purposes. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's mercy and goodness are great. By the power of God's love our failures, our weaknesses, our fears and our doubts are all forgiven.

People: By the love of the Christ Child we are made new and whole. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 pg. 960

CHOIR ANTHEM "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:10-18 pg. 862

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

*HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord".....no. 400

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Meditation On Morning Star"

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah".....no. 608

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.....Erla Hartranft and Deb Hedrick

Greeters.....Tiffany Strouse

Head Usher.....Vaye Freeman

The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Mary Getz.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff Moyer

Pat Hall

Megan & Will Bentley

Walter Fink

Betty Good

Janelle McDonough

Jeff Getz

Tyler Lehman

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 4th – Ordination and Installation of new Church Council Members.

Heath and Welfare meeting - immediately following worship

Tuesday, January 6th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, January 7th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 11th – Epiphany communion

Tuesday, January 13th – Council Meetings – 6:30 and 7:00 pm

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

You're invited to the 8th annual spaghetti dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz on Saturday, January 10th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner is free. Dessert donations are welcome!

We will also be accepting donations for the Histo Society, which organizes research for rare blood diseases like HLH, AI duPont Hospital for Children, and the Ronald McDonald House of DE. You may write a check directly to the organization for your 2015 tax deduction. Sign-up sheet is on the secretary's window, or sign-up online at <http://peaceunitedchurch.org/spaghetti-dinner>. Sign-up is not required and walk ins are welcome.

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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!*



January 4, 2014
Second Sunday After Christmas