

**Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about Him for whom we are waiting.**

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**Red Hymnal**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE "Sanctus" piano and organ

**\*ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY**

Leader: As we light our advent candle

**People: Light of the world, shine on us.**

Leader: As we prepare for Christmas this year.

**People: Light of the world, shine on us.**

Leader: In this world of pain and darkness,

**People: Light of the world, shine through us.**

Leader: For all the people who don't know you,

**People: Light of the world, shine through us.**

Leader: Jesus you are coming again,

**People: Light of the world, light the way.**

Leader: In our service here today

**People: Light of the world, give us HOPE.**

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

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful Savior, in our rush to Christmas joy, we confess that, like our culture, we would prefer to skip Advent's invitation to stillness, reflection and preparation. Shiny wrappings and ornaments are more festive than looking at the ways we fall short of the call to be your people. Holiday parties and shopping conveniently blind us to the poverty of those who will celebrate your birth with neither tree nor gifts. Our busyness numbs us to the despair felt by many during this time of year. Help us to accept the truth that we are lost, we are broken, and we need you. Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts with mercies new this morning, grace sufficient for this day, forgiveness that cleanses us from our guilt and sin that we might gratefully receive the Christ child once again. AMEN.**

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

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Once we were entrapped by sin and there was no escape.

But Christ has come, we are set free and we are forgiven.

**People: May the image of Christ shine in us this season. AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 338**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 pg. 960

CHOIR ANTHEM "Here at Thy Table, Lord"

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:25-33 pg. 857

**MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*THE CREED.....page 23 of red hymnal**

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Just As I Am"

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 356**

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

**\*COMMUNION LITURGY.....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 Silence".....no. 83**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

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Greeters.....Fran Hollen

Head Usher.....Art Pannebecker

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The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Dixie Schweitzer.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Royce McCrabb      Doris Fultz      Mel Gerhart  
Shirley Crowther      Virginia & Toby

The Wednesday Work Crew is looking for some help. A particular need at this time is someone with some electrical ability for a few, small, occasional tasks around the church. Your help would be appreciated. For more information, please speak with John Haldeman.

Christmas poinsettias can be ordered before and after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, November 29th, December 6th, and December 13th. The poinsettias will be placed in the church on Friday December 18th and will be there for Christmas Eve and Sunday December 20th.

### COMING EVENTS

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Benevolence Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party at Colonial Lodge – As in the past, we ask for donations of gifts for the residents. Gifts may be cologne or perfumes, candy, socks, health and beauty products or other small, useful items.  
Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - Youth Luncheon – 11:45 am

### HOLIDAY EVENTS AND SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent – Hanging of the Greens. Please remain after Services to help us decorate the church for the Christmas Season. A Pot Luck dinner will be held.  
Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent – Church Program  
Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:30 pm

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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 29, 2015  
First Sunday of Advent