

**The special message of Advent is that  
Through God's own actions God has been made known to us!**

**Gold Hymnal**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*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 JOY.**

**\*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem".....no. 178**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we are tired. We are rushing about, from parties to shopping, to concerts and more. We're captivated by the beauty of the season, but we're exhausted from the busyness we create.**

**Slow us down, O God. It would be a tragedy to get to January and realized that we missed you, that we missed caring for those you**

**care about or sharing your story with those who are lost and**

**lonely. Help us to find balance, to stop and be still, to see you**

**around us and to be "you" to all we meet. We love this season.**

**Help us to keep you as the center of every party, every gift, every**

**concert, everything. May you be made great in all that we do.**

**AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

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

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Know and believe, that as we wait for the birth of the baby Jesus — the return of our Savior — we are already forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God! AMEN.**

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

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Piano Solo

Allyson Butz

Song - The Friendly Beasts

Elementary Class

Young People's Message

The Gift of Peace Partners

Stephanie Shahade

Story – The Fourth Wiseman

What Can I Give Him solo – Emily Miller, Reading – Matt Miller

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 pg. 933

CHOIR ANTHEM "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:1-7 pg. 834

MESSAGE Gabby Kennedy

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**\*HYMN "Away in a Manger".....no. 185**

*1<sup>st</sup> vs. by children, 2<sup>nd</sup> children & choir, 3<sup>rd</sup> congregation joins*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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

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

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS – Drew and Ava Wolf

While the Story of the Goose is read, children and youth with gather your gift cards and place them in the container on the Altar

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly".....no. 194**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

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The altar flowers are given in memory of our son-in-law John Smith by Claude and Bertha Adair.

We thank everyone who helped plan and prepare for today's special program.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Royce McCrabb      Doris Fultz      Mel Gerhart  
Shirley Crowther      Virginia & Toby      Peter Airgood

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.

Today is the last day to order Christmas poinsettias. If you have not ordered your poinsettias please do so following worship. They will be placed in the church on Friday December 18th and will be there for Christmas Eve and Sunday December 20th.

### **COMING EVENTS**

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - Youth Luncheon – 11:45 am  
Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir – 7:00 pm  
Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Communion  
Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Ordination and Installation of new council members.

### **HOLIDAY EVENTS AND SCHEDULE**

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!***



December 13, 2015  
Third Sunday of Advent