

Thought Before Worship

Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Jesu, Noel" *piano/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 LOVE.

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace, who sent light into the world in the coming of Jesus Christ: We confess that we have not followed the light given to us. We have not searched for signs of your love, or trusted the goodness of your good news. We have failed to praise your Son's birth as we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story 'of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God does not remain angry, but is quick to forgive.

Know, that in Christ, we are forgiven.

People: In the Christ of Bethlehem we have new life. AMEN.

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

BELL CHOIR *"Repeat the Sounding Joy"*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 5:2-5a pg. 756

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Waiting"*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-56 pg. 831

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"Manger Medley" piano/organ*

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "While Shepherds Watched".....no. 175**

Let There Be Peace on Earth no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org
Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org).William Hoch
Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias
Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman
Secretary(secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)...Beverly Madara
Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara
Altar Guild Workers.....Edie Graff and Dixie Schweitzer
Greeters.....The Miller Family
Head Usher.....Chris Fitterling

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doris Fultz
Barry Heil

Mel Gerhart

Shirley Crowther

COMING EVENTS

There will be no **Bible Study** on December 22nd or 29th.

There will be no **Choir Rehearsal** on December 23rd or 30th.

Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Music will begin shortly after 7:00 pm and the service itself will begin at 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 3rd – Communion Sunday

Tuesday, January 5th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, January 6th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 10th – Ordination and Installation of new Council members

Tuesday, January 12th – Church Council Meetings – 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm

THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS

Janis and I thank all the members of Peace Church for all their love and support through the course of this past year. We are truly blessed to be a part of this faith fellowship and are thankful for all that you do for the church and for us! Thank you and may you have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

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 20, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Advent