

Thought Before Worship

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Yuletide Echoes"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ has come and is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?

People: Christ has come and is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: Christ has come and will walk with us, will protect us and guide us.

ALL: Christ has come. Let us worship the Christ, not as the Babe of Bethlehem, but as Lord and Redeemer of all the earth! AMEN.

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, always compassionate and filled with love, we confess that we have not always been all that you have called us to be. We become discouraged. We grow weary because of the hurts of this world. We need your power and truth in our lives and in the church.

In the face of war, hunger, poverty and disease, we need you. May your forgiving love be born in us again in this season of light and new life. Renew our hearts and minds and take us from fear to joy and new life. This we ask all this in the name of Christ. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We pray. God hears. By God's infinite grace and mercy we are forgiven!

People: By God's grace we have peace and new life. AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 2:18-21, 20 pg. 214

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52 pg. 833

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

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

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.....Rosie Johnston & Tyler Hertzog

Head Usher.....Chris Fitterling

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doris Fultz
Barry Heil

Mel Gerhart
Royce McCrabb

Shirley Crowther

COMING EVENTS

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

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

Sunday, January 3rd – Communion Sunday

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

Health and Welfare – 6:30 pm

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

Saturday, January 9th – Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner –
4:30 – 6:30 pm.

Sunday, January 10 – Ordination and Installation of new council
Members

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

You're invited to the 9th annual spaghetti dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz on Saturday, January 9th 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 2016 tax deduction.

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 27, 2015
First Sunday of Christmas