

The Christmas Spirit is the Christ Spirit – A spirit of love and friendship that prompts us to acts of kindness.

Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Gloria”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For so long we have walked only in darkness, unable to see.

People: But, behold a light has come! Not even the deepest darkness can keep out the dawn.

Leader: "For a child is born, a son is given. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

People: Peace is here, upon us, with us, around us. It will never end.

Leader: Come celebrate the King of Kings, the light of the world and the peace of our God. **AMEN.**

***HYMN** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*no. 86

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God of Christmas, we stand on the threshold of another year. You have given us many gifts during the last year; and we realize that we have often failed to use those gifts or our lives as creatively and constructively as we should.

Give us the care to shape the moments of this next year into meaningful expressions of loving concern. May the year be fulfilled with achievements: wrongs corrected, friendships deepened, the disheartened encouraged. Help us to energize your love, even as you became love to us. For we ask these things in his name. **AMEN.**

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the grace and love of God, all our failures, fears, weaknesses, and doubts have been forgiven.

People: By the grace and love of God, we are now made new and whole.

AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14 pg. 949

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Go with the Wise Men”*

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-18 pg. 862

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN** *“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”*no. 220

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“Morning Star*

***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 Sabaoth;

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** *“O Thou Joyful”*no. 113

Let There Be Peace on Earth no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doris Fultz

Mel Gerhart

Shirley Crowther

Barry Heil

Royce McCrabb

Larry Malard

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Greeters.....Susie Strouse
Head Usher.....Vaye Freeman

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

COMING EVENTS

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

Please join us for 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, but donations are appreciated. Dessert donations are welcome! We will be accepting donations for the Histio Society, Al 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!***



January 3, 2016
Second Sunday after Christmas