

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and
their spears into pruning hooks!

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Sing We Now of Christmas"*

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

PRAYER: God of hope, Prince of Peace, You speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, come into our darkness. AMEN.

***HYMN** *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*no. 184

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful 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, Lord. It would be a tragedy to get to January and realize 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: Those who lived in darkness have seen a new light! By that light we have received grace, mercy and forgiveness.

People: By the grace of God, in this Advent Season, we have been set free to love God and neighbor. AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 11:1-10 pg. 558

CHOIR ANTHEM *"His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful"*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:1-12 pg. 784

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN** *"As With Gladness, Men of Old"*no. 202

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"Shepherd's Pipe"*

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN** *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"*no. 190

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

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

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pannebecker by Art and Karen Pannebecker.

PRAYER REQUESTS

While we pray for those whose needs we know, let us also pray for those whose need remain silent.

Doris Fultz Sully Madara Esther Ziemer

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George Bailey Carolyn Wolverton

Family of Mark Lorah

Christmas poinsettias can be ordered before and after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 4th and December 11th.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, December 5th – Benevolence Committee – 6:00 pm

– Bell Choir – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 6th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, December 7th – Christmas Party at Colonial Lodge
Marketing Committee – 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 8th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 11th – Youth Luncheon – 11:30 am

Tuesday, December 13th – Council Meetings – 6:30 & 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 17th – Altar Guild will place the Christmas poinsettias in the church sanctuary - 9:00 am

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4th – Hanging of the Greens following worship

Sunday, December 11th – Children and Youth will participate in
Worship

Sunday, December 18th – Faith and Fellowship Sunday. We invite those who attend the early service to stay a little longer and those who attend the later service to arrive a little early for fellowship and conversation.

Saturday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:30

Sunday, December 25th – There will be one service at 10:30 and no
Sunday School

An evening of Caroling is being planned, date and time will be announced.

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December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent