

Your God will come to you – The eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unstopped, the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

**Gold Hymnal**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Masters in This Hall”*

**\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**PRAYER: O God, as we celebrate with anticipation the coming of your Son we are filled with a new Joy. God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, come into our darkness. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem”.....no. 178**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and loving God, anger is often our weak spot. It fuels our resentments. It prevents us from letting go. It feeds our self-righteousness. We cling to anger as if it could save us, hoping it will protect us from pain and loss. But, it is all folly. Salvation is in trusting you to make all things right. Hope is found in keeping our eyes on you and on what you have done for us, rather than on others and how they have let us down. Forgive our short-sighted and self-inflicted foolishness, Lord. Restore us in love and grace to trust you in all things and find your peace. AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

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

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news and believe: Jesus Christ cleanses us from all unrighteousness and makes us a new creation.

**People: We are set free from the sin that holds us back and we have peace. AMEN.**

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

SPECIALS Flute Solos

Emily Miller

Taylor Patterson

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 2:1-10 pg. 214

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Go Tell It”*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:46-55 pg. 831

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**\*HYMN “Away in a Manger”.....no. 185**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“Silent Night/Ave Maria”*

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

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

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”.....no. 194**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *“Toccata on Adeste Fidelis”*

(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.

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

Barbara Youndt Audrey Youndt Carolyn Wolverton

Debra Schleicher Richard Tobias

Today is the last day to order Christmas poinsettias. Please see a member of the altar guild in the narthex.

There will be no Bible Study until the New Year. We have finished the study of Acts and beginning on January 10<sup>th</sup> we will begin a lectionary study. Each week we will explore further the scriptures from the previous Sunday morning.

The Youth invite everyone to join them on Friday, December 16 as they go Christmas Caroling! Please gather at the church at 6:30. Dress warm and enjoy an evening together!!

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Youth Luncheon – 11:30 am  
Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Council Meetings – 6:30 & 7:00 pm  
Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Caroling - 6:30 pm  
Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Altar Guild will place the Christmas poinsettias in the church sanctuary - 9:00 am

#### **ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 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 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:30  
Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – There will be one service at 10:30 and no Sunday School

# Peace United Church of Christ



December 11, 2016  
Third Sunday of Advent