

A New Year has tiptoed in. Let's go forward to meet it.

Let's welcome the 365 days it brings.

Let's live well with love in our hearts towards God and all people.

**Gold Hymnal**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader-God created the heavens and the earth and all that is within and upon them. God has breathed into each of us the breath of life – New Beginnings. God has created and is creating for us a New Year.

**People- In this New Year may we live the way and the will of our creator God! AMEN.**

**\*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" .....no. 2**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, for us this is a day of new beginnings – a New Year, a new chance and a fresh start. But as we begin this New Year, set us free from the sins of our past. Release us from the old fears and worries. Set us free from our old ways – the judgments and assumptions that separate us from one another. Forgive us and set us free so that we might begin as with a new slate. Help us to right the wrongs of the past year that we might restore old relationships that have gone stale. Help us to begin this New Year guided by your light and emboldened by your love. We ask this in Christ. AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

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

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God has forgiven us. It is now time that we forgive ourselves and one another!

**People: In forgiving ourselves and one another may we find peace! AMEN.**

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 pg. 537

CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46 pg. 807

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**\*HYMN**

**"Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore" .....no. 572**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THEODOLOGY.....no. 382**

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

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN "There Shall be Showers of Blessing" .....no. 580**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

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

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Greeters.....Susie and Tiffany Strouse

Head Usher.....Vaye Freeman

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Doris Fultz

Bob Welliver

Kathy Schlegel

Debra Schleicher

Richard Tobias

Audrey Priga

Sheree Wolf

Bible Study will begin 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.

#### COMING EVENTS

- Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bell Choir – 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Health and Welfare – 6:30 pm
- Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
- Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Ordination and Installation of new council members
- Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study – 1:00 pm  
Spiritual Council – 6:30 pm  
Church Council – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner – 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Unhanging of the Greens
- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Ministry – 7:00 pm  
Marketing – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Youth Mystery Dinner – 5:00 pm

# Peace United Church of Christ



January 1, 2017  
New Year's Day