

I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple,
but God declared: "Go down again - I dwell among the people."

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

People: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

Leader: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to New Life;

People: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

Leader: We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

People: May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us! AMEN.

***HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"no. 118**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are weary, we often believe we are alone, and we feel caught on a treadmill we can't get off. We're running a race but we cannot see the finish line. We have taken our eyes off you, the One True God. Rather than setting our sights on you, rather than determining our priorities through our faith, we have allowed ourselves to be led by other values, other priorities.

Forgive us for our lack of faith. Help us to turn back to you -- the source of our existence and our strength -- trusting in your providence, confident you will carry us in times of sorrow, assured you will provide all the strength we need. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God who created you and knows you sent his Son to redeem you. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ we have new life! AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Joshua 3:7-17 pg. 170

CHOIR ANTHEM "Blessed Assurance"

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 23:1-12 pg. 804

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "Cleanse Me".....no. 425**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Offertory"

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "We Are Climbing Jacobs Ladder".....no. 488**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of Brad and Irene Porter by Bobbie Porter-Kunkel and family.

Pastor Bill and Janis will be away until November 10. Rev. Bill LaSalle from Bethany UCC Ephrata will be available for emergency pastoral services. Please contact Chris Fitterling or contact Bethany Church at 717-733-9608.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz	Kathy Schlegel	Audrey Priga
Don Ruth	Jerry Barnacle	George Bailey
Family of Esther Schlouch		

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 5th – Pastor Bill will be on vacation. Retired Pastor Sally Maxwell will be leading our morning worship services.

Monday, November 6th – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 9th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

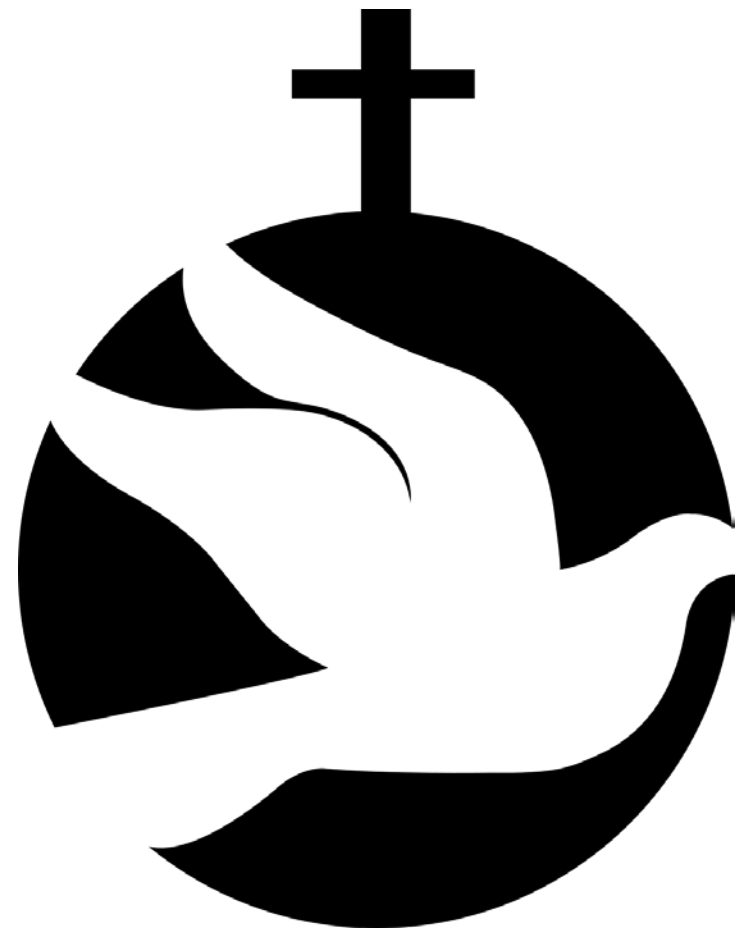
**Sunday, November 12th – Congregational Meeting and Dinner –
11:30 am**

Tuesday, November 14th – Council Meetings 6:30 & 7:00 pm

Our **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** will be on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm. The service will be at St. Paul's Lutheran in Adamstown. Last minute change is that Pastor Bill will be preaching.

It is time for **Annual Reports** – Committee chairpersons, please prepare and submit your reports to the church Secretary. If possible, please email in your reports. Thank You. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on November 12th. Following our meeting there will be a dinner.

Peace United Church of Christ



November 5, 2017
Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time