

God is not waiting to love you until you overcome your weakness and bad habits. God loves you today with a full understanding of your struggles.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Why Me Lord"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God – King and creator.

People: God called the worlds into being and created us in his image and after his likeness.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God – Savior.

People: Who has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering both sin and death.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God – Holy Spirit.

People: Loving us as a parent loves a child, promising to us God's loving presence in all moments.

Leader: Blessing and honor, Glory and power be unto God. **AMEN.**

***HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"no. 394**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful friend and Savior, you have called us to live as your disciples and have equipped us with the very power of God to be your heart, hands and feet to the world. We confess that instead of serving our neighbors with the might and boldness of your Spirit, we are timid and afraid. We miss opportunities to be salt and light. We fail to be peacemakers. We harbor resentments and justify our anger rather than model radical forgiveness. We are more judgmental than compassionate. Forgive us, we pray. Grant to us a renewed vision of who we are in you. Revitalize our faith and transform our lives. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's mercy and grace are sure. Believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Alleluia! AMEN!

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 pg. 949

CHOIR ANTHEM "Do Lord"

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-40 pg. 807

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "Be Still My Soul"no. 77**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Reach Out to Jesus"

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Jesus Loves Even Me"no. 225**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune"

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

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Greeters.....Barry and Pat Harting

Head Usher.....Mary Getz

The Altar flowers are given in memory of Ray Firestone by his wife Pauline Firestone.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz Kathy Schlegel Jerry Barnicle

Karen Pannebecker Margaret Robinson Wes Sweigart

Ann Englert Tony Parslow Clara Roland

Christmas poinsettias can be ordered before and after the 10:30 worship service today, and on Sunday, December 3rd and December 10th. The poinsettias will be placed in the church on Saturday December 16th, and will be there for Sunday December 17th and Christmas Eve. The poinsettias are red, 1 branch, 5 bloom and cost \$7.00. They can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, November 27th – Bell Choir – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, November 28th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm
Wednesday, November 29th – Marketing Meeting – 7:00 pm
Monday, December 4th - Benevolence Committee – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 5th – Health and Welfare Committee – 6:30 pm

ADVENT HAPPENINGS

Sunday, December 3rd – First Sunday of Advent communion will be served at both services.
Sunday, December 10th – Hanging of the Greens following worship
Sunday, December 17th – Evening Christmas Musical Program and Dinner – 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24th – Fourth Sunday of Advent – 8:30 & 10:30 am services
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00 pm

Peace United Church of Christ



November 26, 2017
Last Sunday of the Common Era