

Advent is the time to listen for footsteps – you can't hear footsteps when you're running yourself. Take time to be still and hear the voice of God!

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

***CANDLE LITURGY**

One: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world and sometimes in our homes or in our nation and in our own community, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we dare to believe and trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new and preparing us to receive it. Even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. AMEN.

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sinned against you. We have lied to or gossiped about someone, and it is you whose heart has been broken. You have given us life, have demonstrated unconditional love and mercy; and you are the one we have failed. In spite of our failure, we know that you continue to love us. We ask once again for your grace and forgiveness. May your loving kindness move us away from sin and always toward your Son, Jesus our Savior. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Once we were enslaved to sin, but Christ has forgiven us and set us free.

**People: Let us enter into the hope and joy of this Advent Season.
AMEN!**

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:1-5 pg. 581

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Breath of Heaven"*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8 pg. 812

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"Away in a Manger"*

***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 *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

(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

Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz	Kathy Schlegel	Jerry Barnicle
Ann Englert	Bobbie Porter-Kunkel	Mel Gerhart
Karen Pannebecker	Margaret Robinson	Clara Roland
Helen Martzall	Scott Lesher	

Christmas poinsettias can be ordered before and after the 10:30 worship service today. 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, December 11th – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 12th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm
Spiritual Council – 6:30 pm
Church Council – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 13th – Health and Welfare at
Colonial Lodge – 6:30 pm
Children’s Ministry – 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 14th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 3rd – Marketing Committee – 7:00 pm
Sunday, January 7th – Installation of New Council Members
Saturday, January 13th – Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner –
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday, January 14th – Epiphany Communion

ADVENT HAPPENINGS

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 – 10:30 am
Service only
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:30 pm

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December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent