

Thought Before Worship-

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.”

— Mother Teresa, *Love: A Fruit Always in Season*

Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“O Come Little Children”*

*THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Prophets' Candle

Leader: The prophets spoke long ago to the people of Israel, proclaiming God's justice and promise to their time. In these days of Advent, we reflect back on the words of the prophets, and speak justice, promise, and hope into our time.

People: We light this candle for the prophets that have gone before us, and for the prophetic voices in our time, that the words of God's justice and promise may be carried on.

(Candle is lit)

Unison Prayer: God of the prophets, help us to speak your prophetic word to this world. In this time of Advent, help us to prepare for Christ's coming into our lives in a new way. Amen.

*HYMN *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*no. 86

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we are not ready to begin this Advent journey. We are not ready to be attentive and expectant. We feel anxious and unsure. Forgive us and help us to prepare a place for the Christ as he comes. AMEN

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Rejoice and be glad, for Christ comes to us!

People: Good News! Good News! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 33: 14-16 pg. 645

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Waiting”*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21: 25-36 pg. 857

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Creed *“The Nicene Creed”*no. 16

*HYMN *“Let Us Break Bread Together.....”*no. 210

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“Pat-a-Pan”*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.....pp. 27-29

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of The Lord,

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!

*HYMN *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*no. 79

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, Desire of nations, bind

all peoples in one heart and mind;

bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;

fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *“In Dulci Jubilo”*

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

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of Kathryn Fitterling and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pannebecker by Art and Karen Pannebecker.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jean Trostle

Reverend Dennis Trout

Anna Weaver

Leslie Berkheimer Wagner

The **prayer list** in the bulletin will be renewed on the first Sunday of the month. If you would like someone to continue on the list into the next month, please share that with the church office via phone or email. People placed on the list on later (3rd/4th) Sundays will be included in the next month's list. Please be sure to ask permission before placing someone on the list. Thank you, Pastor Betsy

COMING EVENTS

Monday, December 3 - Stitch and Chat - 9:00 am

Benevolence - 6:00 pm

Bell Choir - 7:00 pm

Profile Committee - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 4 - Bible/Book Study - 1:00 and 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 9 - Hanging of the Greens - 11:30 am

Tuesday, December 11 - Council Meetings - 6:30, 7:00 pm

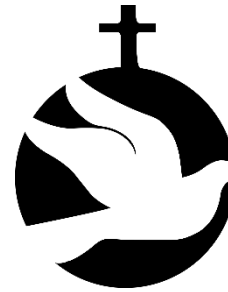
Wednesday, December 12 - Christmas at Colonial Lodge - 6:15 pm

The **Wednesday Work Crew** is looking for some extra hands the next few weeks as they will be busy setting up for Christmas/Advent and finishing the outdoor work. See John Haldeman for more information.

Mrs. Sands is looking for more singers for the **Christmas Program** on December 23. She is also looking for people to dress as Creche figures as scripture is read for the Christmas Story.

Hanging of the Greens will be held on December 9 after the Traditional Service. Adult Ministry will serve Pork BBQ and you are invited to bring a covered dish to share. We also invite you to bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to share with our Special Care and Concern members.

We are collecting individually wrapped **candy** to be handed out at the Colonial Lodge Christmas party. Please place all donations on the table at the office window.



Peace United Church of Christ

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

WELCOME!



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 2, 2018