

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*

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

***THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Children’s Candle**

Leader: The hopes and dreams of old were placed upon the shoulders of the children to come. The promises of God to Abraham and Sarah were fulfilled through the birth of their son Isaac. In the years of wandering and exile, faith kept their people alive, a faith taught to their children. In these days of Advent, we reflect on the promises we make to the children of our community and the ways we live in God’s peace.

People: *We light this candle for the children that have carried on the faith in years past, and for the children of today, who are part of our church now and the future, who live out the faith and walk the ways of the Prince of Peace.*

(Candle is lit)

Unison Prayer: *God of all children, help us to live out your hopes and dreams in this world, to live in the way of Your Shalom. In this time of Advent, help us to prepare for Christ’s coming into our lives in a new way. Amen.*

***HYMN “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”no. 166**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we refuse you entry: there are people we refuse to love, good things we have yet to do, and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine in us. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find welcome. AMEN

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Arise, the Light is coming into the world, granting peace and pardon.

People: Gloria in excelsis deo! AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Malachi 3: 1-4 pg. 777

CHOIR ANTHEM *“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3: 1-6 pg. 834

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CREED “THE APOSTLES” CREED.....inside front cover of Hymnal**

***HYMN “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”no. 174**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

***HYMN “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”no. 168**

***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 *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

(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

Jean Trostle Reverend Dennis Trout Leslie Berkheimer Wagner
The family of Tracy Smith The family of Anna Weaver

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 10 - Bell Choir - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 11 - Council Meetings - 6:30, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 12 - Christmas at Colonial Lodge - 6:15 pm
Thursday, December 13 - Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
Monday, December 17 - Stitch and Chat - 9:00 am
Tuesday, December 18 - Bible/Book Study - 1:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 23 - Dinner and a Night of Music - 5:00 pm
Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00 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.

Christmas poinsettias can be ordered before and after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 9, and 16. The poinsettias are red, 1 branch, 5 bloom and cost \$7.00. The Altar Guild will place the poinsettias in the church on Saturday December 22 at 9:00 am and they can be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

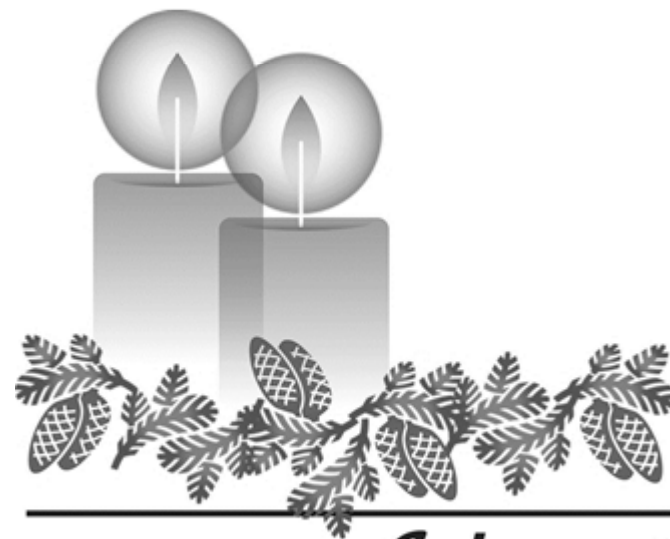
We are collecting individually wrapped **candy** to be handed out at the Colonial Lodge Christmas party. Please place all donations on the table at the office window.



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!



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 9, 2018