

Welcome!

Prayer of Preparation

*He is here! Welcome, Christ Child! Welcome, Light of Lights!
Welcome, Prince of Peace! Thank you, God, for this most precious of gifts!
May our hearts receive him, our lives reflect him. Amen*

We will sing from the Gold Hymnal today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE "The Birthday of a King" by Neidlinger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Wonder has settled around us and in us!

P: **Christ the Savior is born!**

L: Worship the God who comes to us!

P: **We sing praise to God's glorious name!**

*HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing".....no. 184

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have brought great joy to the world, Good God!

In Jesus, hope is reborn and love is made visible.

**Help us to receive your gift with grace,
and live it out in courage.**

**May your Spirit soar in us,
for Jesus Christ is born!**

Amen

+SILENT PRAYER

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

L: Wonderful! Counselor! Prince of Peace!

C: **Grace upon grace, we are free! Forgiven!**

*PRAISE RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end! Amen Amen*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148 pg.508

ANTHEM "One Small Child" by David Meece arr by L. Larson

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2: 13-23 pg. 784

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" inside front cover hymnal

*HYMN "What Child Is This".....no. 180

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
by Richard S. Willis and arr by Harold DeCou

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*HYMN "Joy to the World!".....no. 171

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*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"
by Mendelssohn arr by Harold DeCou

(L- Leader; **P- People.** Those who are able, please *- stand, +-kneel)

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Greeters.....Mike and Beb Madara
Head Usher.....Barb Hoffert

The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Dixie Schweitzer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Janine Davis	Ken Leshner	Jess Flinton
Helen Martzall	Eleanor Bailey	Family of Judy Kostick.
Howard Goldman	John Feeley	Bequi Pabon
Hanna Park	Gary Youndt	The Miller Family
Lindsey and Charlie Feeley	Family of Stewart Mohn	
Family of Linda Youndt	Family of Mary Shober	
Family of Charlie Graff	Family of Steven Stauffer	
Family of Priscilla Bender		



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!



December 29, 2019
First Sunday After Christmas