

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 "All Is Well" by Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Happy New Year!

P: ***Happy New Year!***

L: Welcome possibility and promise!

P: We look ahead with the Light of Lights!

*HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....no. 193

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Another year is upon us, O God!

We are grateful for the gift of Jesus,

even more grateful for the opportunity to be his disciples.

***Create in us a new and right spirit, free of that which limits
our capacity for good, our passion for mercy.***

***Give us clean hearts to look beyond that which separates
to that which unites, weaving your people together in love.***

We pray in the name of the Babe of Bethlehem, Jesus. 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 Ephesians 1: 3-14 pg.949

SOLO "The Prayer" by Webber Heidi McDonough, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING John 1: 1-18 pg. 862

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN "The First Noel, vv. 1-3".....no. 179

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by JS Bach

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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

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

GATHER AT THE WELCOME TABLE: HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread/Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Meal

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bread of Heaven,

you who offers your very self to the world

***in the hope that unity and love will prevail over violence and fear,
we thank you for this meal.***

***Keep our hearts free of division, ready for new life,
always open to the love of Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen***

*HYMN "The First Noel, vv. 4-6"no. 179

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth".....no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Brightest And Best" by Mattea

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

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Greeters.....Susie Strouse

Head Usher.....Margaret Harting

The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Mary Getz.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ken Leshner

Helen Martzall

Lindsey and Charlie Feeley

Hanna Park

Bequi Pabon

The Miller Family

Gary Youndt

Jess Flinton

Family of Judy Kostick

Family of Kerry Youndt

Family of Mildred Krick



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!



**January 5, 2020
Epiphany**