

**Morning Worship
The First Sunday in Advent**

10:30 A.M. November 29, 2009

Prelude (Titles of our organ Prelude, Offertory, & Postlude are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer this morning.) *Today's choral music honors composer Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

Greetings and Announcements
Call to Worship Joel Turrell
Introit (446) "Glorious things of Thee Are Spoken"
Psalm 87 Haydn

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Lori & Ryan Wilson

Ryan: Today is the first Sunday of the Season of Advent. Advent means "coming," and in this season we prepare for the coming of Christ. We light the candles on the Advent wreath to remind us of the blessings that Christ brings to the world. Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope.

(Child and adult together light the first purple candle.)

Lori: The prophet Jeremiah spoke words of hope to Israel. He talked about God's promise of a new beginning. We hope and pray for a world of peace and harmony.

Ryan: Hope is like a flame, that warms and comforts us. As we light this candle, we celebrate the hope of the prophets and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Lori: We continue to hope in God's promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with love and joy and peace.

Prayer (All): Thank you, God for the flame of hope. As we prepare for Christ's coming, help us to share our hope with others.

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 2

Service of Confession

Silent Prayers
Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, Whose readiness to forgive is greater than our willingness to examine our

conscience, accept our prayers of confession. We have neither lived up to our own expectations nor Yours. Do not hold our faults and our weakness against us. Take away our shame and regret, and renew us in mind and spirit, we ask in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
The Lord's Prayer (Debts)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Choral Response

Responsive Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16

"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David;

and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. and this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

Service of Giving

*Hymn "Take My Life" 391

*Sentences
Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem Haydn arr. Hopson
"O Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice"

*Doxology 592

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Service of Reflection

Children's Message Rev. Seneca Foote
Scripture 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

*Hymn "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" 11
Gospel Luke 21: 25-36
Anthem "The Heavens Are Telling"
from The Creation Haydn
Sermon The Rev. Seneca Foote
"Second Coming, Who Needs It?"

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 376

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**Christian, rise and act thy creed,
Let thy prayer be in thy deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
Raise thy work and life anew. Amen.**

*Postlude

Dismissed to our service in the world

*Standing

Serving Today

Acolyte Kyle Palmer
Guest Minister Rev. Seneca Foote
Ushers Dennis Loreman - Capt, Joyce Hummel
Laurisa Morris, Bill Pepper
Greeter Art & Audrey Borden
Reader Joel Turrell
Nursery Fran Bettner
Junior Church & Flower Delivery Lori Wilson
Coffee Hour Marion Jacobsen

This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	Senior Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
		Nursery provided
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Tuesday	9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group in Library
Wednesday	7:15 p.m.	Choir Night
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Decorate Church Building



We welcome The Rev. Seneca S. Foote to our worship this morning. Rev. Foote is President and Chief Executive Officer of Albright Care Services. He is an ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church.

Notices

The Chancel flowers this morning are given in memory of Tom and Doris Wilson by the Wilson families.

Please remember to check the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the back hallway, to see if we need help on Sunday mornings in coming weeks.

Holiday decorating of our church sanctuary is scheduled for **Saturday, December 5th at 8:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome.



Clothing Sharing Program

There is, on the Missions bulletin board in the back hallway, a local mission opportunity to help create a warm Christmas for the children of our Clothes Sharing Program. We are collecting hooded sweatshirts and flannel pajama bottoms for boys and girls of all ages and sizes. Please see the bulletin board for additional ways to help. **Please have your items to the church no later than Sunday, December 13th.**

Next Sunday is **Cookie Sunday**, bring your favorite cookies to share during coffee hour. See Sally Nyquist today to include your recipe in the booklet that will be available next Sunday.

Women's Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 15 at noon the Women's Christmas Luncheon will be held at RiverWoods Ridgecrest Restaurant. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board or call the church office. All women are invited to attend.

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

Next Sunday, December 6, we will receive the RMMO. This annual ABCUSA offering provides Thank You check to over 3,000 retired AB ministers and missionaries or their windowed spouses, based on 15+ years of ABC service, and emergency and other financial assistance based on need. Pray about your gift, *"It Really Does Make A Difference In Their Lives"*.

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For Your Prayer

Bill Bobb is at RiverWoods. Ken Bollinger, Violet Dietrich, Judy Ellis, Herman Howard Jr., and Betty Siler are at home.

Rev. Jesse Blankenship and Janet VanBuskirk are at Buffalo Valley. Beverly Fisher, Evelyn Reed and Helena Rivoire are at RiverWoods. Gloria Miller is at Rolling Hills Manor; Harriet Littell is at ElmCroft. Frank Molinaro is at Orangeville Nursing Home.

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in being part of a prayer chain, please contact Jan Rolecki at 523-6074 or Kathryn Morris at kmorris1@dejazzd.com.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettia plants and the holidays are here again. The cost is \$12.00. The florist would like a tentative order next Tuesday, December 1. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board to the left of the Friendship Room or call the office.

Lights of Love

The Lights of Love Ceremony will be **Sunday, December 6** with entertainment by the Buffalo Valley Singers, and concluding with the lighting of the Lights of Love Tree outside the main entrance to Evan Hospital.

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