

**Morning Worship
The Second Sunday in Advent**

10:30 A.M. December 6, 2009

Prelude (Titles of our organ Prelude, Offertory, & Postlude are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer this morning.)

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship Gayle Pepper
Introit "Prepare the Way" Petker

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Matt and Josiah Lawrence

Child: Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath, the candle of hope. We will light it again to show that our hope continues. (*child lights the first candle*)

Adult: John the Baptist called on the people of his day to prepare the path for the coming of the Messiah. He called them to turn from their ways and turn back to God. To live in peace with others, we need to seek God's will for us.

Child: We light this second candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He shows us how to share God's peace with others. (*child and adult light the second purple candle*)

Adult: The prayer of St. Francis asks God to help us to become peacemakers. We will pray it together:

Congregation:

**Lord, make us instruments of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is sadness, joy;
and where there is darkness, light.
Grant that we may seek not so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal
life. Amen.**

*Hymn "Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth" 7

Service of Confession

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, Whose children we are, heal us of the injury we have done ourselves through pride, selfishness or folly. Overcome our shame and hopelessness through Your forgiveness, and put a right spirit within us. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer (Debts)

Choral Response

Responsive Reading

Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

And I am sure that God, Who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Service of Giving

*Hymn "Though I May Speak" 335

*Sentences

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology 592

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Service of Reflection

Children's Message

Scripture

Malachi 3: 1-4

*Hymn "'Sleepers, Wake!' A Voice Astounds Us" 17

Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

Anthem "English Advent Carol" arr. Liebergen

Sermon

"Prepare"

Pastoral Prayer

The Service of Communion

*Hymn

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"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

The Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the lord our God.

People: **It is right that we should.**

(Let us pray)

Minister: It is our duty and our delight, Lord God, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for the world. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

People: **We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.**

Minister: Remembering these things, we celebrate once again the supper of the Lord. We pray that despite our sins and doubts the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat the bread and drink the wine we may share in the eternal life of Christ.

People: **We thank you that we do not celebrate the supper alone, but in company with all your people, past, present and to come. With them and all creation we praise you and say:**

All: **Holy, holy, holy,
Mighty Lord God,**

Everything makes your greatness known!

The Sharing of the Bread
"There's a Song in the Air"
The Sharing of the Cup
"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"
*Jubilee Hymn (Inside back cover of hymnal)
*Benediction
*Postlude
*Standing
Dismissed to our service in the world

Serving Today

Acolyte	Max Ororbia
Ushers	Robert Rapp, Capt; David Hall, Heidi Hall, Mark Bettner
Serving Communion	Dennis Loreman, Bill Pepper, Joyce Hummel, Pat Matrey
Reader	Gayle Pepper
Nursery	Karen Roessler & Liza Craddock
Junior Church	Lisa Scott
Flower Delivery	Gayle & Bill Pepper
Coffee Hour	Cookie Sunday

This Week

Today	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	9:30 a.m.	Pageant Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship Nursery provided
	11:30 a.m.	Cookie Coffee Hour
Tuesday	9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group in Library
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons, Library

Notices

The Chancel flowers this morning are given by Gayle and Bill Pepper.

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.

The sign-up sheet for the **Christmas Poinsettia** is on the back bulletin board or call the office. Cost of each plant is \$12.00. December 14 is the last day to sign up.

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For Your Prayer

Rev. Jesse Blankenship is at Evan. Bill Bobb is at RiverWoods. Ken Bollinger, Violet Dietrich, Judy Ellis, Herman Howard Jr., and Betty Siler are at home. Janet VanBuskirk is 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.

Clothing Sharing Program

On the Missions bulletin board in the back hallway, is a 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 & girls of all ages & sizes. **Have your items to the church no later than Sunday, December 13th.**

Women's Christmas Luncheon

Tues., Dec. 15 at 11:30 the Women's Christmas Luncheon will be held at Ridgecrest Restaurant. Sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board or call the church office.

Remember with Love -- Give with Gratitude

Note from a Retired Minister about RMMO.
"Thank you for the check from the RMMO. I will use it to help cover the cost of much-needed new glasses."

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