

**Morning Worship
The Third Sunday in Advent**

10:30 A.M. December 13, 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 Carolyn Patton

Introit "In Dulci Jubilo" arr. Gesius

The Lighting of the Advent Candle
(Child and adult light the first two candles again.)

Child: We have lit again the first two candles in our Advent wreath, to remind us of God's gifts of hope and peace. Today we will light the third candle, the candle of joy.

Adult: As we wait for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, we look forward to the joyful celebrations we will share with those we love. The prophet Zephaniah calls us to shout for joy, because God will transform the people. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the angel told the shepherds not to be afraid. The angels brought "good news of a great joy, which shall be to all people." The good news of Jesus' birth and the promise of Shalom are still "tidings of great joy" for us today.

Child: Paul tells us to rejoice in God always. The third candle reminds us of our joy in Jesus Christ.

(Child and adult light the pink third candle.)

**Congregation: God of Joy,
Thank you for the excitement and delight
we experience at this joyful time of year.
Help us to share your joy with others,
so that they too will be filled with your
Spirit. Amen.**

*Hymn "Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" 8

Service of Confession

Silent Prayers
Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Spirit of Love and Truth, illuminate our hearts. Cleanse us of falsehood and fear. By the

grace of forgiveness, free us rightly to live with one another and with You. In Jesus' Name we pray, 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 Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, and has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

Service of Giving

*Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" 9
*Sentences
Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
*Doxology 592
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Service of Reflection

Scripture Philippians 4: 4-7
*Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" 10
Gospel Luke 3: 7-18
Anthem "An Advent Alleluia" D. Wagner
Sermon "Do Not Fear"
Pastoral Prayer
*Hymn "O Come All, Ye Faithful" 41
*Benediction
*Postlude
Dismissed to our service in the world

*Standing

Serving Today

Acolyte Max Ororbia
Ushers Robert Rapp - Captain, David Hall,
Heidi Hall, Mark Bettner
Greeter Marion Rose
Reader Carolyn Patton
Nursery Robyn Tillman
Junior Church Lisa Scott
Flower Delivery Judy Mickanis
Coffee Hour Ginger Bread People

This Week

Today 9:15 a.m. Senior Choir
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship
Nursery provided
Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Discussion Group
7:00 p.m. Property Committee
Monday 7:00 p.m. Women's Christmas
Tuesday 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Ridgecrest Restaurant at RiverWoods

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who help decorate the church on Saturday, December 5th. It is beautiful!



Don't Miss **THIS CORRECTION**

The Church Calendar in your newsletter has the incorrect time for the Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service. The service is at 7:30 pm with a Musical Prelude starting at 7:15 pm. The choir will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. Please note this change.

Pageant Rehearsal Dec. 13

Following Worship at 11:30 this morning, Sunday, December 13, there will be pageant rehearsal for the children. Pizza luncheon following rehearsal.

Poinsettia Orders

Tomorrow, **December 14th** is the last day to order a Poinsettia Plant. The price is \$12.00. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board or you may call the church office **before 10 am Monday morning**.

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.



Christmas Pageant

Next Sunday, December 20 Children should be in their classroom no later than 10:00 a.m.

The **Gifts to the Manger** in this year's pageant will go to children and youth served through Haven Ministry's homeless shelter in Sunbury. Games and pastimes for youth high school age are requested. Please do not wrap the gifts, Haven Ministry has the parents wrap donated gifts for their children.

Loose offerings and those designated "**Blanket Sunday**" will go to support the shelter and care ministries of Church World Service.

Following the Pageant everyone is invited to the Luncheon downstairs in the Founders' Room.

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For Your Prayer

The Rev. Jesse Blankenship is at Evan Hospital. Mike Lucas is having surgery Wednesday. 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

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

From a retired couple "Thank you for the check! As a recent retiree facing uncertain times financially, this Thank You check deeply touched me. I am very grateful to my ABC family."

Handel's Messiah Performance

The Susquehanna Valley Chorale is presenting Handel's Messiah. Concerts are Dec. 12 at 7:30 pm and Dec. 13 at 3:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Sunbury. Ticket price: \$15 adults, \$5 students. Groups of 10 or more, call 523-1041 for \$10 per person tickets.

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