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First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

Choral Introit: "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" Verse 1

Lighting of the Advent Candle-Hope

The Long Family

*Hymn: #122 "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" Verses 2, 3, 4

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: As we are in the waiting time, God of patience, we are inundated with Christmas messages in the consumer world. We have known Christmas since September, and we almost want to get past the season. Forgive us for not following our faith, but for following our desires. Forgive us for being weak enough to succumb to consumerism rather than the long church tradition of quiet discernment during waiting times. May we be more faithful this Advent than ever before. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!

Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Waiting for Jesus"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Special Music-Fred Hayes

Sermon: "Keep Awake!"

***Hymn: #121 "All Earth Is Waiting"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

All: Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____, for peace within our world ____.

Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____, for peace within our souls ____.

Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____, for love and unity _____;

Quiet our busy hearts, Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____. .

Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,
Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: 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

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #117 "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"**

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

Thank you to Fred Hayes for playing the piano today, while Irina Thomas, our organist, is on vacation. We also thank him for his special music.

Bella, Heather, Laura and Brian Long are participating in today's worship service along with...

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....Sexton



Did you know that today is the first Sunday of Advent, as we begin to prepare of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ? During this season, we receive an offering for our **Help Fund**, which goes to assist people in our own community. On Christmas Eve, unless you tell us otherwise, we will publish your name in a special Christmas Card that will be inserted in the bulletin that night. This is a way to extend Christmas greetings to all your friends in congregation.

This week:

Thursday-Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM



Next Sunday, immediately following the worship service there will be a meeting of the congregation to vote on the 2017 budget and elect officers for 2017. As a commitment of your membership, all members are urged to attend. Guests are welcome.

Looking Ahead:

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Our Christmas Eve Service will be Saturday, December 24 at 7:30PM. The next day is Sunday, and there will be a worship service, but it will be held at **10:00AM** rather than 11:00AM. At the Sunday service, you will meet a shepherdess who was there at the manger on that Holy Night.



We have 25 children to minister to through the Salvation Army. Tags for their Christmas wish lists are available on the Christmas Tree in the back of the sanctuary. **Please sign the list** on the back table when you take a tag. Gifts must be returned by **December 4** (not Dec. 10 as it says on the tag).

Attendance for November 20: 58

Offering for November 20: \$1,496.00

We are going to launch a password protected **On-line Pictorial Directory** for our Church and are collecting data. Eventually we will be taking pictures (they will NOT be professional portraits), but for now, we need the following information:



Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Cell phone _____

Preferred e-mail address _____

} if you are willing to share this information

I do not wish to be included in the directory but am providing my information for the office use only. _____

please tear off and leave in the office or offering plate



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please fill-in and give to Elaine DiFranco or the Office by Sunday, December 4th - thank you!! (Orders after December 4th are \$10.00)

EACH PLANT is \$8.00, with 6 1/2" pot wrapped in gold foil
_____ RED _____ PINK _____ WHITE

_____ TOTAL NUMBER

_____ **TOTAL COST - please pay with order.**

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Phone: _____