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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

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

*Gathering Music

Please join the choir in singing:

All: Here comes the light, here comes the light!

Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.

In the eastern sky the stars are shining bright,

Oh, glory hallelujah children, here comes the light! (repeat)

The Lighting of the first Advent Candle- Hope (Please be seated)

Confirmand Brenna Driscoll, Maddie Driscoll, Rob Driscoll

*Hymn: # 116 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", Verses 1, 2, 6, 7
(omit verses 3, 4, 5)

Reading of Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

O Lord, the day of Thanksgiving has come and gone. We offered you thanks. We set aside one day on which we reminded ourselves of how much we have received.

- A few days later, we have failed to see how much you have given to us.
- We have not turned to you with grateful hearts but instead have relied upon our own abilities to get whatever we want.

Forgive us, Lord.

- Forgive us for taking so much for granted.
- Forgive us for failing to see you as the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Come, Lord, and restore us once more. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: The giver of every good and perfect gift hears our prayers and offers to us another gift: the gift of forgiveness. We are forgiven! God has heard our cries. May we walk in the newness of life available through Christ.

*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: "Getting Ready for Jesus"

Anthem: "A Thanksgiving Prayer"

Sermon: "Hope"

***Hymn: # 104 "We Hail You God's Anointed" Verses 1, 2, 3 (omit verse 4)**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of U.S. Army Captain Daniel Bair, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

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 #419 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

Maureen Dumbaugh and the Driscoll family are participating in today's service along with...

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Did you know that your offering supports the music ministry of our church? We are so grateful to Ira Thomas our organist and our faithful choir for their offering of time and talent. We also thank Rick Carson who is leading rehearsals, and Joni Mattei for conducting on Sunday morning. We are still in the search process for a choir director.

This week:

Today: Pastor Meredith and the Confirmation Class will be offering worship with communion at William Penn Care Center. They will also be making the bread for the December communion here at the church.

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting to vote on the 2016 budget as well as elect officers for the coming year will be held on **December 6** immediately following worship. ALL MEMBERS are strongly urged to attend this important meeting and guests are certainly welcome. Membership in the church is not only a privilege, it carries responsibility with it. The budget as well as nominations can be found in your mail box.

The Kindle Fire Tablets are for the children's use during worship. Please sign them out and sign them back in at the end of the service.

Thank you for your generous response to our “Treasures for Children” partnership with the Salvation Army. We asked for 35 tags, and someone miscounted and sent 36, but all have been taken. Please remember to bring your gift back on or before **Next Sunday, December 6.**



Mission project: Thanks to all who responded to our collection of items for St. Barbara’s Food Bank, which services all of Penn Township. Not only did you provide paper and laundry products, you also brought in non-perishable food items. We have over 200 items donated.

Attendance for November 22: 57
Offering for November 22: \$1,791.00

Friday, December 11, 7:30PM-The West Newton Community Singers will perform their annual Christmas Concert “Sounds of Christmas” under the direction of Richard Carson and accompanist Lauren Cross. Call 724-872-6093 for \$5.00 advance tickets; students are \$3.00; tickets at-door are \$6.00. Old, new and traditional modern selections.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Penn West Conference,
This year’s Advent devotional is on theme of “Waiting for God.” It is written by people in Penn West Conference congregations who are currently waiting and searching for a pastor. If you have ever been through a process like this, you know how hard this kind of waiting can be. These churches are uniquely gifted to share with the rest of us their experience of waiting, even as we all wait expectantly for Christ’s coming among us in this Advent season. **David Ackerman, Penn West Conference Minister**

Excerpts from a devotional for the 1st Sunday of Advent

Melissa McLean-Emanuel UCC, Warren


For a few years now Emanuel UCC has been involved in the Search and Call process, looking diligently for a new leader to guide our congregation. We have written profiles, done surveys, reviewed profiles, interviewed candidates and hopefully prayed. *We are still waiting.*

Some days we wait better than others. Some days it is easier than others. As I look back over all that has happened in this period of waiting and patience I see a past overflowing with gifts from God... In this period of waiting, we have strengthened our bonds as a congregation and rediscovered gifts both new and old... Most importantly, with the grace of God, we have grown together as not only a church, but as a family, to carry on the mission and the work of the Church. *We stand together waiting.*

In this period of waiting we have been asked by God to trust, and hope, and believe in that which is to come. *Waiting is often hard work.*

Each and every day our God asks all of us to wait in patience and love, and with humility and grace. We are asked to trust in the divine. We are asked to stand together, trusting in each other. *We wait expectantly for Christ.*

As the coming of Christ approaches, we are reminded that to truly love one another is to love God. We are reminded that the twin gifts of patience and discovery are ours to enjoy over and over again... *In this season of Advent, may you be reminded of the Love of Christ, the Gifts of God, and the Joy that comes with waiting.*



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Give to Elaine DiFranco or the Office by Friday, December 4th - thank you!! (Orders after December 4th are \$10.00)

EACH PLANT is \$8.00, with 6 ½” pot wrapped in gold foil

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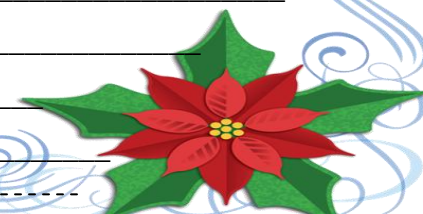
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