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Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2017

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

*Ringing of the Bell

Introit: "Here Comes the Light" *

First Time Choir. 2nd Time All Join in

Here comes the light, here comes the light!

Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.

In the eastern sky the star is shining bright,

Oh, glory hallelujah children, here comes the light.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: "Peace"

Marcia Simons, Chase Simons, Kyle Dugan

***Hymn #131 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Call to Reconciliation

Pastor: *We can no longer play dumb. We not only know the lives we are called to lead, we are well aware of how we fail - through our words as well as our silence, by our deeds and our unwillingness to act. Let us confess to the God who comes to us,*

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: **You call us home to live with you, Comfort of the lost, but we are too busy right now to listen. We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction, seeking the best prices. We rush to judge everyone around us, but ask you to be more patient with our repeated errors.**

Yet you continue to cry out to us, Broken Heart, speaking to us of your love. Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; peace is our constant companion when we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is your Messenger of mercy.

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

Pastor: *At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for us. God comes! Not to punish, but to gift us with peace, not to judge, but to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*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.

A Time for Children: "Candles in Church"

Recognition of Graduates Heather Long and Kyle Dugan

Sermon: "Undercover Boss"

Anthem: "Lift Your Light"

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 #110 "Now Bless the God of Israel"

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

All: O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Carrying the light into the world.

*Postlude

Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

The Congregation..... Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison..... Pastor
Irina Thomas..... Organist and Keyboard
Rheba Salac..... Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson..... Sexton
Allen Latherow..... Acolyte and Bell Ringer
Joyfa Kelly.....Today's Reader

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Your gifts for the Salvation Army Treasures for Children are due to be turned in today. If you have forgotten to bring your gift, please speak with Pastor Meredith so that she can make arrangements to get it here before the pickup on Thursday.

Please stay for the Congregational Meeting following worship

today. Besides the Election of Officers and the budget, we will hear a report about our upcoming interim situation and the CAT Scan that we are about to undertake. The proposed budget was put in the mailboxes and are also available on the back table.

Did you know that this week we continue to receive your gifts for the Help Fund? The Help Fund is Denmark Manor's ministry to individuals and families when they have a critical need. If you make a donation, your name will be printed in a Christmas card and inserted in the Christmas Eve bulletins. There are envelopes in the bulletin for your convenience.

Throughout the winter months-If we would have inclement weather, and it would be impossible to hold worship, it would be announced on WPXI, channel 11. We would also send out an e-mail blast to those on our list.

This week: Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Bible Study at the Murrysville Panera 9:00AM



Save the date! On Sunday, January 28, 2018 there will be a worship service of farewell for Pastor Meredith. This will be followed by a potluck supper and a celebration of her 14 years here as pastor and her more than 36 years of ordained ministry.

The Level Green Presbyterian Church will welcome the community on Friday, December 15, at 7:00p.m. for a Community Christmas Carol Sing & Live Nativity. The Nativity Story program will be on the front lawn followed by a Christmas Carol Sing inside the sanctuary. Hot chocolate, hot cider, coffee, tea, & Christmas cookies will be served as refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be many special nativities from families of the church on display.

Those attending are encouraged to bring a canned food item with them to support the Trafford Food Bank. There will also be a children's craft area and face painting. The evening is free of charge.

Please dress warmly for the outdoor part of the evening and carpooling is recommended. Please invite your neighbors, friends, and family to join us as we share the joy of Christmas with our community.

Level Green Presbyterian Church

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Since November 25, our Church Family has been thinking of the Family of Bill Martin, who entered into Eternal Life on that day. *Thank you, Lord, for the hope and assurance of life's eternal nature and that death is not the end of the life. Thank you for being my help when helpless, my strength when weak, my hope in despair, my light in darkness, my guide in confusion, my comfort in distress, my Savior when lost.*

Lessons & Carols



On Sunday, December 24 . . .

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, we will have two services.

Our regular worship will take place at 11:00AM and we will have our traditional service of lessons, carols, candles and communion at 7:30PM.

Christmas Eve
SERVICE

Attendance for December 3: 51

Offering for December 3: \$2,659.00

The Sacred Music Choir 2017

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

A Christmas Concert of Choral, Organ, and Handbell Music

Saturday, December 16
3:00 pm

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