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Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 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

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Candle-Love

The Hartung Family

*Hymn: #43 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Verses 1, 2, 3

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Loving God, it is true that we do not see your new vision for life.

- We get stuck in old patterns, bad habits, limited hopes.
- We do not look deep enough to see you in the midst of difficulty, to find you inside our anxious longing.
- We do not recognize you in our longing for someone or something to take away the emptiness.
- We place our hopes on some present, some kind word, some new experience and miss the deepest love which is offered to us by the child in the manger.

Persistent God, open us to seeing you in the paradoxes of life. Give us reason to smile, knowing you are working in the ups and downs of our days. Set loose a new hope in us and in all. 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: "Candles on Christmas Eve"
(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Anthem: "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

Sermon: "Prophecies Fulfilled"

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

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 (sung)

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 #131 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response

Peace I Leave with You My Friends

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and includes the lyrics: 'Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in'. The second system includes the lyrics: 'all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to'. The third system includes the lyrics: 'you so you can give to oth - ers, too.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

*Postlude

Scott, Sharon, Natalie and Claire Hartung are participating in today's worship 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 gifts to the general fund provide hope and help to members of our congregation through the counsel provided by Pastor Meredith and others in our congregation? We appreciate your generosity that provides for our ministry of caring.

Help Fund As we prepare of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ we think about how we can make a difference in the lives of others. 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:

Monday-Christian Education Committee 7:00PM

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Next Sunday our children are presenting the Scripture lesson.

Readers are to be at church at 10:00AM. Younger children are to be at church at 10:30AM.

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.

Attendance for December 4: 56
Offering for December 4: \$2,335.00
Food Bank: \$40.00

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 _____

} if you are willing to share this information

Preferred e-mail address _____

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

We really need this information from every person in the congregation, whether or not you are a member, and whether or not you think that we already have this information. *Thank you so very much for your help. Rheba Salac, Administrative Assistant*

(Note that the directory will be available as a hard copy if you don't have internet access. There will be an app for your smart phone, and you will be able to access it through the Denmark Manor web-site. **Again, this will be password protected and only available to the congregation.**)

A limited number of the 2nd printing of our **Denmark Manor History Book(s)** are available for Christmas gifting. If you have purchased a 1st printing book, the 15 revised pages from the 2nd printing are available in color (\$5) or black and white (free). Just call the office, 724-744-4218.

