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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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 Third Advent Candle, "Love"

(Please remain standing)

Confirmand Bella Long, Brian, Laura and Heather Long

\*Hymn: #107 "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn"

Call to Reconciliation

### Reconciliation Prayer

**All: Lord Jesus, we have stepped away from the busyness that invades this holy season. Recapture our minds, our hearts and our attention once more during this time of worship. Help us to focus not on the list of things that remain to be done but instead let our focus be on you. Let this time of preparation reclaim us, reform us and make us whole — wholly ready for you. Amen.**

Silence

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.

The Christmas Pageant

"O Holy Night"

Scene 1: The Reason for the Season

Scene 2: Phillips Brooks and Lewis Redner

**All: O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!**

**Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;**

**Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;**

**The hopes and fears of all the years**

**Are met in thee tonight.**

Scene 3: John Frances Wade

**All: O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels;**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Scene 4: Reverend Edmund Sears and Richard Storr Willis

**All: It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold;  
“Peace on the earth, Good will to men,  
From heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.**

Scene 5: Pennsylvania Lutherans

**All: Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus Laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked Down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

Scene 6: Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn

**All: Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

Scene 7: Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber

**All: Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

Solo: “O Holy Night” Sung by Zach Cynkar

Our Morning Prayers

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 “Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:**

**Let earth receive her King;**

**Let every heart prepare him room,**

**And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,**

**And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

\*The Benediction

\*Benediction Response

\*Postlude

Please stay after the worship service today for a feast of finger foods and to get the autographs of our starring actors . . .

The cast:

Speaking Parts

Scenes 1, 3, 5, 7: Hanna Miller, Bella Long, Brenna

Driscoll, Claire Hartung

Scenes 2, 4, 6: Maddie Driscoll, Brianna Klingensmith, Gregory Thomas, Natalie Hartung

The Cast of Thousands

Bryce Klingensmith, Brooke Spahn, Bonnie Malovitz, Lizzie Miller, R.J. Miller, Kiera Spahn, Myrt Driscoll, Colin, Emily, Mandy and Nick Dransart, Brayden and Barry Kistler

Thank you to Zach Cynkar for his solo.

A special thanks to Barb, R.J. and Lizzie Miller for helping with costumes. We also thank Doris Walk for organizing the food and those who help her in the kitchen.

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 we have a special fund that helps people in times of desperate financial need? The Help Fund of Denmark Manor truly does help people within and beyond our congregation. There is a special envelope for your donation to the Help Fund in this week's bulletin. On Christmas Eve, the names of those who contribute are listed in a special Christmas Card that is inserted in the bulletin as a way to send greetings and good will to all who worship that night.



*O Come  
Let Us  
Adore Him*

Mission project: Thanks to your help, the wishes of 36 children received special attention this year through our partnership with the Salvation Army by way of their Treasures for Children program. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

This week:

Monday-There is NO Meeting of the Christian Education Committee.  
Choir-7:00PM

Next Week:

Thursday, December 24-Our Annual Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Candles and Communion is at 7:30PM

Attendance for December 6: 70  
Offering for December 6: \$3,016.00

**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. But 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 Advent 3: Written by Eileen Schmidt of Trinity  
United Church of Christ in Dorseyville (Pittsburgh) PA**

*"The LORD, your God, is in you midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love...." Zephaniah 3:17*

Zephaniah is a tiny book tucked almost at the end of the Old Testament. But just like the little engine that could, Zephaniah is small but mighty. It starts out with strong words for Israel and Jerusalem but it closes with a promise of joy and gladness. We at Trinity UCC, Dorseyville feel like the little church that could. Everyone feels as if they need God as their warrior at some point in their journey. The little baby Jesus came to lead us to victories whether large or small. We at Trinity are searching and waiting and looking for that little bit of hope and joy God has promised throughout the Bible....

Trinity has been part of God's family for 164 years and he has surrounded us with his love in the singing and laughter of our children, the warm handshake of a friend or a simple smile across the pew. He provides us with comfort, encouragement and joy during this wonderful season and in the weeks and months to come. We look forward to seeing what God has planned for us here at Trinity....

*Prayer: Dear God, thank you for being our warrior and protector. You give us strength to follow you on the journey you have selected for us. Thank you for calming our anxious hearts and bringing joy into our lives.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*



