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Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-Love

The Hartung Family

\*Hymn #43 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Call to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Reconciliation

**All: God of mercy, light and love, we confess that we have not been people who are quick to pray.**

**When an emergency befalls us, we turn to pleas and prayers which usually begin with the heart-wrenching cry, "Why?".**

**Help us to remember that you are always ready to hear and respond to all our prayers. Remind us that even though we have often failed to witness to your love and live as people of compassion and faith, you love us unconditionally.**

**Forgive our stubbornness and willfulness. Cleanse our souls and spirits and make us truly ready to receive your light. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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.

A Time for Children: "Lamps in the Windows"

Anthem: "Coventry Carol"

Sermon: "Oaks of Righteousness"

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

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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

(To the tune "O Jesus I Have Promised")

- 1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.**
- 2. He comes with succor speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.**
- 3. He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth;  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness, in fountains,  
From hill to valley flow.**
- 4. O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest;  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever:  
That name to us is Love.**

\*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
- Doreen Cherep..... Today's Reader

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**Next Sunday is Christmas Eve!**

We will have two services. Our regular service of worship will be at 11:00AM and our evening services of carols, candles and communion will be at 7:30PM.

*Lessons & Carols*



**Did you know that our Help Fund provides help to people in time of extraordinary need?**

These are people who you know-some in our congregation and others in our community. Members of the Help Fund Committee are Dorothy Martin, Debi McIlvaine and Dave Conner. All gifts are given confidentially. If you give to this fund, your name will be printed in the Christmas Card that will be inserted in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. If you haven't been able to donate over the past couple of weeks, there are envelopes provided in the bulletin today.

**Thank you to all our Christmas Angels** who provided gifts for children through the Salvation Army. Your generosity offered blessings to our 36 children. Please continue to pray for your child (or children-for those who took 2), even though you don't know his or her name or situation.

This week:  
Thursday-Choir 7:00PM  
Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

**Today-**There will be a free showing of the film "Holiday Affair" (1949) at the Penn Trafford High School at 2:00PM. This is part of Kate Mervish's senior project.

Looking ahead:



**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.

**Annual reports are due on January 7.** Rheba, our administrative assistant would appreciate it if you would send an electronic version to the office at [denmarkmanorucc@outlook.com](mailto:denmarkmanorucc@outlook.com). If you are unable to provide an electronic version, we will scan your report and insert it into the Annual Report.

**In case of inclement weather,** if it is impossible to hold worship, there will be an announcement on WPXI, Channel 11. Trude Hayes will also send out an e-mail blast to those on our list and she will post it on Facebook.

Attendance for December 10: 60  
Offering for December 10: \$1,794.00



*To Our Church Family,  
We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, well-wishes, prayers and my "Uber Fleet" during Bill's stay in the hospitals and after his passing.  
We are so blessed and grateful for friends like you at this difficult time in our lives. Thank you for caring!  
Dorothy Martin and the Martin Family*