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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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-Joy

The Confirmation Class

**\*Hymn-Joy to the World**

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

**Let earth receive her King;**

**Let every heart prepare him room,**

**And heaven and nature sing (repeat)**

**2. He rules the world with truth and grace,**

**And makes the nations prove**

**The glories of his righteousness**

**And wonders of his love (repeat)**

Reading of Scripture:

Special children's presentation of Matthew 1:18-25

Please join them when they sing

**O the B-I-B-L-E.**

**Yes! That's the book for me.**

**I stand alone on the word of God.**

**The B-I-B-L-E.**

Call to Reconciliation

**Reconciliation Prayer**

**All: In us there is great darkness, pleading for light. Yet, O God, we avoid the light that you offer us. We light Advent candles, we sing favorite hymns of faith, and we attempt to feel joyful in the midst of a beautiful season. And we still avoid the light that you offer because that would require too much of us. It is easier to open presents than to repent and live life as the Christ child would call us to do. Forgive us. Change us, 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

**Pastor: God grants courage to those who ask to be closer to the light.**

**God forgives us as we sincerely desire to walk through the darkness of our sin and into the light of God's grace.**

\*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: "A Gift for You"  
(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Anthem: "Breath of Heaven"

Sermon: "God Is with Us!"

**\*Hymn: #124 "Away in a Manger"**

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 #107 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"**

\*The Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Peace I Leave with You My Friends**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Peace I Leave with You My Friends". It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is labeled "Refrain" and has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in". The second system continues the lyrics: "all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to". The third system concludes with: "you so you can give to oth - ers, too." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

\*Postlude

Clair Hartung, Natalie Hartung, Brenna Driscoll, Bella Long, Brianna Klingensmith, Bryce Klingensmith, Callie Klingensmith, Mia Zachetti, Brayden Kistler, and Brooke Spahn 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



## *Christmas Eve and Christmas Day*

Our Christmas Eve Service of candles, carols and Communion 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.

**Did you know** that your gifts to the General Fund help to make today's worship service possible? You can now make your weekly or monthly offering to the church online at [denmarkmanorchurch.org](http://denmarkmanorchurch.org). Even when you cannot be here on a Sunday morning the work of the church continues and relies on the regular contributions of our members to sustain our ministry. Online giving assures that if you cannot be here in person, your gifts are still counted among those that are received.

**Please continue to use your 2016 Offering Envelopes through the end of the year.** The new 2017 envelopes are available in the rear of the Sanctuary for pick up when you are at Worship. We try to keep the envelope numbers/names the same year-to-year because it helps with recording the offerings. Thanks to all our faithful givers for your generosity.

**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-Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00PM  
Thursday-Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00PM (Pastor Meredith will not be in the office for part of the day).  
Choir 7:00PM  
Saturday-Christmas Eve Service 7:30PM  
Sunday-**Worship is at 10:00AM** (Not 11:00)

Attendance for December 11, 2016: 64

Offering for December 11, 2016: \$1,565.00

**Annual reports** from chairpersons are due in the office by January 8. If possible, we would appreciate it if you would e-mail them or give us an electronic version. Thanks to everyone who was able to do this in 2015. We are also able to scan what you submit. Thanks to our leaders for 12 months of hard work!

We are going to launch a password protected **On-line Pictorial Directory** for our Church and currently 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) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

} if you are willing to share this information

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*