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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 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-Joy

The Klingensmith Family

*Hymn "The First Nowell" Verses 1, 2, 3

1. The first Nowell, the angel did say,

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell

Born is the King of Israel.

**2. They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.**

Chorus

**3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.**

Chorus

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: Lord, help us to be ready. We so easily live in the darkness and long for the true Light. Open our eyes, our hearts, our ears, and our spirits. Help us to witness to Your most blessed gift, your Son Jesus Christ. 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: “Where was Jesus born?”

Anthem: “Still, Still, Still”

Sermon: “Nothing is Impossible with God”

***Hymn “The First Nowell” Verses 4-5**

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest

O’er Bethlehem it took its rest,

And there it did both stop and stay,

Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Chorus: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell

Born is the King of Israel.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,

Full reverently upon their knee,

And offered there, in his presence,

Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Chorus

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 #125 “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

***The Benediction**

***Benediction Response #136**

All: Jesus, Jesus, oh what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy meek and mild:

New life, new hope the child will bring.

Listen, to the angels sing,

“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!

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

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Did you know that this Sunday and next Sunday we are receiving a special offering for The Christmas Fund of the United Church of Christ Pension Boards? This fund helps clergy when they have an overwhelming financial need and helps those retired ministers and

their spouses who live on meager pensions. This is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for our clergy.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Denmark Manor's Help Fund this year. We received \$1,520.00. Many of these gifts were in memory of Bill Martin.

This week:
Monday-Christmas Day-The office is closed.
The office will be open on Thursday and Friday from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

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. 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 17: 52

Offering for December 17: \$2,350.00



“God is still speaking . . . ”

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The beautiful Poinsettias gracing the Sanctuary this Christmas are given by:

Wade Anderson *in memory of Parents & Brother*

John & Susanne Bell *in memory of Our Parents, & Linda Bell*

Steven, Doreen, Brad, Justin & Steph Cherep *in memory of Pap and in honor of Loved Ones*

Dave Conner *in memory of Joycalyn Conner*

Hazel M. Duffy *in memory of John G. Duffy*

John & Myrt Driscoll *in memory of Rich, Bill, Vance & Mark*

Paul Gernhardt *in memory of Paul & Elizabeth Boynton*

Gerry Hartung *in memory of Tom Hartung*

Fred & Trude Hayes *in memory of Our Parents*
Meredith and Bill Hutchison *in memory of Loved Ones*

Art & Pat Long *in memory of Gerald, Hazel and Bob Berlin*

Don & Debi McIlvaine *in memory of All Our Loved Ones*

Dorothy Martin *in memory of Bill Martin*
Allen, Joni, Matt & Brandon Mattei *in memory of Loved Ones*

Marcia, Chase & Logan Simons & Kyle Dugan *in memory of Chuck Simons*

Thanks to Elaine DiFranco for organizing the Poinsettia Orders and to Wade Anderson for helping to arrange them in the Chancel.

