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First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 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

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

\*Ringing of the Bell

**Introit: "Christ is the Light" \*\***

*First Time Choir. 2<sup>nd</sup> Time All Join in*

**Christ is the light, Christ is the light!**

**Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.**

**In the eastern sky the star is shining bright,**

**Oh, glory hallelujah children, Christ is the light.**

\*Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" \*\***

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin: John F. Wade, 1711-1786

Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, and others

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular

John F. Wade's "Cantus Diversi," 1751

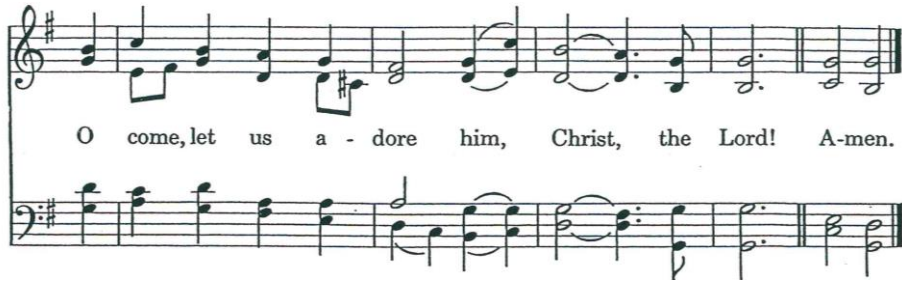
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
3 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!  
We would em - brace thee, with love and awe;  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

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Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

Call to Reconciliation

**Reconciliation Prayer**

**All: O Comforter of the world's peoples, we tarry in your temple, awaiting a sign. You have long promised that those who hunger for righteousness shall not taste death before their deliverance. Redeem us, O God. Send your life into our midst; deliver your spirit into our hearts. Then we, once feeble, shall cry, "God, my father!" We, once feeble, will become your children; we, once feeble, will take your name, the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: "Grandparents in Faith"

Solo: "In the Bleak Midwinter".....Fred Hayes, Piano

Sermon: "Long Awaited Gift"

**\*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 (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 # 126 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

\*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!**

\*Postlude

Thanks so very much to Fred Hayes for filling in at the piano while Ira takes a Sunday off.

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

Dan Walk and Steve Cherep.....Today’s Readers

**Did you know that once again today, 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.

This week:

Monday-New Year’s Day. The office will be closed. The office will be open from 9:00AM until 3:00PM on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

**Annual Reports are due next Sunday, January 7. Thanks to all who work so hard all year long and then condense their efforts for the Church to see good fruit.**



**Looking ahead: On Sunday, January 28, 2018 there will be a worship service of farewell for Pastor Meredith at 3:00PM.** 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.

**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 24, 11AM Worship Service: 44

Offering: \$1,285.00

Veterans of the Cross: \$65.00



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