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Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
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First Sunday after Christmas 12/27/2020

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Words:

Close your eyes and envision all of the beautiful colors and brightness of the Christmas lights that you have witnessed during this Christmas Season! As you do so, just imagine the beauty that you see is nothing compared to the beauty of the Light of Jesus Christ that shines before you forever!

(Brief moment of silence)

*Ringing of the Bell

*Introit: "Infant Lowly, Infant Holy"

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing;
Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe was born for you!

Attendance for Dec. 20, 2020	12
Offering for Dec. 20, 2020	\$2,857.00

Look for us on Facebook at: Denmark Manor United Church of Christ.

Please note that Annual Reports are due into the office by Jan. 4, 2021. You can send them electronically.
Also, next week will be Communion Sunday and installation of officers for 2021.

“God is still speaking . . .”

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:

Behold! God has given God’s Son that we might have life--new, vital, and sparkling. Feel the wondrous power and love of God in your heart this day, and know that God is with you always. AMEN.

***Act of Praise Gloria Patri**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

New Testament Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: “What a Meeting!”

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 (**Unison**)
**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**

**Recognition of
Our Time of Sharing:**

***Offertory Response: “Doxology”**

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN

Offering Prayer: (Unison)

Gracious God, we are blessed this day through this opportunity to give for the sake of others. Help us we pray, to give often, to give abundantly, and to give through a genuine heart, filled with God-given compassion and love for others. We thank you, O God, for this privilege to do as you have shown us, as we learn through your abundant example!

***Hymn: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”
#154 NCH (vs.1&3)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Go into God's world, bearing the light of hope and peace. Bring the Good News of the love of God through Jesus Christ to all the people. Go in peace. Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Postlude:**

“Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”

***Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

L: Praise be to God who has given God's light to us.

P: Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.

L: The darkness that enveloped the people,

P: Has been pierced by the Light.

L: Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!

P: Let us continually praise God with great joy and thanksgiving. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Lord of mercy and joy, You have given to us the blessing of your Son Jesus, who will make known your presence, forgiveness, and love to each one of us. Be with us this day and keep our hearts and minds open to receive your love and peace. Enable each of us to be people of joy and hope as we encounter others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: “What Child is This?” #219 UMH (vs.1&3)**

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession:

Pastor: Lord of living light, we hear the story of the Magi and tie it together with our warm Christmas celebration. It feels comfortable to us. Break those bonds of comfort, and help us to realize the risk of witness and discipleship for those who follow your light. Shine brightly in us and through us. Forgive the blindness we so often offer to you. Give us vision of what you would have us be and do in the Light of Your Love. AMEN.

