

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Second Sunday in Advent 12/04/2022

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Interesting Facts: “Joseph” Fred Hayes

Patience Candle Lighting

Second Advent Candle Lighting and Reading: “Peace”

The Brautigam Family

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit: “Here I am, Lord”**

**All: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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

**The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Donald C. Watkins.....Pastor
Cathy Higgins.....Administrative Assistant
Cammy Young.....Music Director
Thad Balsley.....Acolyte
Trude Hayes.....Worship Leader**

**Attendance for November 27, 2022: 36
Offering for November 27, 2022: \$1,792.00**

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

There will be a Consistory meeting on Monday, December 5, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, December 11, immediately following the service, there will be a Congregational Meeting to discuss the budget and officer nominations for 2023.

Wear your worst on December 11. This is the day of the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, and there will be prizes!

Annual reports: It’s that time of year again, so if you have a report to send, please submit it electronically as a Word document to the office email no later than Monday, December 5, 2022.

“God is still speaking . . .”

People: Forgive us, patient and merciful God. Help us be people who will look at the ways in which we have blocked your presence; ways in which we have truly failed to be your people. Give us courage and strength to change our lives, that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now, this day. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. 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:

Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear. God is with us. Repent! Turn your lives to God. God's love is being poured out for 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.

***Passing the Peace of Christ: (Psalm 122:8)**

Pastor: May the glory, purpose, and peace of this advent season shine brightly within you! The peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also, with you!

All: **Amen.**

(Let us take a moment to wave our love and peace to our neighbors!)

Anthem: "When Will Messiah Come"

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 11:1-10

New Testament Lesson:

Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon:

Hymn of Preparation: "Be Known to us in Breaking Bread"
#342 NCH (vs.1&2)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.

Invitation to the Offering:

The Lord is coming. Prepare the way! Prepare to welcome the Messiah! Welcome the redeemer with your very lives. Know the Lord's tender mercy. Let all that you are become an offering pleasing to God.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music

***Offertory Response: "Doxology"**

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord. Amen.

***Hymn: "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"**

#10 Green Booklet (vs.1&2)

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Prepare for the coming of the Lord! Make way in your hearts for love! Get rid of all anger and fear, for God is about to bring incredible light to the world! Go in peace and confidence as witnesses to God's love. Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: "Amen"**

#812 NCH

***Postlude**

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

L: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

P: We are called to action rather than reaction.

L: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

P: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

L: Come, draw near to God in faith.

P: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.

Amen.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

#196 UMH (vs.1&2)

Call to Reconciliation: Prayer of Confession: (Responsive)

Pastor: Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. We live far too much in darkness and fear. We have let the fears invade the very center of our lives and find ourselves changing, moving from your light to the darkness of despair. It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony. We become part of that crowd when we wallow in anger, resentment, apathy, and greed. (pg.3)

