

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2012

*GATHERING*

Prelude: “Cantabile on ‘Come Thou Long Expected Jesus’” Alice Jordan  
Invocation  
Announcements  
Passing the Peace of Christ

Second Sunday of Advent – The Gift of Peace

“Light of Hope” Chancel Choir Joel Raney

*Responsive Litany*

Leader: On this Advent journey, we are mindful of the brokenness of the world that surrounds us.

**People: We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

Leader: As we look around us, we see the hostility that exists between neighbor and nation.

**People: We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

Leader: As we look beside us, we see fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

**People: We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

Leader: As we look within ourselves, we confess the reconciling words we have yet to speak and restoring deeds we have yet to do.

**People: We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

*Advent Candle Lighting* – 8:00 – Andrews Family & 10:30 – Dyer Family

*Congregational Response* – “Light of Hope” (see insert)

*Prayer*

\*Hymn: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (see insert)

*PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

Anthem: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Barbara Kinyon

Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 838); Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 185)

\*Hymn: #9 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Children’s Sermon

Children may leave for God’s Place for Boys and Girls

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-6 (p. 56)

Sermon: **PROPHETS OF GRACE**

*RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, in Jesus Christ, you came to us; in him, you will come again. And you send prophets to make us ready for the coming of the Lord. But sometimes we do not hear them. We think it is others and not we who need to change. We stay focused on ourselves and do not turn to you. Then we cannot be guided by love. We ask your forgiveness. Burn away everything that keeps us from shining. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

\*Apostles Creed (p. 14)(Ecumenical Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Robert Hobby

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Gordon Young

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

### **WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:**

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Janet Huffman

10:30 – Donald Fieldsa & Christy Taub

The Poinsettia is to “Thank” Loretta McClarigan.

Loretta puts a lot of time and effort into the very successful bazaar.

I know she will say she has a lot of helpers, and she does, but Loretta does things for the bazaar all year round. The church office gets calls from people from other states to find out when our bazaar is so they can plan their weekend trip around it. If you have never been here on the morning of the bazaar to see people standing in line just waiting for the doors to open, it is an experience you will never forget. Loretta is a very giving person and it certainly shows with all she does for our church. Please take the time to say “Thank you” to Loretta and her family because they are very supportive of her and they too help in many, many ways.

### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Nick & Pat Axe Leto

Michael, Leah, Blake, Logan

146 Paradise Lane

Ronks, PA 17572

### **TODAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

11:30 p.m. Carolers will be served a light lunch before they head out

### **TUESDAY:**

7:30 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

### **WEDNESDAY:**

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY:**

9:30 a.m. PW Bible Study @ the home of Arlene

6:00 p.m. The Factory Meal

### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Tracy Dippner

10:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week’s offering total was \$4,372.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$65,729.04

**Christmas in the Woods** – Annual Live Nativity at Camp Donegal: Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. For a Christmas experience you are not likely to forget, pack up the family and bring them to enjoy Christmas in the Woods, the live nativity that has been taking place at Camp Donegal for the past 13 years. This event takes place between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, with nativities at 5:15, 6:00, 6:45 and 7:30. Live music by area musicians and choirs will take place in the dining hall at 5:35, 6:20, 7:05 and 7:50. While there is no charge for this event, there are opportunities to purchase seasonal crafts and baked goods. Donations are also always welcomed to support the ministry of Camp Donegal.

The January/February issue of the **UPPER ROOM** devotional in both regular and LARGE print is available free at the back of the sanctuary.

**DEACONS:** Please pick up poinsettia and Upper Room for your shut-ins by the Memorial Garden windows in the Narthex.