

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

Anthem: 10:30 – “Lullaby Prayer”

Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir - (See insert for words)

GATHERING

Prelude: “The Christmas Rose”

Gilbert Martin

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

--8:00 service, Bonnie Rice & Joanne Stoltzfus

--10:30 service, Shirley & Lori Smith

Congregation: Vs. 1, 2 & 3 of #85 “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord calls us. The Lord calls us to bring good news.

People: Let us say, “Here I am.”

Leader: The Lord calls us. The Lord calls us to be grateful.

People: Let us say, “Thank you.”

Leader: The Lord calls us. The Lord calls us to rejoice.

People: Let us say, “We are glad in the Lord.”

*Hymn: #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to proclaim your favor, to bring good news and freedom and hope. And you call us too to be bearers of good news. But too often we forget the good news that is here, that is coming. Too often we show worry and not hope. Too often we put aside our freedom to be lost in prisons of heart and mind. Forgive us, dear Lord. Come to us again and again. Help us to learn to say, “Here I am.” Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (tune: refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High”)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;

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PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

1st Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11(p. 650); 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24(p. 193)

*Hymn: #392 “Jesus, We Are Here”

Children’s Sermon

Children may leave for God’s Place for Kids (10:30 a.m. service)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38(p. 53)

Sermon: **REJOICE!**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Finley Marie Hayes, daughter of Austin & Kristin Hayes

*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Away in a Manger”

Robert Lau

*Doxology

O glorious God to You we bring

All that we are as offering

Spirit of joy, within us dwell;

Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hymn: #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Robert Thygerson

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

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 – Tom & Vicki Burkins

10:30 – Charlene Boas & Lea Lichty

The Poinsettia is in Loving Memory of
Kathleen Ann Beckett
Given by her family

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Charles & Ethel Danner
433 S. Kinzer Rd.
Apt. Suite 113
New Holland, PA 17557

TODAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

After 2nd service Christmas Caroling

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY:

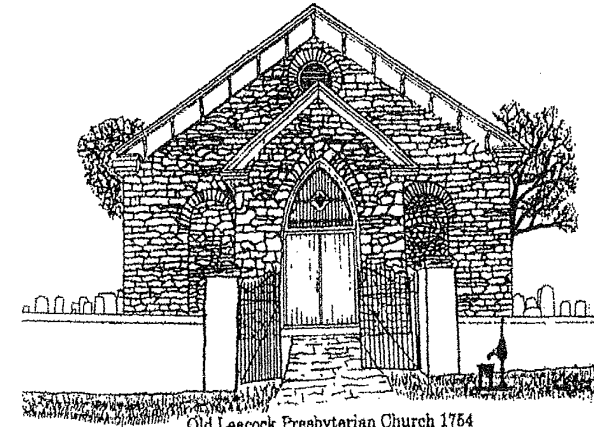
9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

TUESDAY:

7:30 P.M. Women's Bible Study

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WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY:

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

IN THE NURSERY: 9:30 – Michele & Sara Lichty

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$4,374.00

In order to meet the approved budget for 2014, we need to receive an average of \$4,363.00 each week in offering.

Caring tree gifts are due TODAY!

Poinsettia orders due today. Pick up a yellow order form in back of sanctuary.

Christmas caroling TODAY immediately following the second service. Light lunch to be served in the fellowship hall before caroling.

The Community Meal is this Thursday. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex. Thank you. Mission Committee

All Bakers – Anyone who had baked or made items for the bazaar please pick-up your empty containers in the kitchen ASAP. Thank you for your donations.

Today is the last day to pick-up that little something from the bazaar. Please put money in the container if no one is there.

Christmas cards for at-home members. I know many of you send cards to our at-home members, but I also know that for them to receive one more card might brighten their day. Please look for the cards in the Narthex for our at-home members and take a minute to sign it and possibly write a brief message.

Worship next week - Please join us at **9:30 a.m.** as the Chancel Choir presents Joseph Martin's beautiful cantata *Celebration of Candles* to usher in Christmas week.

There will be no “God’s Place for Kids” service during our special Christmas service on December 21st.

Please take your offering envelopes. Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2015 in the Narthex. This would save the church a lot of money so we do not have to mail them. Please take your neighbors' or that of someone you might see in passing.

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.