

Morning Worship—December 8th, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

**Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

As the chimes ring in the worship hour,

we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Prelude on a French Carol” arr. K. Varner

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE “Peace” Confirmation class

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the First Advent Candle signifying our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Savior, born a king in the line of David. Jesus will come again to fulfill all of God’s promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations. [The First Candle, the Candle of Hope is lit.] Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. The prophet Isaiah called Christ “the Prince of Peace.” Jesus said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. We light this candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through Him peace is found. [The Second Candle is lit, the Candle of Peace.]

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, Light of the World. Give peace in our hearts this season. We ask that as we wait for You to come again, that You would remain present with us in Your Spirit. Help us today, and every day, to worship You, to hear Your word, and to do Your will by sharing Your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the One Who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 9** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, always with us and always coming into our lives, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for Advent. We have forgotten how to hope for miracles. We have busied ourselves with many things, but forgotten the promises of your kingdom. We get distracted by all the busyness of this month. Forgive us, O God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph. Now in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. Trust the good news that in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI (579)** GREATOR EX, 1851

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Nicole Bracey
(children exit for Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON (484/510) Isaiah 2:1-4
ANTHEM “People, Look East” by Farjeon/Shaw

GOSPEL LESSON (724/762) Luke 1:67-79
SERMON “Belonging to God’s Promises” Rev. Steve Willis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostle’s Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)
***HYMN OF RESPONSE 344** “Christ of the Upward Way”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (See pew insert)
DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music “The First Noel” arr. Marilyn Hamm
***Doxology 591** OLD HUNDREDTH
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.
***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 601** “Song of Zechariah”
(children return from Sunday School)

***BENEDICTION**
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 10**, last stanza “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

POSTLUDE “Russian Tryptich” by R. J. Root

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Whitney Bracey (N. Bracey sister-in-law), Bill Brown, Matthew Dolianitis, Betty & Bill Fitzgerald, Carroll Garrett, Kay Gillespie, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother), Flo Hall, Ray Hayes, Caroline Hudson (J. Reynolds), Peggy Lackey, Bob Lowther, Martha McQueen, Ronnie Mathena, Patrick Martin (H. Beale), Carolyn Miles, Tony Parker (W. Barrow’s father), Taz Stephens (P. Brandon’s nephew), Debra Bolt Thompson, Hampton Wilkins, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed. Our PNC Committee.

Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

ON THE MEND — Mrs. Helen Harris

We continue our Advent Study at 7 p.m. in Dunglinson–Roberts Hall, our study is on the words of Advent. We will meet Dec. 8,15, & 22 at 7 p.m. with Jackson Weller leading. If you are interested, please contact him via email: jackson@fpcdanville.com, so we will have enough materials prepared.

We will receive our Christmas Joy Offering December 22nd. The Christmas Joy offering supports the PC USA assistance program of the Board of Pensions. It supports current and retired church workers and their families in need. Thanks to this support families can receive financial assistance to support them through life’s challenging circumstances. Please consider giving to this cause this season.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Fowlkes and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kirk by the family.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	K. Clifton/D. Shelton
Combined Sunday School	K. Johnson/K. Machado
Elders at Front Door	J. Perez
Security & Side Door	M. Reynolds
Visitation	K. Shelton
Deacon to Receive Offering	K. Dolianitis
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Wilson B.
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	N. Clayton
Time for Young Disciples	N. Bracey
Sound System	E. Blount
Ushers	Team 2
Flower Ministry	Elders
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 14th	Westover
Saturday Lunch Attendance 11/23	80

****Day Circle will meet Monday 12/9 at 12:30 p.m.**

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, December 9

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
11:00 a.m. VIP Comm.
12:30 a.m. Day Circle

TUESDAY, December 10

5:15 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, December 11

5:30 p.m. PNC Committee
6:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, December 12

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 13

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 14

11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry
2-3 p.m. Angel Tree Prison Party

SUNDAY, December 15

9:00a.m. Missions Comm.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
See below for Class information
11:00 a.m. Worship
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Noon Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Advent Study

Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

Youth (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon

Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class

Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class

Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class

The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum

K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors

Nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.