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SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our eyes, ears, hearts and our very lives to your presence this day. As we worship you this day, may our lives be a healing remembrance of your love to all the lives of those we touch. Amen

INTROIT

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN “We Hail You God’s Anointed” NCH 104

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!
People: **(Singing) Amen!**
Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

(The congregation may be seated.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING

PRELUDE “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” traditional Polish carol

The Second Sunday in Advent
Reader (8:55) TBA

(10:25) Wentz Family

Leader: The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah, commemorated by the lighting of four candles. These four Advent candles are symbols of our faith and signs of God’s love. We are a people of Hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin. Hope lives in us and will abide with us.

Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. This light, too, must brave great darkness. In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth stands under threat of total annihilation, we light a fire called peace.

Advent Scripture- Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Leader: As we light the first Advent candle, let us remember that we are a people of hope.
(Light the first candle.)

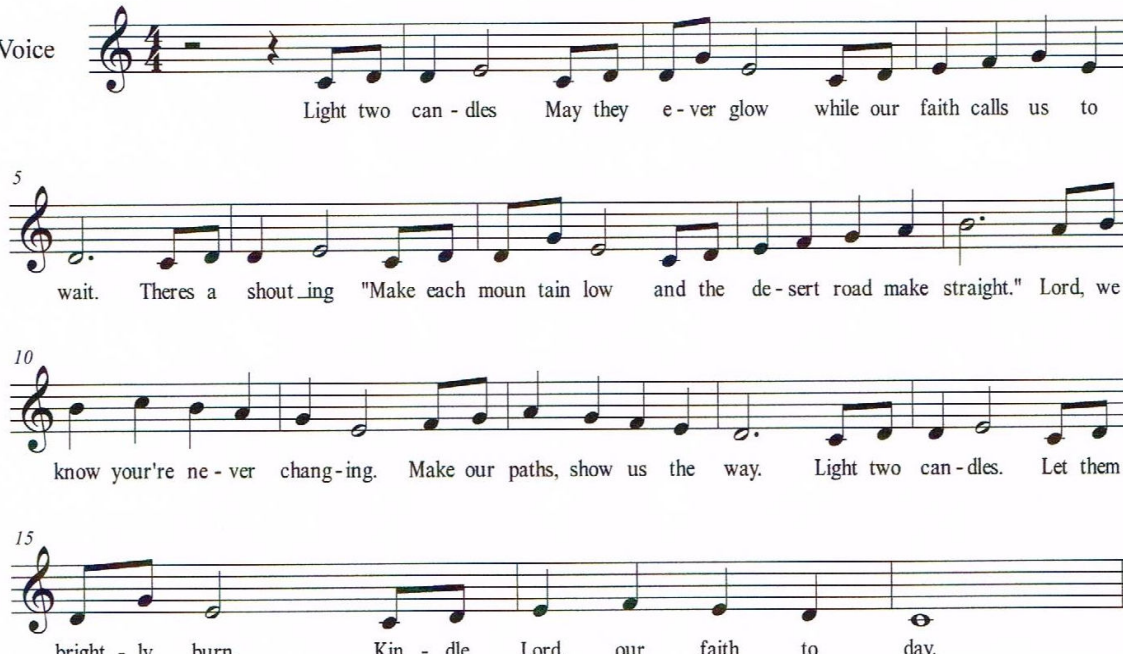
As we light the second Advent candle, let it stand for peace, peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all—that is the peace for which we dare to hope. In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace.

(Light the second candle.)

Congregational Response

♩ = 90

Voice



Light two can - dles May they e - ver glow while our faith calls us to
wait. Theres a shout_ing "Make each moun tain low and the de - sert road make straight." Lord, we
know your're ne - ver chang - ing. Make our paths, show us the way. Light two can - dles. Let them
bright - ly burn. Kin - dle Lord, our faith to day.

Leader: Let us pray:
Gracious God, help us to prepare not only our homes but also our hearts and lives for the coming of Emmanuel. Let us make our way straight, that Christ may come to us in the fullness of time and bring us the gift of peace. Amen.

GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” traditional English carol

(The Congregation stands)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All (*singing*):

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Let's wor ship and a dore Him, let's wor ship and a dore Him, let's

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wor ship and a dore Him - Christ _____ the Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

WORD

CHRISTMAS CANTATA "Emmanuel" By Lloyd Larson
Readers: Ian Snyder and Sam Ruemmler

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| 1. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | 8. One Small Child |
| 2. Prepare the Way of the Lord
Samantha Wolf. Soloist | 9. O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Congregation joins in when cued:
Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is Bright
'round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace. |
| 3. Emmanuel, God with Us | |
| 4. Breath of Heaven
Lois Stilwell. Soloist | |
| 5. Mary, Did You Know? | |
| 6. Christmas time | Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. |
| 7. No Eye Had Seen
Congregation joins in when cued:
O Come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord | Chancel Choir and Bell Choir |

SENDING PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL SENDING

prano

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le lu ia, Al-le lu ia, Al le lu ia. Al-le

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lu ia, Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia Al le lu ia.

CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" traditional French carol

MISSION STATEMENT

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God's love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God's love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

- If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul's please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
- There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
- **Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- **Bible Study is held on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge**
- Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Walter and Carolyn Christ in memory of Carolyn's father, Dr. Ethan L. Trexler.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Joanne Sholedice in loving memory of Neil Ludwig.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Anna Mae Weiss in memory of her husband Warren D. Weiss, who passed away January 19th, 1999.

Coffee Time Sponsor: TBD

Readers: 8:55- TBD

10:25- TBD

Acolytes: 8:55- Chase Reifsnyder, Ian Miller

10:25- Zack Fry, Tristin Farr

Ushers: 8:55- David, Chris, Jamin

10:25- Heidi, Jenn

Attendance: December 2nd, 2018 8:55 a.m. – 154

10:25 a.m. – 79

October	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$ 33,625.27	\$ 32,832.50	\$ 792.77
Other Accts	\$ 2,759.00	\$ 4,366.34	-\$ 1,607.34
Year to date			
General Acct	\$330,776.30	\$370,119.03	-\$ 39,342.73
Other Accts	\$ 62,823.76	\$ 62,445.85	\$ 377.91



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