

*“A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes... and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Lyn Wallace (8:00) and Jerry Hill (9:30), Worship Assistants

December 2, 2012

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another

*(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)*

\*Opening Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” 211

\*Opening Act of Advent Worship The Lighting of the Advent Candle

**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT – HOPE**

Bill & Lyn Wallace (8:00);  
Bob & Jeannette Hesser (9:30)

READER: This is the first Sunday in Advent. Today we light one purple candle. This is the candle of hope. Advent is a time of waiting and hoping. We wait for the day when we celebrate again the birth of Jesus. We hope that everyone will come to know God and to worship God. *(Lighting of the first candle)*

ALL: Sing 1st verse of the hymn, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (p. 196)

PRAYER: **Dear God: Thank You for Your son, Jesus. Thank You for the words of the Prophet Isaiah that remind us that You are the source of our hope. Help us to remember to walk in the light of the Lord. AMEN**

\*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30) The Wesleyan Choir

\*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

***Faithful and never-failing God, we enter this holy season focusing on prophecy, but standing on Your promises. When You spoke to the children of Israel through Your prophets, it wasn't simply wishful thinking. It was the promise of a faithful covenant to be fulfilled, made real, in the flesh and blood of the person of Jesus. As those who bear His name, may we give of ourselves and our treasure so that promise of justice and righteousness might be fulfilled, and peace and compassion might reign. We pray by the one whose name is, “The Lord is our righteousness.” Amen.***

\*Hymn “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” 626

The Scripture Lesson Luke 21: 25-36 (p. 746 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“Is This the End?”** Pastor Lutz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion\*

*(The congregation will proceed to the altar by the center aisle at the ushers' direction. Partaking of the communion elements will be by intinction—the breaking off and then dipping of the bread into the cup. Return down the center aisle to your seat.)*

\*Closing Hymn “People, Look East” 202

\*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles' Creed” 881

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*If able, please stand to worship God*

***\*The Communion Offering for this month will be dedicated to The Living Nativity.***

***We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. (Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God's Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.***

## ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

**Altar Flowers** today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Fernando & Guadalupe Rivera, by the Agoncillo Family: Cielito, Lorlina, Aileen, Cindy, Brian, Emily, Grayson & Xander; and also In Loving Memory of Dot Stockert on Her Birthday, by Babs Wiley and Family.

**Morning Greeters** today are, at the 8:00 service, Babs Wiley & George Jenca; and at the 9:30 service, Sue & Brian Bishop.

**Ushers** today at the 8:00 service are Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Stacy & Tami Lewis.

**Acolyte** today is Allison Kephart.

**Prayer Chain No. 1 is in effect this week.** Please call Cynthia Schick, 215-968-2072, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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### Worship Services

#### **Traditional**

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

#### **Contemporary**

11:00 a.m.

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