

*“May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope, the warmth of Christmas grant you love.”*

~Author Unknown

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill, (8:00) and Holly Rogerson (9:30), Worship Assistants

December 23, 2012

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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Prelude LUMC Adult Bell Choir (9:30)

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 All Ye Faithful” 234

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

### **FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT – PEACE**

The Kinsey Family (8:00)

The Stockburger Family (9:30)

FIRST READER: This is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Today, we light the three purple and one pink candle. The first Sunday, we lit the candle of Hope. The second Sunday, we lit the candle of Love. The third Sunday, we lit the candle of Joy. Today, we light a fourth, the candle of Peace. Our world is not always a peaceful world. People hurt other people. Countries are at war today. People don’t take care of the world. People yell and scream at other people. But God promises peace. During Advent we pray that we, as well as all people, will seek God’s peace. *(Light the fourth candle.)*

ALL: Sing 1st verse: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (p. 230)

PRAYER: **Dear God: Thank You for Your son, Jesus. Thank You for those in our world today who seek to act for peace. Help us look for ways to be peacemakers at home, at church, and at school. AMEN.**

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

Life of the Church

Special Music (9:30)

“Christmas Time”  
Wesleyan, Genesis & Crusader Choirs

✠Prayers of the People

✠The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

“Where Is He, Emmanuel”

The Crusader Choir

\*Offertory Response

“Doxology”

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\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

***Mighty One, who chose from among the least and the lowliest, Mary who would become the Mother of our Savior: Remind us again that Your selection criteria for greatness is so different from ours. You choose the humble over the proud, the weak over the strong, the poor over the rich and powerful. We pray this morning as we give these gifts that You might use them to lift the lowly, feed the hungry, bring justice to those oppressed, bring love to those feeling unloved, and hope to those who feel forgotten. We pray in the Holy name of Jesus. Amen.***

\*Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

230 (v. 2-4)

The Scripture Lesson

Micah 5: 2-5a

(p. 658 in the pew Bible)

The Message

**“Almost There!”**

Pastor Lutz

\*Closing Hymn

“Joy to the World”

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\*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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\*Benediction

Postlude

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

***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 Mother and Father, Edward O. & Violet M. Weisser, Sr. and Mother and Father, Sidney C. & Florence E. Banks, by Barbe & Ed Weisser.

**Sanctuary Flowers** are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Son and Brother, Doug Rowlands, on His Birthday, by Ginny Rowlands and Family; and also In Loving Memory of Loved Ones by Erika, Peter, Jeremiah & Stephanie Paton.

**The Two Pink Roses** on the Altar this morning are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Our Loving Husband and Precious Daddy, Doug Rowlands, by Biz & Sara Rowlands.

**Morning Greeters** today are, at the 8:00 service, Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Ron & Louise Cookson.

**Ushers** today at the 8:00 service are Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, The Hansen Family.

**Acolyte** this morning is Kristen Megahan.

**Prayer Chain No. 4 is in effect this week.** Please call Elmer States, 215-355-0362, 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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