

*“The warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other.”*

~ Emily Matthews

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

*2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Erika Paton, Worship Assistant

December 9, 2012

8:00 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 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” 216

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

**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT – HOPE** Bev & Tim Eick (8:00)

READER: This is the second Sunday in Advent. Today, we light two purple candles. Last Sunday, we lit the candle of hope. This Sunday, we light the candle of love. One verse that many memorize and remember on this day is John 3:16, “God so loved the world...” some people may not know the love of other people. That makes it harder for them to understand God’s love. During Advent, we pray that we may remember again God’s gift of Jesus to the world and know that God’s love for all people is the reason for this gift. *(Light the first and second candles.)*

ALL: Sing 1st verse of the hymn: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,” (p. 218)

PRAYER: **Dear God: Thank You for Your son, Jesus. Thank You for the words found in our Bible that help us remember Your love and care. Help us see how we can bring God’s message to the people we meet in our schools, at our jobs, and in our neighborhoods. Help us be messengers of God’s love for everyone.**

\*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 Response “Doxology” 95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

***Great God of the mountains and the valleys, we make this journey of Advent, confident of the coming of the Messiah; but in that confidence, we often have ignored the call to repentance. We have rushed to the stable and manger scene and have turned our backs on the real work of change in our lives and transformation in our world, making mountains low and valleys high, and making the love made flesh in Jesus accessible to all and not just to a few. As we give our gifts this morning, may they do the work of kingdom construction. May the work of renovation begin in our hearts, that “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.***

\*Hymn “Prepare the Way of the Lord” 207

The Scripture Lesson Luke 3: 1 - 6 (p. 726 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“A Voice in the Wilderness”** Pastor Lutz

\*Closing Hymn “Angels From the Realms of Glory” 220

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

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*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 Donald Carson, by the Gill and Carson Families; and also In Loving Memory of Melanie Arnone, Loving Sister and Aunt, by John, Vivian & Ashlee Bickley.

**Morning Greeters** today are, at the 8:00 service, Dolores Chemey; and at the 9:30 service, Betty Bunting and Bettie Foster.

**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 Isabelle Letham.

**Prayer Chain No. 2 is in effect this week.** Please call Madge Laughlin, 215-357-6573, 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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