

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

~ Emily Matthews

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jeannette Hesser (9:30), Worship Assistant

December 9, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Smigiel Family (9:30)

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.*

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Offertory Response

“Doxology”

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*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.

“Carols of Celebration”

A Christmas Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

Presented by the LUMC Wesleyan and LPC Chancel Choirs

A Christmas Overture

Choirs

Bidding Prayer

Pastor John

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregation

O Come, All Ye Faithful (p. 234 vs. 1, 3 & 6)

Congregation & Choir

Lesson 1: Genesis 3: 1 - 11

Pastor John

A Prayer for Advent

Choirs

Lesson 2: Genesis 12: 2 - 3

Pastor John

People of Promise, Arise!

Choirs

Lesson 3: Isaiah 9: 2, 6

Pastor John

Songs of Hope and Joy

Choirs

Lesson 4: Isaiah 11: 1 - 3

Pastor John

O Little Town of Bethlehem (p. 230 vs. 1 & 3)

Congregation & Choir

Lesson 5: Luke 1: 26 - 31

Pastor John

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

Choirs

Lesson 6: Luke 2: 1 - 7

Pastor John

Lullabies of Bethlehem

Choirs

Lesson 7: Luke 2: 8 - 17

Pastor John

Angels We Have Heard on High (p. 238 vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Congregation & Choirs

Lesson 8: Matthew 2: 1 - 2

Pastor John

Carols for Seekers

Choirs

Lesson 9: John 1: 1 - 5

Pastor John

Let Christmas Begin

Choirs

Benediction

Pastor John

A Christmas Trilogy

Congregation & Choir

Joy to the World (p. 246 vs. 1)

The First Noel (p. 245 vs. 1)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (p. 240 vs. 1 & 3)

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 this morning are Betty Bunting and Bettie Foster.

Ushers this morning are 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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Traditional

9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

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