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Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

INTROIT (*You may remain seated*).

**Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
For the time is drawing nigh.
Sisters, don't grow weary;
Brothers, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
For the time is drawing nigh.**

(#350)

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Matthias Family

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Luke 1:68-79, adapted

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has looked favorably on us and redeemed us.

All: The Lord has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of David, just as the prophets of old promised.

One: We will be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

All: The Lord has shown mercy as promised to our ancestors,

One: The Lord has remembered the holy covenant, sworn to our ancestor Abraham.

All: We, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, can serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness all our days.

One: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

All: You will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

One: You will give knowledge of salvation to all people by offering forgiveness of their sins.

All: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

One: It will give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All: It will guide our feet into the way of peace.

***HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #83

During this hymn, children and youth preparing for the Christmas pageant may go to the Youth Room.

***AN ADVENT PRAYER**

One: In peace let us pray.

All: Long we have waited, O God, for your salvation. Long we have waited, O God, for your promise of peace. Too many times we have failed to hear, or hearing, have failed to understand, the words of messengers sent among us. They come with words of exhortation, rebuke, encouragement, and chastisement—all in an effort to help us prepare your way. Be with us this Advent season. Let us be attentive to the words of angels and prophets who call us to repentance. When we turn our lives around, we will find the peace you give. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

You are invited to share the blessing of Christ's peace with those near you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

***RESPONSE**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing!** (#134)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Becky & Jeff Olson, Hayley and Lindsay

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading
Gospel Reading

Jan Letsos
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6

ANTHEM ***A Star Will Soon Shine***
Nancy Price & Don Besig

Chancel Choir
Jane Wester, Directing

SERMON ***Angels and Prophets*** Rev. Charlotte Frantz

HYMN** ***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #123

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION
OFFERTORY

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's
delight!**

**O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.**

**You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and
goodwill,
To bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
When your renewed creation your glory shall display.**
(#104)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Accept our gifts and offerings, O God, that they may
be used to prepare the way for your coming among
us. May they demonstrate kindness and care. In
both the giving and the receiving, may hearts be
softened and made ready for you. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

CLOSING HYMN ***On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*** #96

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

*Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of
the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up
and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ‘

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/9

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship – New Members Received

11:00 a.m. Christmas Caroling

5:00 p.m. Scout 221 Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Scout Troop 221 Meeting

6:00 p.m. UPC Volleyball

Happy Birthday – Aidan Pennington

MONDAY 12/10

3:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Executive Meeting

Happy Birthday – Lois Bickford

TUESDAY 12/11

4:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

4:30 – 9:00 p.m. Youth Soccer League

WEDNESDAY 12/12

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Superior Singers Concert

THURSDAY 12/13

2019 Budget Requests Due to Christy Willmore

Happy Birthday – Bonnie Gronquist

FRIDAY 12/14

SATURDAY 12/15

Happy Birthday – Duane Aslyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING THIS WEEK

Personnel Committee Meeting

Monday, December 10 at 3:30 pm

Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 11 at 4:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, December 12 at 9:00 am

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Please join us this Sunday in welcoming the Becky & Jeff Olson and their daughters Hayley & Lindsay as they become new members of our congregation.

CAROLING

Please make plans to join the Board of Deacons for Christmas Caroling today after worship service. Everyone is welcome! We will be gathering together for a lite lunch before heading out for our caroling visits.


CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our traditional Christmas pageant will on December 16th. Rehearsals for children and youth are today during worship. Bring your children/youth for the opening of worship, then they will be dismissed to prepare for the pageant and do some Advent crafts.

SUPERIOR SINGERS CONCERT

Performing at United Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. The Superior Singers proudly present their 2018-2019 Christmas concert *Good Tidings Now We Bring!* featuring familiar carols and hymns performed in unfamiliar ways! Utilizing traditional and non-traditional arrangements of some of the greatest songs of the season in telling the timeless story of the birth of our Lord. Don't miss this spectacular concert this holiday season. Concerts are Free and Open to the Public.

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling

Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009

or

Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Jane Wester &

Sandy LeMieux