

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Gilbert Martin

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle today: Karen & David Homsher

Last Sunday: Dave & Carol Berkhimer, Danielle & Jayde Short

**Call To Worship*

Leader: In this season of gifts, we thank you, God.

People: We thank you for your gift of grace.

Leader: The Lord shines light in our darkness.

People: We thank you for the gift of your Son.

Leader: The Lord calls people together in fellowship.

People: We thank you for each other.

**Hymn:* #83 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (with the Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of gifts, because you love us, you make us a new creation. And that we may grow into the person you will us to be, you give us each other. Yet we do not love as you love. We remember fault and not grace in our neighbors. Forgiveness is not as strong as judgment. Forgive us, Lord, again. Strengthen us. Increase our love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** (tune: refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Barbara Kinyon
Bell Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 192)

** Hymn:* #137 "He Came Down"

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:68-79 (p. 54)

Sermon: **Gratitude to God: For Each Other**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

** Affirmation of Faith* – Apostles Creed (p.17)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: Meditation on "Sleepers Wake!" Robert Lau

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1,2,6,7)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Choral Response: "Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you." (p.748)

Postlude Postlude on "Sleepers Wake!" Robert Lau

The End of Worship The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of our father, Warren H. Brackbill

Given by Jim & Sue Brackbill

Last week's Sanctuary Flowers were in Loving Memory of Eugene Sowers

Given by his wife Betty Sowers

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory, the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): **NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Danielle Short & Marie Brackbill

Next Sunday, December 16: Kathy Ankney & Danielle Short

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Richard Smith**

LAST WEEK'S PRAYER PERSON: **Lori Smith**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU everyone for your generous support for our caring tree. Bridge of Hope and Toys for Tots will be very pleased with the gifts provided by our Caring Tree. Merry Christmas from the CCL committee!

The next free **Community Meal** will be held this **Thursday, December 13** from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. It will be our Christmas dinner. Sign- up sheets are in the narthex for food donations and times to help. Please join us and help make everyone's Christmas a little brighter.

December is the month for our annual **Christmas Joy Offering**. This offering aids church workers who may need some financial help or students going into Christian work attending Christian colleges and academies. The special envelopes will be in the pews for the entire month of December. If using a check, please mark the memo line for "Christmas Joy Offering."

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