

8:30 & 11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 6, 2009

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE 8:30 "In Dulci Jublio" J. S. Bach
14th Century German Carol
11:00 The Westminster College Brass Ensemble

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:30 AM only)
(A brief moment of prayer and reflection in preparation for worship.)

#CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT
#602 v.1 "Song of Zechariah" *Benedictus*

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:2; 60:1-3
LEADER: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.
PEOPLE: **Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
LEADER: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
ALL: **Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

*HYMN #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *Hyfrydol*

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)
Holy God, you so love the world, you have come in your Son, Jesus Christ. On this second Sunday of Advent, we will light the Advent candle of love. But as the candle is lit, we confess we are often far from its light. We confess we often wander far from your love, doubting your way and forgiveness for us. We confess we often wander into the darkness of other loves; loving popularity and power, loving material things, loving ourselves most. (Silent Confession)

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God of light and love, open our minds and hearts to believe and receive your forgiveness, and so walk in the light of salvation and new life. May the light of the Advent candle of love shine in our life together, and in our way in this world. This we pray in the name of "the light who shines in the darkness," Jesus Christ. Amen.

##*CONFESSION RESPONSE
#44 v.4 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *St. Louis*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ASSURANCE RESPONSE
#23 refrain "Angels We Have Heard on High" *Gloria*
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jim Wolf

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Old Testament (insert)

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT: LOVE
8:30 – Letty Stock, Robyn Ruth
11:00 - Maggie Reel, Lynn Pyle, Cassie Nespor

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN #12 v. 5 "People Look East" *Besancon*

#ANTHEM 8:30 "My Heart Would Be Your Bethlehem" Gaither & Miller
Robyn Ruth
11:00 (see insert) "The Dream Isaiah Saw" Glenn Rudolph
Sanctuary Choir & friends; Jim Maloney, soloist;
Westminster College Brass & Percussion;
Ed Groves, Director

#THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES
(Children 0-4 years return to the nursery, and children grades K-5 are dismissed to "Children in Worship.")

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:67-79 (p. 53)

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THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES
“A Voice In the Noise”

Dr. Hink

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

#*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (insert)

*HYMN #601 “Song of Zechariah” Kingsfold

SHARING OF ADVENT COMMUNION (8:30 only)

Invitation and Instructions
Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

#38 v. 3 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” Carol

OFFERING

#Offertory 8:30 Solo “Redeeming Love” William & Gloria Gaither
Robyn Ruth

11:00 Westminster College Brass Ensemble

*Response #56 v.6 “The First Nowell” *The First Nowell*

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord’s Prayer
“...sins, as we forgive those who sin against us...”

*HYMN #20 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” *St. George’s Windsor*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*#BENEDICTION RESPONSE

#9 refrain “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Veni Emmanuel*

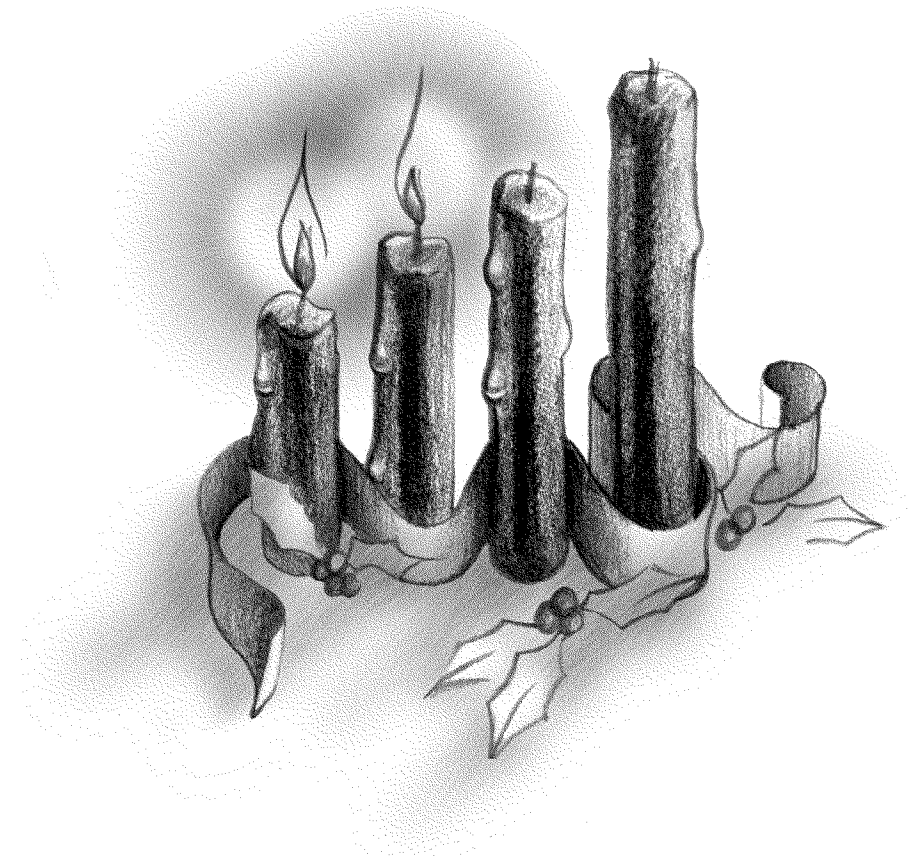
*POSTLUDE 8:30 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” arr. Hal H. Hopson

11:00 Westminster College Brass Ensemble

The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.

*Please stand if you are able. #11:00 AM service only

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SHARON

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“Real people, committed to Christ, living the Great Commandment”

December 6th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
Second Sunday of Advent

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| 8:30 AM | Worship | Chapel |
| 9:15 & 10:30 AM | Coffee Fellowship | Fellowship Hall |
| 9:30 AM | Sunday School K-Adult | |
| 9:30 AM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 10:30 AM | Children's Choir Practice | 3 rd Floor |
| 11:00 AM | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 5:00-7:00 PM | Youth musical practice | Sanctuary |

Monday, December 7

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| 9:00 AM | OAM Team | Room #106 |
| 6:00 PM | Personnel Team | Conference Room |
| 7:00 PM | SV Chorale Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 7:00 PM | Missional Church Team | Conference Room |
| 7:00 PM | Boy Scouts | Scout Room |

Wednesday, December 9

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| 7:00 AM | Men's Fellowship Breakfast | Panera's |
| 6:30 PM | Session Team Meetings | |

Thursday, December 10

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| 10:30 AM | Program Staff Meeting | Conference Room |
| 6:00 PM | Carillon Choir Rehearsal | Room #206 |
| 7:30 PM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Room #303 |

Friday, December 11

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| 6:00-8:00 PM | Youth musical practice | Sanctuary |
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Saturday, December 12

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| 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon | Youth musical practice | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 PM | S V Chorale Christmas Concert | Sanctuary |

December 13th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
Third Sunday of Advent

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| 8:30 AM | Worship | Chapel |
| 9:15 & 10:30 AM | Coffee Fellowship | Fellowship Hall |
| 9:30 AM | Sunday School K-Adult | |
| 10:30 AM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 10:30 AM | Children's Choir Practice | 3 rd Floor |
| 11:00 AM | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 12:10 PM | Children's Christmas Party | Fellowship Hall |
| 12:10 PM | Deacons' Meeting | Room #206 |
| 6:00 PM | Youth Musical Dinner | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Youth Musical - "A King is Coming to Town" | Sanctuary |

The flowers are given in memory of
Kari Means McCullough

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME, on this second Sunday of Advent. Scripture says if we walk in Christ's light, we can have fellowship with one another.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall, Helen Thellman and Nicole Snyderwine, will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher, Stephanie Longstreet and Cassie Nespor, will be dismissed to the "Children in Worship" program following the "Good News for Children." Children can be picked up in Room #315 following worship. Children 0-4 years old are invited to participate in the nursery program.

OUR VERY SPECIAL "THANKS" today go to the students from Westminster College: Natalie Bok, Steve Flory, Alison Gerginski, Joseph Ohodnicki, Sarah Ortz, Doug Swanson, and Matthew Wilson; to P.J. Nespor; to Ed Groves for directing; and to all the singers for sharing their musical gifts with us.

SPECIAL THANKS...to the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team for a wonderful staff appreciation lunch last Tuesday. - Dr. Hink and the FPC Staff

THANKS to the many FPC members who participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program, as 100 gifts are being given through our church. All unwrapped gifts with tags attached, are due today. They will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution.

REMINDER: Session Teams meet this Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM. Nursery care is available.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Operations: 132 pledges for \$153,003

Mission: 55 pledges for \$29,237

Our goal is 180 pledges (or about 50% of possible pledges). Please return your Pledge Card to the church office ASAP. Additional Pledge Cards are available.

NO PW CRAFTERS for the rest of the year.

2010 MISSION YEARBOOKS OF PRAYER are available in the church office for \$5.50.

SHENANGO VALLEY CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT FPC: Next Saturday, December 12, 7:30 PM. Come early for parking and a seat. Bring a friend. This is another program in our [Arts@First](#) series.

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC EVENTS:

Sunday, December 6 – 4:00 PM – 2009 Thiel College Christmas Festival at William A. Passavant Memorial Center

Saturday, December 12 – 7:30 PM – Shenango Valley Chorale Concert at FPC

Sunday, December 13 – 4:00 PM – Slippery Rock University Choirs Concert at Swope Recital Hall on the SRU campus, admission is \$3 (Amanda Getway is a member of the Concert Choir and the Women's Choir)

Sunday, December 13 – 7:00 PM – Westminster College Christmas Vesper Service at Orr Auditorium

YOUTH CHRISTMAS MUSICAL & DINNER: On Sunday, December 13th @ FPC, the youth will host a dinner at 6:00 PM and put on our youth Christmas musical, "A King is Coming to Town," at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and invited to come and share in this festive event, which is sure to put you in the true Christmas spirit.

PAIRS & SPARES: Come celebrate the Holidays on Friday, December 18th at 6:00 PM at Laura Ackley's home (384 E. State St., Sharon). Bring an appetizer to share. Park in the Buhl Mansion parking lot (just not in the reserved spots, please) and walk behind the mansion to the house. RSVP to the church office.

WE ARE GOING CAROLING to Juniper Village (the former Shenango Inn) on Monday, December 21st and YOU are invited to join us. We will sing Christmas carols and Susan Wolf will tell the Christmas story as only Susan can. It's lots of fun and children, youth, and adults are welcome to join in. Meet at Juniper Village at 5:50 PM. Help us brighten the Christmas season for the residents at Juniper Village.

CASTING CALL: The Boar's Head Festival committee is looking for some young actors, ages 8-18, who would like to be part of the cast of Waits. Also needed are people interested in being shepherds to be part of the procession. We have costumes ready for you – so this is your chance to shine and have a great time being part of this festival event. If you would like to be part of the cast, please call the church office or let Paula Haehnel, costume chairman, know. Thanks.



ADVENT and CHRISTMAS @FIRST

December 13th – Our Children's Choir will sing during the 11:00 AM service. At 6:00 PM there will be a dinner, followed by a Christmas musical presented by our youth groups and directed by Michalee Christy.

December 20th – There will be just one service at 11:00 AM and it will be a "Celebration of the Arts" service, featuring music, art, poetry, and dance celebrating the Christmas season.

December 24th – We will have a family service at 7:00 PM, which will include a Christmas pageant involving our children. At 11:00 PM we will have a quiet, reflective service, which will include Communion.

You are invited to all of these worship services, and we encourage you to bring your friends and neighbors to celebrate Advent and Christmas @First.

DECK THE HALLS and support missions with discounted crafts available in the PW Crafters Showcase, located in Fellowship Hall. See Nina Joyner or Sally Goodwin with questions or donations.