

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

December 26, 2010

First Sunday after Christmas

10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”*

- Luke 2:14

Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

#165

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Call to Worship

Pastor: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

People: **We shout the good news of God’s mighty love!**

Pastor: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God.

People: **The universe that God created sings its praise!**

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Act of Confession

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

All: **We come to you this day, gracious Lord, exhausted from all the activities of the season. It seems that we spend so much energy, time and resources in preparation, and then when it is over, we collapse. We wonder what happened to all the enthusiasm we had. Lord, forgive us for placing our energies in getting and gathering. Give us peace and strength to renew our commitment to you. Remind us again to**

look around at the many ways in which we can be of service to you by serving others. Help us move forward in our compassion and not collapse in our witness. Heal us, merciful Lord, for we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Though the world swirls around you and exhaustion threatens to overtake you, rest your spirits in the great God of all creation who is with you now and forever! God will give you strength and restore your spirits. Amen.

Sung Response: *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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The People of God Share the Word of God

A Time to Pass Our Faith onto Our Children

Christmas Prayer

First Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (Matthew’s account of the birth of Jesus the Messiah)

Hymn: *“Silent Night, Holy Night”* #145

Second Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 (Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus)

Hymn: *“What Child Is This”* #162

Third Lesson: Luke 2:8-20 (The shepherds and the angels)

Hymn: *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* #155

Fourth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (The visit of the wise men)

Hymn: *“We Three Kings”* #172

Fifth Lesson: John 1:1-16 (The Word became Flesh)

Hymn: *“Joy to the World”* #143

...All May Stand...

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hades;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

...Please Be Seated...

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Invitation

Organ Offertory

...All May Stand...

The Offertory Response: "Doxology"

#46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

#164

Silent Moment

Postlude

Preparation for Worship

As the year ends, help us leave our sins behind and begin life anew with pure hearts and steadfast faith.

Welcome

On this Sunday after Christmas, we kneel before our newborn King with awe and honor.

Stewardship Moment

John Wesley's often-quoted advice says, "Make all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." Wesley, like Jesus, did not deny the importance of caring for self and family. Like Jesus, Wesley kept that in balance by caring for spiritual needs with good giving.

Children's Bulletins are available for age groups 3 to 6 and 7 to 12.

Large-print Bulletins are available for anyone who requests one.

Church Time Nursery is across the hall from the Family Room.

Please ask our ushers to assist you with any of these needs

CHURCH STAFF

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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Brian Lance, Josceyln Hengeveld
Greeters: Marilyn Decker, Anna Jane Kelley, Betty Kemmerer
Ushers: Tom Capehart, Dave Davis, Russell Drabick, Rick Snyder
Lay Reader: Ainsley Stenroos
Sound System: Richard Miller
Tape Ministry: Floyd and Doris Schmoyer
Hospitality: Fred and Sandra Bartholomew

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 26

9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 am Worship/Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 27

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 am Quilts for Kids

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am Worship/Holy Communion