

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

December 5

PEACE

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“First keep peace with yourself, and then you can also bring peace to others.”*

-Thomas a Kempis

Prelude: *Advent Meditation*

...All May Stand...

Choral Call to Worship

Processional Hymn: *“Comfort, Comfort You My People”* #122
...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Let the earth rejoice; the God of the Universe reigns!
Let the people be glad!

People: **Righteousness, Love and Justice are the foundation of the Reign of God and of the Christ.**

Pastor: For God is sovereign over all the earth.

People: **We affirm God’s sovereignty upon God’s church and upon all humanity, loved and cherished everywhere.**

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord, O you made upright by our God, and give thanks to God’s Holy name and nature!

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

All: **God of glory, we confess that we have not recognized you in our midst nor listened for your voice. Our faith is fragile, and our iniquity goes unrecognized amid our massive self-concern. We have lived as if we have no need to account for the life we have been given. Our church is focused more on our own survival than on its mission in the world. We come to you today with sincere repentance for our neglect. We have failed to prepare the way for Christ’s entry into our everyday environment. Pardon and change us, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: God speaks tenderly to us and assures us that our debt has been paid, our sins forgiven, our paths made straight. God’s glory is waiting to burst into the midst of all who accept the good news. Surely our salvation is at hand. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. Enjoy the baptism of the Holy Spirit!

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.

...Please Be Seated...

Advent Wreath Candlelighting:
Rev. Edgar and Linda Roosa (8:00)
Pastor Paul, Kristine and Rachel Knappenberger (10:30)
Hymn: "One Candle Is Lit" Stanza 2 #128

**Come, quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of Christ's peace.**

The People of God Share the Word of God

Loud Offering
A Time to Pass Our Faith Unto Our Children (10:30)
The Holy Scripture:
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 Page 558
Epistle: Romans 15:4-13 Page 924
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12 Page 784
If you would like to follow the readings, the Bibles are under the hymnal rack.

Sermon: "People Of Peace" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern
Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer
Prayer Response:

**Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee O Israel.**

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Invitation:
The Offering
The Offertory: "When God is a Child" (8:00)
Senior Choir: "Christmas is Coming" (10:30) Raney
...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

We Share the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Seraphic Hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy
glory;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
*...Please Be Seated...***

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Elements

The Communion

...All May Stand...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past,
you direct our journey into the future. We give you
thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we
eagerly await his coming again that his rule may be
complete and your righteousness reign over all the
world. Then we will feast at his royal banquet, and**

sing his praises with the choirs of heaven. By your Spirit, open our eyes to the generosity of your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts. Fill us with gratitude overflowing that we may share life and love in praise to you, God of all the ages, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission
Benediction
Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: *“All Earth Is Waiting”* #139
Silent Moment
Postlude: *“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”*

Welcome

Greetings, on this second Sunday of Advent, in the name of Jesus, whose coming to earth we will soon celebrate.

Preparation for Worship

Dear Lord, cleanse and prepare our hearts to celebrate our Savior’s birth.

Stewardship Moment

Time Out!

“To observe the Sabbath means to call ‘Time Out!’ This day of rest is to re-create that which has been expended during the week. The Sabbath allows us to receive the strength God supplies so we can continue to produce wealth, while keeping wealth in the proper perspective.” [*Partners With God*, Bobby L. Eklund and Terry Austin]

Communion

We invite to the Lord’s Table “all baptized members of the Christian Church, who look to the Lord Jesus for righteousness and salvation, and who desire to possess His Spirit and walk in His ways.” People of any age are welcome to receive communion. When the communion trays are distributed, you will see the cups in the center have white grape juice. The other cups have wine. You may choose whichever one you prefer. It is our custom for members to wait until all have been served, and then the pastor will invite all to commune. Please remember to complete a communion card today.

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

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger, Senior Pastor,

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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Olivia DeLong, Joshua Dillman
Greeters: Steve Heck, Bonnie Keck
Lector: Rev. Edgar Roosa
Ushers: Mike Ackerman, Tom Capehart, Bill Knappenberger,
Tom Gable, Jackie Knappenberger, Barry Miller
Sound System: Brian Dillman

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Harrison Ike, Amber Koehler
Greeters: Kimberly Ike, Ben and Carolyn Powell
Lay Reader: James Gardner
Ushers: Jim Gardner, John Hill, Craig Demmy, Dave Davis,
Larry Delhagen, Pat Roth, Scott Stenroos, John
Zayaitz
Sound System: Don Keck
Nursery: Kim Draves
Tape Ministry: Nancy Wieder
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers
Hospitality: Doris Trumbauer

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion

Poinsettia Sale Continues

Christmas Ball Sale Continues

8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 am Worship

Monday, December 6

7:00 pm Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, December 7

9:00 am Quilts for Kids
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6640
7:00 pm Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, December 8

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
6:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, December 9

10:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Jr. Choir
6:30 pm Cadettes
6:30 pm Jr. Girl Scout Troop #6123
6:30 pm Cub Scouts – All Dens

Saturday, December 11

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 am Worship

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Church Announcements for the Second Sunday in Advent, December 5, 2010

December Missions

Sixth Street Shelter: Children's underwear, socks and pajamas – for toddlers to teenagers. Bring anytime and place on the "Sock-It-To-Me" and "Sunday Undies" Christmas trees located in the narthex. Please remember these children in your prayers and in your purchases of basic necessities.

Baby Gifts for Jesus: These items are also given to the Sixth Street Shelter. Infant supplies are needed including clothing, wipes, disposable diapers, toiletries, and baby food. Please do not include formula. Bring these items to the 6:30 PM Family Christmas Eve Service.

The Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund: This national UCC offering helps to provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income UCC retirees. The fund also provides emergency assistance to families of low-income ordained and lay clergy. Please consider a response to the 2010 Christmas Fund to help the men and women who have willingly served our churches – often with insufficient income.

New and Used Candles: During the months of December and January, the Mission Committee will collect candles for the homeless. The candles are used in cold weather for melting drinking water. Please place long-burning candles in the designated box in the narthex.

Thank You: The Mission Committee thanks all St. John's members and friends for generous and thoughtful contributions to the 2010 Mission projects. Each of you has been a blessing to someone in need, and we thank you.

Sign the Pew Register

To encourage fellowship at St. John's, please sign the pew register found at the center aisle of your pew. Pass the register on for others to sign it. As it is passed back, read the register and learn the names of those worshipping with you this morning!

Loud Offering

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE...Deposit your loose change (bills are welcome, too) in the cans during the **Loud Offering Collection.** Just by saving a little each and every day, we can make a BIG difference. If you have spare change on other Sundays, the cans will be in the narthex.

Poinsettia Sale Continues

A member of the Altar Guild will be available after both services on December 5th and 12th to take your poinsettia orders or contributions to the Memorial Fund. **The final day for orders to be received in the church office is Tuesday, December 14th.**

New Member's Class

There will be a new member's class on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00 PM in the church parlor. We will welcome new members during the 10:30 worship service on December 12th. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Paul or call the church office.

Operation Christmas Ball

Holiday ornaments for the sanctuary Christmas tree may be purchased December 5th, 12th, & 19th after the 8:00 AM service and before and after the 10:30 AM service.

Confidentiality

It is important that we honor the rights to privacy of medical information for our St. John's members. If someone in the congregation shares a prayer concern, a medical issue, or hospitalization information with you, **please ask their permission** before sharing that information with the pastors, Undershepherd Ministry, Prayer Tree or church office, or for announcement in worship. If you are hospitalized or are sharing any prayer concerns, the pastors will ask your permission before disclosing information to anyone beyond the pastoral staff.

Blood Pressure Screening

Next Sunday, December 12th, representatives of the Health Ministry Task Force at St. John's will be doing blood pressure screening. You are invited to stop by the Health Room following the 8:00 AM service or before and after the 10:30 AM service to have your blood pressure checked.

Church Hospital Code Number is 466!

The pastors visit our hospitalized members. If you, or a member of your family enters the hospital, please ask the hospital to place the patient's name on church code #466, St. John's UCC, Emmaus or call the church office to inform us at 610-965-9158.

Recently Hospitalized – Mae Carl

Greeting Cards

The Undershepherd Ministries give us the opportunity to sign greeting cards for folks on our Home Visitation List, for members of the congregation who need a lift, or just to say "hello". All cards are in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign the cards and send these folks our Christian greetings. Today we are signing cards for:

Wayne and Gloria Schlegel, Harry and Betty Wetherhold, Christmas Cards for Soldiers

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by the Fenstermacher Family in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, Rev. William C. Fenstermacher.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Nancy Guth and Jean Deischer and Families in memory of Paul and Larue Dankel.

The Chancel Table Flowers are sponsored by Wife, Daughter and Granddaughter in memory of Edward C. Roth.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Barry and Ellen Miller in memory of departed loved ones.

Church Attendance – November 28: 8:00 AM – 52 10:30 AM – 125

Income Report for Sunday, November 28, 2010:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$879.00
General Fund - \$4,684.00