

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

January 2, 2011

Second Sunday after Christmas

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“The character of human life, like the character of the human condition, like the character of all life, is “ambiguity” – the inseparable mixture of good and evil, the true and false, the creative and destructive forces both individual and social.”*

- Paul Tillich

Prelude: *“O Hail This brightest Day of Days”* Bach
...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“There’s a Song in the Air!”* #159
...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements
...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: The Lord says; I will turn your mourning into joy.

People: I will comfort you, and give you gladness for sorrow.

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

People: **Loving Parent, we shrink from admitting all the ways we have been disobedient children. We have taken your goodness for granted and have failed to live thankfully. We have not turned with eager longing to be enlightened by your Word. Instead, we have pursued our own half-truths. We neglect our prayers and forget to bear witness to good news. As the songs**

of Christmas fade, we turn away from Christ and from your call to service. Lead us back, Gracious God, for life apart from you is drained of meaning. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: To all who receive God’s Word, there comes the assurance of power to become children of God. We are born anew, and filled with the grace and truth that dwell in Christ Jesus. Spiritual blessings are poured out on us. We are forgiven. We are filled with wisdom and hope. Rejoice and be merry. Dance and sing aloud, for God’s salvation comes to us once more.

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...

The People of God Share the Word of God

Loud Offering

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children (10:30)

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14 Page 641

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 Page 949

Gospel Lesson: John 1:10-18 Page 862

Sermon: “2011, A New Year”

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory: Organ Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir: Senior Choir Anthem (10:30)

...All May Stand...

The Offertory Response: “*Doxology*”

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: God 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...

Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Elements

Pastor: Consecrate, therefore, by Your Word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that in receiving them at this table, and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and remain faithful to the tasks He sets before us.

People: **In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to You, eternal God, and give thanks that You have called us to serve You. Amen.**

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.

The Communion

The Blessing

...All May Stand...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: **We thank You God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all His gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission:

Leader: The grace and truth of Jesus Christ empower you; the fresh winds of the Spirit inspire you.

People: Our work will be as worship, and our prayers will transform our work.

Leader: God grant you the wisdom and gladness every day, enlightening your hearts with hope and joy.

People: We will seek the light that we might witness to it, and embrace hope, that it might strengthen us.

Leader: Go forth to sing and serve and share God's Word. Praise the God of love in all you do.

People: Praise be to God who blesses our work and worship. Praise be to God who sends us on a mission.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "*How Great Our Joy!*" #170

Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Noel*" Wood

Preparation for Worship

On this Epiphany Sunday, let us, with the wise men, pay homage to our newborn King.

Welcome

Greetings to everyone on this first Sunday of the new year! Your presence is a blessing! Please extend your hand of friendship to people around you, for "We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord!"

Stewardship Moment

Givers Receive

The Gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. (Luke 6:39)

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 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

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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Shania Koehler, Renee Martin
Lay Reader: Adele Schaffer
Greeters: Steve Heck, Adele Schaffer
Ushers: Jackie Knappenberger, Phil Rhode, Bill Knappenberger, Mike Ackerman, Tom Gable, Barry Miller
Sound System: Jim Schaffer

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Alexis Hanna, Harrison Ike
Lay Reader: Mary Velez
Greeters: Linda Gardner, Kimberly Ike, Floyd Schmoyer
Ushers: Marty Beers, Richard Miller, Larry Delhagen, Jim Gardner, Christine Hanna, Leon Hemperly, Sarae Quinn, Pat Roth
Sound System: John Hill
Tape Ministry: Nancy Wieder
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers
Hospitality: Carl and Nancy Wieder

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion

Monday, January 3

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 am Quilts For Kids
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130

Wednesday, January 5

5:30 pm Executive Meeting
6:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, January 6 Epiphany

10:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Junior Choir
6:30 pm All Dens
6:30 pm Jr. GS Troop #6123

Saturday, January 8

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, January 9 Installation Sunday

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



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Church Announcements for Sunday, January 2, 2011

January Mission – Lehigh County Conference of Churches (LCCC) Linkage

Linkage is an outreach program designed to provide the homeless with the basic needs for survival. Although the goal is to encourage and provide shelter for the homeless, there are individuals whose problems prevent them from accepting the offer. Especially during the cold winter months, staying warm is a priority. The Mission Committee is asking for your help in donations of men's warm socks, thermal underwear, gloves, scarves, and hats. There is also a request for safety razors. "To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless..." (1 Corinthians 4:11)

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!

Deadline for Annual Reports

If you are responsible for a report to be included in the Annual Report, please note that the deadline for information to be submitted to the church office is Friday, January 21, 2011. Early submissions are always greatly appreciated!

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.

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.

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 – Grace Markowitz, Sheila Delhagen, Karl Schellhammer

White Rose

The White Rose placed on the altar this morning is in memory of **George Schmeltzle** who passed away on December 25. We offer our prayers and support for his family and friends.

Blood Pressure Screening

Next Sunday, January 9th, 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.

Advent Candlelighters

Thank you to all individuals and families who participated in the Advent candlelighting: The Dillman Family, the Hanna Family, Rev. Edgar and Linda Roosa, Paul, Kristine and Rachel Knappenberger, Glenn and Jean Deischer, Harrison and Davis Ike, Russ and Wendy Drabick, Kayli Freeman, the Confirmation Class, Bill and Jackie Knappenberger, Jim and Linda Gardner and Family.

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:

Jay Sechler, Michael Anthony, Cecelia Stephens, Mrs. George Schmeltzle and Family

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Barry and Ellen Miller in honor of our American Troops and Veterans.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. James Christman in memory of Eleanor Nonnemaker.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mutchler in memory of departed loved ones.

Church Attendance – December 24: 6:30 PM –298 11:00 PM – 222

Income Report for Sunday, December 24, 2010:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$201.00

General Fund - \$7,021.66

Church Attendance – December 26: 10:30 AM -71

Income Report for Sunday, December 26, 2010:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$652.00

General Fund - \$3,941.00