

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

November 28, 2010

HOPE

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *"Hope in the Lord, but exert yourself."*
-Russian Proverb

Prelude: *"Advent Meditation"*
...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* #119
...Please Be Seated...

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

Call to Worship:
Pastor: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of God!"
People: **Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
Pastor: We are built to be a community that is bound firmly together.
All: **We give thanks to you, O God, for you are worthy to be praised!**

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Christ came so that our sins may be forgiven and so that we may be saved through Christ. In full confidence that Christ stands ready to hear, accept and forgive our sins, let us confess them now, first silently and then together: *(After a time of private, silent prayer the congregation begins to pray the following together.)*

All: **Forgiving God, we confess to You that there are times when we would rather stay asleep in sin instead of awakening to live in your light. We confess that we would rather be people who do not lay aside the works of night. We do not trust that your armor of light is sufficient for us. Instead, we quarrel, we are jealous and live only to gratify our own desires. Give us courage, O God, to trust in your ways, in your peace, and in your good. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie:
Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.
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Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness of sin. Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve. Rejoice! For in Christ we ARE forgiven!

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:

The Dillman Family (8:00)

Christine, Alexis and Ainsley Hanna (10:30)

Hymn: "One Candle Is Lit" Stanza 1 Hymn 128

**Come Surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.**

The People of God Share the Word of God

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

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 Page 550

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14 Page 923

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44 Page 806

If you would like to follow the readings, the Bibles are under the hymnal rack.

Sermon: "Need of Hope" 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: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" #121

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God.
Prepare the way.**

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Invitation:

The Offering

The Offertory: "Comfort, Comfort, Ye my People" (8:00)

Senior Choir: "We Want to be Ready" (10:30) Besig

Bonnie Keck, flute

...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: 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, forever.
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

Pastor: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer:

People: **Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Amen.**

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission

Benediction:

Pastor: Go therefore in the name of our Triune God, walking in the Light of God and sharing in the Spirit of Peace. Go out in joy and thanksgiving, to live in Christ our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* #124

Silent Moment

Postlude: *"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"* arr. Smith

Welcome

On this first Sunday in the Advent season, we invite you to grow in eager expectation of celebrating our Savior's birth.

Preparation for Worship

On this first Sunday of Advent, Lord, our hearts turn to your most precious gift, Jesus Christ. Help us eagerly anticipate his coming.

Stewardship Moment

Be Grateful

"As long as God loves you, as long as the sun rises each day, be grateful. The most inspiring are the most inspired. The most convincing are the most convinced. The most pleasing are the most pleasant. The truly great are the most grateful." [Up Words, William Arthur Ward]

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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Emily Drabick, Harrison Ike
Greeters: George Baver, Kimberly Ike
Lay Reader: Curt Fehr
Ushers: Russell Drabick, Phil Rhode, Jim Beers, Barry Barto,
Don Keck, Jonathan Keck
Sound System: Brian Dillman, Jr.

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Alexis Hanna, Joscelyn Hengeveld
Greeters: Marilyn Decker, Betty Kemmerer, Les Schoenberger
Lay Reader: Floyd Schmoyer
Ushers: Craig Demmy, Scott Stenroos, Marty Beers, Larry
Delhagen, Christine Hanna, Leon Hemperly, Sarae
Quinn, John Zayaitz
Sound System: Russ Drabick
Nursery: Alissa Delhagen
Tape Ministry: Floyd and Doris Schmoyer
Flower Delivery: Ron and Gerry Mosemann
Hospitality: Mary Ann Held

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion

Poinsettia Sale Begins

Christmas Ball Sale Begins

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages

10:30 am Worship

Monday, November 29

6:15 pm Cadette Troop #6056

Tuesday, November 30

9:00 am Quilts for Kids

6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130

6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6640

Wednesday, December 1

10:00 am Undershepherd Committee Meeting (Parlor)

5:30 pm Executive Committee

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25

6:30 pm Confirmation Class

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, December 2

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 4

8:30 am AA

8:30 am Al Anon

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Church Announcements for First Sunday in Advent, November 28, 2010

November Mission – Harvest Home: Phoebe Ministries & Food for the Needy

For many years, Phoebe Ministries has been an important mission in the life of St. John's. Many members have been residents there or have been served at their outpatient clinic. Others have been employed there or have spent many hours volunteering. Support of Phoebe Ministries will provide help in the caring of older adults. On Harvest Home Sunday, November 21, Reverend Alan Kramer Moyer, Vice President of Pastor Care Service at Phoebe Home, will be the guest speaker at both services. You may use the designated offering envelopes found in your bulletins or the mission envelopes in the pew racks for your donations. Please designate "Phoebe." Please give as generously as you are able to this special ministry.

Food Donations: The Altar Guild and the Mission Committee will work together to decorate the sanctuary for Harvest Home Sunday. With donated gift cards from local markets, Mission Committee members will purchase such items as clementines, apples, potatoes, etc. Members of the congregation are asked to donate non-perishable items any time during November. Donations may be placed in the food baskets in the narthex. On Harvest Home Sunday, November 21, members of the Sunday school will participate by bringing all items forward for a blessing. All food items will be distributed to needy families. "Happy are those...who give food to the needy." Psalm 146:5, 7.

The Mission Committee thanks all who continue to generously support St. John's Mission projects.

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!

Poinsettia Sale Begins

The Altar Guild will hold its annual poinsettia sale beginning today, Sunday November 28th. A member of the Altar Guild will be available after both services on November 28th, December 5 and 12th to take your poinsettia orders or contributions to the Memorial Fund. The final days 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.

Monthly Food Collection

Please remember that next week is the first Sunday in the new month – time to bring in food donations for the monthly collection for the local food bank located at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church. Items most needed include cereal, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, pasta, rice, canned meats & stews, canned vegetables & fruit, soup, canned milk, and spaghetti sauce. Place your donations in the designated baskets 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 – Albert Moyer, Karl Schellhammer

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:

Eddie Samolot, Arthur & Jean Werst, Violet Scholl

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Ray and Margaret Mentzer in memory of loved ones.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Richard and Nancy Miller in honor of all St. John's faithful members.

Church Attendance – November 21: 8:00 AM – 62 10:30 AM – 134

Income Report for Sunday, November 21, 2010:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$722.00

General Fund - \$8,092.00