

Contemporary Worship

9:00 a.m.

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF
PEACE– The Harkness Family**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME–Brant Newland

(Children through 5th grade exit)

RECEPTION OF PRAYER CARDS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***CLOSING SONG**

***BENEDICTION**

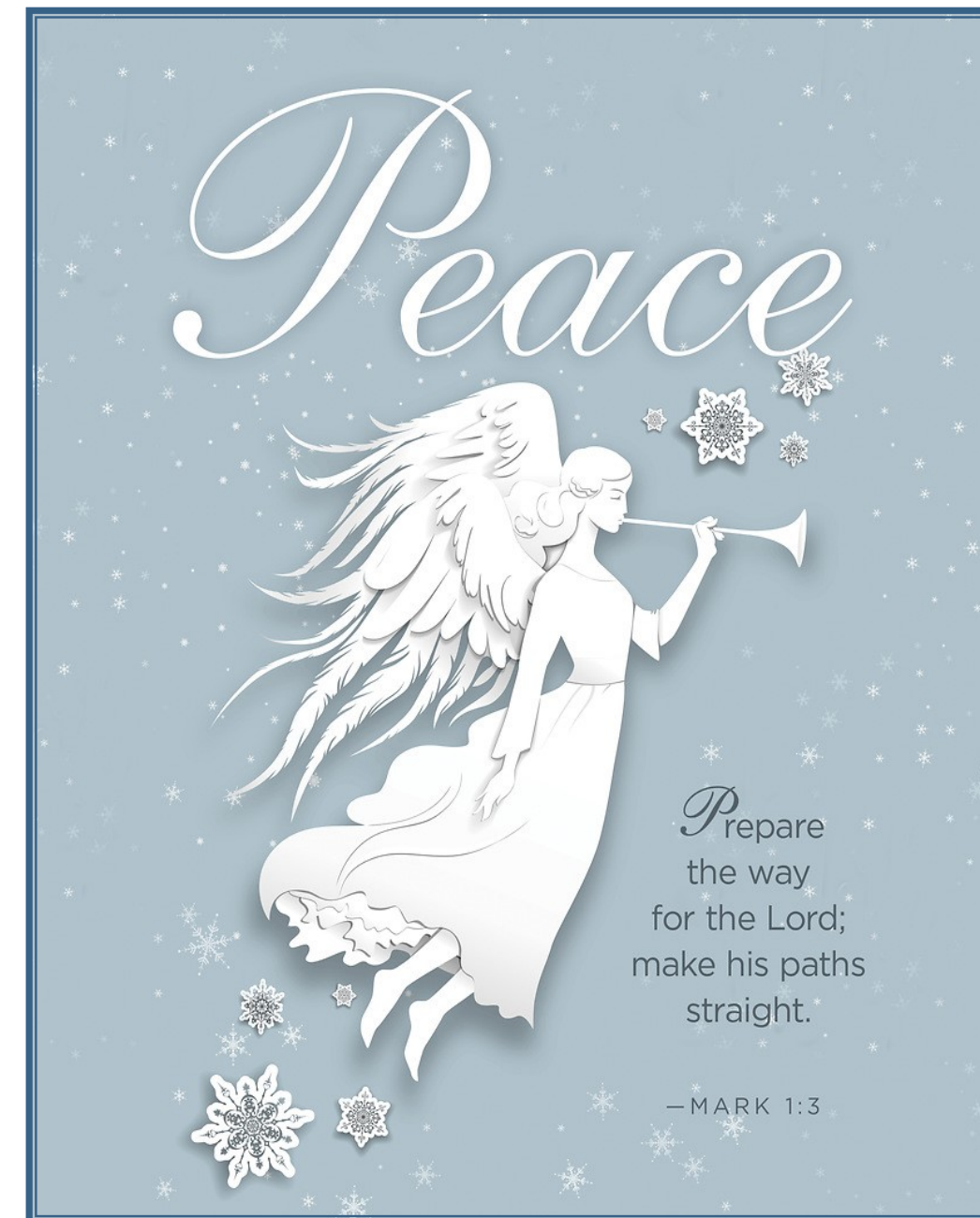
**All who are able, please stand*

Congregational meeting today at 10:15 in the
sanctuary to elect officers.

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Order of Worship

2nd Sunday in Advent

11:00 a.m.

We Gather

A quiet time of prayer and preparation for worship.

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

PRELUDE "When Christ Was Born on Earth"

INTROIT "Prepare the Way"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE Ed & Beryl Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP Martha Shafer

Leader: God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of God's servant David.

Ministers: Blessed be the Lord our God!

Leader: God has shown mercy and remembered the holy covenant,

Ministers: that we might serve God without fear.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God,

Ministers: God will guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

***HYMN** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" p. 93

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Martha Shafer

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Martha Shafer

We seek to serve you, O Lord, with glad and generous hearts. Forgive us when our hearts are hardened and move us to trust the depth of your promise. We seek to live as baptized people, repenting of sin and sharing your grace. Forgive us when we fall into selfish ways, and move us to know the goodness of your call. Have mercy on us, O God. By your grace, cleanse us. By your providence, help us to learn from our mistakes. By your Holy Spirit, equip us to love and honor you...(moments of silence)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Martha Shafer

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Ministers: Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** "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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!!

We Hear God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME Brant Newland

(Children through 5th grade exit)

RECEPTION OF PRAYER CARDS Martha Shafer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Martha Shafer

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 p.778

ANTHEM "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 3:1-6 p.834

SERMON Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

"Preparing the Way for Generations to Come"

We Respond

***HYMN** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" p.347

***ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing)

We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commandment but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness. We believe that God is coming to us; that God is not happy to leave us alone, that this God will come to us as a particular human being, that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours, that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy, that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete. We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!" Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Golden Carol"

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" p.606

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

We Depart to Live and Love as Christ's Disciples

***HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" p.88
(verses 1,3,5)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

***CHORAL PARTING** "People Look East"

***POSTLUDE**

*All who are able, please stand

THANK YOU TO OUR CHARTER MEMBERS

A special word of thanks goes out to our Charter Members for their help in lighting the Advent candles each week during the Advent Season this year.

Calendar

Sunday, December 9	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Education Hour Traditional Worship Youth Groups
Monday, December 10	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday, December 11	11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, December 12	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bibles & Bagel Pre-School Board Meeting Women's Bible Study And the Story Continues B.E.A.C.H. Dinner Program Youth Group Traditions Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 13	11:30 p.m.	Betty's Buddies

Remember in Prayer...

Kimberley Aden, Judy Bedillion (Debbie (Tammie Wright's father), Roger (Judy Braden's mother) Bob and Pam Benson, Schuler's brother), Robin Soergel, Catherine and Bill Trask

(Names added this week are in bold.)

PNC

Maryellen Beiletti, Wezi Blunt,

Chris Gesdorf, Ryan Gulick,

Alice Harper, Tod McVey, Bruce Neu

Nolan Perret, Betty Phillips, Bill Salisbury