

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation  
Pastor – Mark Chow

#### GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

WORSHIP CHIMES

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ INVOCATION

PRELUDE "Rondino on an Ancient Spanish Carol"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*OPENING HYMN 249 "There's a Song in the Air"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

ADVENT HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [vs. 5 – no refrain]

**"O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home.**

**The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery."**

Reader – God of Love, you created the universe and all that is in it. You created all things and called them good.

Reader – God of Love, you wove into life a beautiful diversity from your infinite palette of creativity. All the creatures that walk or swim, crawl or fly sing praises to you.

**All – We, God's people, affirm the creation of all things in love, saying with the psalmist:**

**"God's salvation is very close to those who honor Him so that His glory can live in our land. Faithful love and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed."** (Psalm 85:9-10, CEB)

Reader – On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us that the God of Creation calls us home to love all that we meet.

*Light candles of Hope and Love*

ADVENT HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [refrain only]

OFFERTORY "Sussex Carol"

W. Rose

## TRAVEL THROUGH TIME

Introduction  
Scripture

Luke 2:1-5

Scene 1  
Song 230

Travel to Bethlehem  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture  
Scene 2  
Song 236

Luke 2:8-14  
The Shepherds  
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Scripture  
Scene 3

Luke 2:15  
Something's Happening

Song

"Angels on the Midnight Clear"  
*Lexi Oldfield, Carley Oldfield*

Scripture  
Scene 4  
Song 228

Luke 2:16  
The Holy Child  
"He Is Born, the Holy Child"

Scripture  
Scene 5  
Song 239

Luke 2:17-19  
See the Little Baby  
"Silent Night"

Scripture  
Scene 6

Matthew 2:1-2; 9-11  
The Wise Men

Song 254

"We Three Kings"

Scripture  
Scene 7  
Song 224

Isaiah 11:1-2; 9:6  
Back Home  
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

\*CLOSING HYMN 251

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

H. Rutz

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 22

Worship – 24, 80

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- December 11 Cassie Burris, Greg Mahle, Carol Taylor
- December 12 Corey Bruns, Allison Sidwell
- December 13 Julia Adams, Meghan Huston
- December 14 Abbey Melsheimer, Becky Spade
- December 15 Mike Alfman, Bob Moon, Ruth Robson
- December 16 Nathan Zangmeister

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

Sunday, December 10	11:30 a.m.	Family Christmas Potluck – F. Hall
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Messiah</i> – Central Trinity UMC [S. 7th St.]
Monday, December 11		
Tuesday, December 12		
Wednesday, December 13	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 14	7:00 p.m.	Choir Party – Swan Home
Friday, December 15	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, December 16		
Sunday, December 17	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

**VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church**

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

A special THANKS to all participating in this morning's service.

CAST – Lexi Oldfield, Carley Oldfield, Jenna Flarey, Jordan Flarey, Noelle Flarey, Tom Swan, Christy Swope, Avery Dunn, Nora Dunn, Dana Swope

NARRATORS – Dana Swope, Noelle Flarey, Nora Dunn, Jordan Flarey

VOCALISTS – Lexi Oldfield, Carley Oldfield

SHEEP – Lincoln Lepi, Layla Lepi, Elliott James, Miles Tippie, Alexander McCune, Vincent McLean, Mack Palmer, Isaac Stonecypher

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR – Sarah Burris

MUSIC DIRECTOR – Tony Merry

COSTUMES – Amelia Lepi, Sarah Tippie, Laura James

SUPPORT TEAM – Cindi Swope, Amy Dosch, Lisa Flarey, Molly Dunn

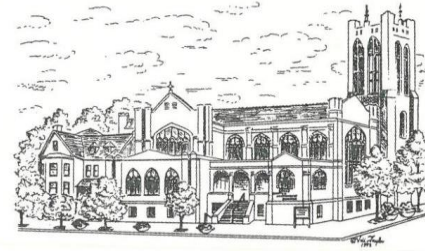
SOUND TECHNICIAN – Craig Hill

LAY LEADER – Todd Sands

ADVENT WREATH – Margaret Merry, Noelle Flarey, Nick Flarey

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM – Julie McAllister, Cindy Lawyer

**2017 Contributions must be received by December 31.**



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**METHODIST**

**CHURCH**

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**Second Sunday of Advent**

Following our worship celebration this morning, you are invited to join us for a fellowship potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Even if you forgot food, please come....! We'll have plenty!

**Tonight – 6:00 p.m.** — Handel's *Messiah* will be presented by the Zanesville Civic Chorus and Orchestra at Central Trinity UMC [S. 7th St.]

**Coming Soon!**

**Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

- 8:15 a.m. Worship Service – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Music of the Season – Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service – Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 31 – New Year's Eve**

Two By Two will lead music at both the 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship celebrations

**GLOVES/MITTENS/SOCKS** - With winter coming, LifeWell Free Store needs all sizes of gloves/mittens/socks. You may put them on/near the mitten trees at the rear of the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018**

.... are on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Numbers have changed for some people. Those who regularly attend the 8:15 service will find theirs in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find yours, check with Judy.