

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "Away In A Manger" Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SUNG LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE #82

Sung Men: Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;

**Sung Women: *from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.***

Sung Men: Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;

**Sung Women: *dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.***

Spoken One: We light this candle of peace to celebrate the
promise of shalom...

Sung Men: Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,

**Sung Women: *born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.***

Sung Men: By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;

**Sung Women: *by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.***

Spoken Men: Hear our prayers of waiting again this morning,
O God, and may they be music to your ears.

Spoken All: *In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

***In the days that have been, O God, we have walked along
crooked paths strewn with our selfishness and greed, our
prejudice, and our apathy. We confess that we have hidden
from the light, from the light which exposes everything, the love
and the hate, the good deeds and the harmful ones. On this day
we admit to you our failings, where we have wandered, when
we have not listened. We confess to you our sin. In the days to
come, remind us of your love and grace. Show us your power
to transform hearts and minds. Fill us with peace in our souls
that we may take peace into this war-weary world. In Christ's
name we pray. Amen.***

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In this season of waiting, the Good News is this: mercy, new life,
hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God.

**All: *Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came in the Child, who
is with us in the Spirit, who will come again in glory! Amen.***

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #92 "While We Are Waiting, Come"

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

GOD'S WORD IN MUSIC "The Heart of Christmas" Choplin

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "My Soul Cries Out With A Joyful Shout" O'Neill

* 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

* HYMN #88, vs. 1-4, 7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response #82, vs. 1

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.*

* POSTLUDE "Ding Dong! Merrily On High" Young

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and holdfasttowhatiscgood.com

VISITORS: We are delighted to welcome you today and hope your time here is a blessing. If you are not active in another church, we hope you will consider making Thyatira your church home. If you would like to find out more about us, please contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

LITURGIST: Today – Janet Lambert
Next Week – Bill Hall

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Mariah Watts, Beth Bates

Next Sunday – Melissa Waller, Karen Townsend

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS (2's & 3's and Preschool):

Today – Leigh Anne Wetmore

Next Sunday – Karen Townsend

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first Sunday in December we have reached 31% of our monthly goal.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS: Any gifts made to or through the church that you would like to have reflected on your 2017 year-end statement must be received by the church office by Sunday, December 31. If you would like to know how much remains to fulfill your 2017 Estimate of Giving, please contact Sharon in the church office at 704-636-1595.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal

- Thyatira's Mission team to Lumberton, NC to help with Hurricane Matthew relief work
- Bob Freeman, having cataract surgery next week
- David Grimes, being treated for brain cancer
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, recently diagnosed with cancer
- Chris, facing health challenges
- Monique's family, following the death of her mother
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues
- Thelma Walton in rehab at Liberty Commons
- Phares Sechler, recovering from surgery on her hand
- Barbara, in rehab at a nursing facility
- Carol King, receiving cancer treatment
- Bob Freeman's cousin Frank, recovering from colon cancer surgery
- Tom Long, friend of Charles Newsome, receiving treatment for cancer
- Evaun Bulman, friend of Sharry Davis, undergoing cancer treatment
- Bill Hall
- The situation in Puerto Rico following the hurricane
- A friend of Keith Townsend, being treated for cancer
- Betty Morgan, sister of Ruth Albright, recovering after serious car accident
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, now at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- OC Shoaf
- A friend of Phares, Cindy Pope, being treated for some serious health issues
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Tanzania, Africa

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: December 14 – Jerri Seaboch
15 – Ted Deal, Emery Franz

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Preschoolers will not practice until after the first of the year. The Young Disciples will continue to practice through December 24.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Come help spread some Christmas cheer as we take the music of the season to members of our community on Friday, December 15. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm and caravan to our destinations. All are welcome; no musical talent is necessary!

UGLY SWEATER PARTY: Join us after worship on Sunday, December 17 to celebrate the holiday season together. Wear your best ugly or festive Christmas sweater. Cookies and finger foods will be served.

TEXAS CARDS: All cards are due December 17th. There will be a card making station at the Ugly Sweater Party on the 17th.

RAYS ADDRESS: If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to Jody, Rebecca, Issac, Josiah & Caleb Ray you may send them to: Shikarpur Christian Hospital, c/o Ray Family, New Fajj Dori Road, Shikarpur Sindh, 78100, Pakistan.

GIFT GIVING PROJECT: Be sure to check out the trees in the sanctuary and take an ornament today! There are gifts in every price range (check out presbyteriangifts.org for details). You can make purchases with a friend, with your family, or sponsor one with your Sunday School class. The possibilities are endless! When you have your money, please return the ornament and money to a member of the Lost Sheep class, return to the church office, or put in the offering plate. Help us meet this BIG goal and make a difference this holiday season!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:30am Session Stated Meeting 9:30am Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place 10:00am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am Worship – Big Music Sunday 4:30pm Officer Training 6:30pm Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am Preschool 6:30pm Boy & Cub Scouts 6:30pm Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	8:15am Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am Preschool 6:30 pm Prayer, Song and Study
Thursday	8:15am Preschool (9:00am Christmas Program)
Friday	6:00pm Christmas Caroling
Saturday	9:00am Presbyterian Women Meeting Youth Service Project
Next Sunday	8:30am Christian Education Meeting 9:00am Session Called Meeting 9:30am Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place 10:00am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am Worship – Big Music Sunday 12:00pm Ugly Sweater Party 6:30pm Adult Choir