

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude – Laura Metzler, pianist

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Curtiss Kanagy

Greeting

Call to Worship - The Advent of Our Lord (Hymnal # 122)

***Congregational Hymns**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (H# 124)

Joy to the World (H# 125)

Offering – Budget

Offertory -“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”, Duet by Sandi Harnish & Nancy Hess

**The Fourth Advent Reading – A King Will Come
The Leon Ressler Family**

*** Worship in Carols & Hymns**

Angels We Have Heard on High (H# 132)

The First Noel (H# 136)

What Child Is This? (H# 137)

How Great Our Joy! (H# 144)

Special Music - “O, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Pastoral Prayer

Message – “Jesus would be born of a Virgin and called Immanuel”, Isaiah 7:14

*** Closing Hymn - Silent Night! Holy Night! (H# 147)**

***Benediction**

Postlude

***Please Stand**

Nursery Today – Robin Kanagy

Nursery Next Sunday – Linda Breneman

Sunday December 13th:

Offering: Budget - \$3,580.00

Attendance: 101

Sunday January 3rd:

Message – Commissioning Sunday

Offering – Missions Fund (goal \$2,000.00)

Activities This Week:

- None this week

Birthdays:

Pat Johns and John Gerlach 20th, David Schrock on the 24th, Gabriel Medile on the 26th, Janet Hess today, Anita Warfel on the 28th, Ernie Hess on the 29th, Ron Horst on the 30th.

Anniversaries:

Jon & Kathy Schrock on the 27th; their 34th.

Pray for our church, remember Linford & Jen Hershey

Announcements

We will be collecting soap for MCC during the month of December!

The Heritage Chorale will be giving a Christmas concert Jan. 3 at 4 pm at the Holy Spirit Lutheran church. Sandi, Nancy and Carl from our congregation are members of the chorale.

You will find your offering envelopes in your mailbox today for the new year. Begin using them next Sunday, January 3, 2010. Please do not use any more of the ones you have used for the past year. If you would like your name added or deleted from the list of offering envelope users, please contact Janet Hess.

Dear Friends, Robin and I along with our family thank you for a wonderful year together. We are thankful for you and how you enriched our lives through your encouragement and love. May God bless you with a Christmas that goes beyond your wildest imagination! May the presence of the Holy Spirit reveal to you anew the incredible and awesome gift we have received in the coming of the Messiah, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Blessings Pastor Curtiss

A Christmas Blessing

During this Christmas season,
May you be blessed
With the spirit of the season,
which is peace,
The gladness of the season,
which is hope,
And the heart of the season,
which is love

Somehow, not only for Christmas
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to you glad.

John Greenleaf Whittier

*A King Will Come
The Fourth Week Of Advent*

Celebrant: Anticipation grows within us.

Community: *The day of Your incarnation is very near.*

Celebrant: There is no power nor ruler who does not owe their allegiance to You.

Community: *The day of Your incarnation is very near.*

Celebrant: There is no universe that is without purpose, no world that cannot name its True Leader.

Community: *The day of Your incarnation is very near.*

Celebrant: Every man, woman and child is made to dance within Your Law of Love.

Community: *The day of Your incarnation is very near.*

Celebrant: In this fourth week of Advent, we sing with the prophets.

Community: *That One will come who trump the powers of every age – and show us the way to be truly human.*

Celebrant: In this fourth week of Advent, we shout with the children.

Community: *King of the Universe, dwell in our midst and teach us the ways of Your Everlasting Kingdom.*

Celebrant: In this fourth week of Advent, we pray with believers around the world.

Community: *Ruler of Heaven and Earth, sovereignly act to restore loving leadership among those who bear Your image.*

ALL: King of the Ages, we are broken in our understanding of loving leadership, and have lost the capacity to understand the ways of a benevolent Sovereign. Show us Your face, teach us your ways, elevate the law of Love among us, and help us to receive Your Guidance on our ashamed planet. We prepare our hearts in this Advent season by praying, listening, singing and responding to Your Rightful Kingship in our lives and in Your world. With the ancients who awaited You, we say “King of Kings and Lord of Lords, come quickly to us, right Your world, and spark the dawn of New Creation.” Amen.

Church Activities

SMILE – (Share a Morning in Learning Exchange) – meets Tuesdays from Sept. through April- for ladies, 9:15-11am

Young Adult Bible Study – Tuesday evenings, 7 pm

Sewing Circle – 1st Wed. of the month 9:30am – 4 pm

Prayer Meeting – Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 7 pm

Youth Group – (high school) Sunday evenings, 7 pm

Elders – Areas of Responsibility

Congregational Worship – Ron Horst

Discipleship – Marty Sommerfeld

Christian Education – Shirley Garber

Congregational Care – Martin Harnish

Mission and Evangelism – Laura Metzler

Bulletin Editor – Rachele Stoner – 872-2435 e-mail bulletin@newdanvillemc.org Please give bulletin announcements to Rachele no later than Thursday evening.

Church Coordinator – Lindsay Harnish – 872-7187 call for church reservations

The Church building is accessible most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm. Please call ahead to schedule meeting with Pastor Curtiss.

Sunday, December 27th, 2009

Worship leader gatherings planned:

A group of persons interested in connecting and resourcing contemporary worship leaders will be gathering on Wednesday evenings January 13 and 20 at Groffdale Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. Daryl Hoover from Carpenter Community Church will provide input and lead discussion on the role of the worship leader, leading a worship team and developing team worship ministry in the congregation. Our purpose is to connect and resource one another as congregational worship leaders with the potential of becoming a regular place of connection. We will spend time together in worship each night and look forward to learning from one another. For more information contact Jason Hursh (717) 626 1304.

The Choice Books ministry has a job opening for a full time service representative. The position includes a wage and benefit package. For inquirers, please call Ray Brubaker, at 717.665.3933 101 Choice Books, PA is a Lancaster Conference ministry.