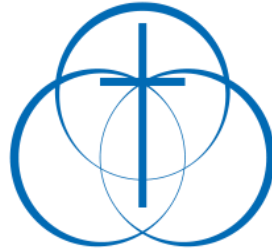


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Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

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December 1, 2024

***Our mission is to share Christ with the world through worship,
service and witness.***

THE CONFIDENT DECLARATION OF THE DIVINE EXCHANGE

1. Jesus was punished...
... that I am forgiven. (Isaiah 53:5)
2. Jesus was wounded...
... that I am healed. (Isaiah 53:5)
3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness...
... that I have been made righteous with His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 3:9)
4. Jesus died our death...
... that we share His life (Hebrews 2:9, John 10:10)
5. Jesus was made a curse...
... that I have entered into spiritual blessings (Galatians 3:13)
6. Jesus became poor on our behalf...
... that I have become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9, John 10:10)
7. Jesus bore our shame...
... that I share His glory (Hebrews 12:2)
8. Jesus endured our rejection...
... that I have His acceptance (Ephesians 1:5-6)
9. Our old self died in Jesus...
... that I have become a new creation (Colossians 3:-10)

(*Please stand, if able)

Sunday, December 1, 2024

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

**First Sunday in Advent
Service of Communion**

Prelude... *“Communion in Christ”* by Ritter

Mary Jane Clark, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Nancy Goodish, Worship Leader

* Passing of the Peace

* Ringing of the Bells

* Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

This morning we light the first candle, the candle of Hope. This candle reminds us that God’s promises gives us reason to be filled with hope – hope for unity in a world of division, hope for healing in a world of pain, and hope for peace in a world filled with anger and strife. We remember that Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

* Call to Worship:

Leader: As we journey through the Sundays of Advent, listen to the promises of God.

People: a righteous branch springs forth,

Leader: a promise of justice and righteousness,

People: a promise of safety.

Leader: Listen to the promise of Jesus:

People: the kingdom of God draws near.

Leader: Keep alert; watch for signs of hope.

People: Our Advent journey begins.

* Hymn of Praise #211 (Hymnal)

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Praises and Prayers

(The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.)

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings & ChangeForGood

The Offertory... *“Joseph Dearest, Josephine Mine”* by Smith

- * Offertory Response #95 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
**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
 Children’s Message... *“Jesus in the Temple”* (Saddleback Kids) Brandon Dempsey
 Scripture... Luke 21:25-36 (NKJV) Nancy Goodish, Worship Leader
 Message... *“Prepare to Stand Before Him”* Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor

- * Hymn of Response #206 vs. 3 *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*
 Service of Holy Communion

- * Hymn of Dedication #640 (Hymnal) *“Take Our Bread”*

- * Benediction

- * Postlude... *“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”* by Smart

Memory Verses:

This Week: “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:36 (NKJV)

Last Week: “For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NKJV)

Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36

Ongoing Prayer Needs:	Greg Clark	
Kathy Irey	Cora Jean Qualey	
Jane Jancisin	Jessie Roycroft	
Rick & Joyce Frischolz	Barb & Joe Douglas	

Statistics: Attendance last Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 48; Sunday School, 11

Homebound: Mrs. Cora Jean Qualey, Greensburg Nursing & Convalescent Center, 119 Industrial Park Road, Greensburg, PA 15601

Birthdays: December 2, Joyce Frischolz, **December 3,** Michael Gabany; **December 5,** Patty McDowell; **December 6,** Rick Frischolz

Received November 24, 2024

General Fund	Budget	Received	Status
Last Week	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,513.00	+\$ 213.00
Year-to-date	\$ 155,100.00	\$ 130,049.54	-\$ 25,050.46
Building Fund	Budget	Received	Status
Last Week	\$ 190.00	\$ 180.00	-\$ 10.00
Year-to-date	\$ 8,930.00	\$ 6,112.00	-\$ 2,818.00

This Week

Sunday	First Sunday in Advent Service of Holy Communion Christmas cards are being collected. Place your cards in the box provided. See Notes of Interest ChangeForGood is for the church's Helping Hand After church: Christmas program rehearsal for all of those with speaking parts.
Monday	Prayer Group, 6:30 p.m. Dartball is away, playing Paintertown, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Advent service, 6:30 p.m. See Notes of Interest for more info.
Saturday	AA meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

December 11,18	Advent services, 6:30 p.m.
December 8	Family and Friends Sunday School teacher recognition.
December 14	Private use of the Fellowship Hall, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
December 15	Christmas program during the worship service.
December 17	Church Council, 7:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin. May be canceled.
December 21	Blue Christmas service, 6:30 p.m. See Notes of Interest,
December 22	Christmas program during the worship service.
December 24	Christmas Eve candlelighting service, 7:00 p.m.

Notes of Interest:

Please Note: We will be locking the front door around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you need to leave and come back in, please let someone know so they can open the door for you.

The December newsletter is available on the gift table in the narthex. Please pick up yours and sign your name on the sheet provided. There is a lot of information in the newsletter about December happenings.

Christmas Card Delivery: We will once again have our Christmas card delivery. For our new church members, you address your cards to members in the congregation and then the cards are hand delivered to them for .25 cents per card. A list of current active members will be provided. **We do not mail any of the cards.**

The Christmas box is in the narthex where you can drop your cards. You may include your donation with the cards (the cards will be checked frequently) or you may place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope marked “Christmas Card Delivery” and your name. Checks can be made out to Circleville Church and mark in the memo line, “Christmas Cards”.

Christmas Cookie Exchange: It’s that time of the year again where we all eat (or overeat) all those wonderful cookies that we don’t eat the other 11 months of the year. If you would love to have a sample of cookies that are different than the ones you make, please sign up in the narthex for the cookies exchange. You will make (at most) 11 dozen of one type of Christmas cookies. If we have more than 10 bakers sign up, then we will split the list to keep your baking to 11 dozen. One dozen you make will go to AA. The other 10 will be exchanged.

1. Please pack these in 1 dozen containers (bags, tins, double Styrofoam plates).
2. Bring your recipe to share or email it to Darlene.
3. Continental Breakfast—It is a busy time of the year, so if you want to just exchange because you have other plans, please indicate no to the continental breakfast. If you are able to stay for the continental breakfast indicate yes.
4. Sign up by December 8
5. We will exchange the cookies on Saturday, December 21 at 9 a.m.
6. If you want to donate a dozen to AA but do not want to exchange cookies, please drop off the one AA dozen on Saturday morning.

Advent Service on Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.: Topic is Forgiveness. Discover the power of forgiveness to set your heart free and restore peace in your soul.

December 21-Blue Christmas service, 6:30 p.m. A blue service is for those hurting during the holidays. See more information in the December newsletter.

Christmas party, December 22nd, following the worship service. The church will supply the chicken and drinks, but we are asking you to sign up and indicate what covered dish you will bring. We will have games, and we are asking you to bring a \$5-\$10 grab bag gift if you want to be part of the gift exchange. The sign-up sheet is on the long table in the narthex.

Band Meeting Questions

Each week Methodists would meet together in groups of three to five people of the same gender (known as bands), and ask each person the following four questions:

1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
2. What temptations have you met with?
3. How were you delivered?
4. What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?

Class Meeting Questions

They also had small group meetings so-called class meeting consisted of 12 people with a series of questions.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am?
In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass onto another what was told me in confidence? Can I be trusted?
4. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
5. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
6. Did the Bible live in me today?
7. Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
8. Am I enjoying prayer?
9. When did I last speak to someone about my faith?
10. Do I pray about the money I spend?
11. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
12. Do I disobey God in anything?
13. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
14. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
15. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
16. How do I spend my spare time?
17. Am I proud?
18. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisee who despised the publican?
19. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I going to do about it?
20. Do I grumble and complain constantly?
21. Is Christ real to me?

Sermon Notes:

Luke 21:25-36 (NKJV)

“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³⁴ “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with ^[a]carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may ^[b]be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Message of Salvation

Are you saved?

Are you confident that you would go to heaven if you die at this moment?

Here is the good news for you.

Everyone dies because of sin, and after that ...

You will die someday because of sin. You cannot avoid death, and death is not the end, but the beginning of an eternal life. What's important is where and how you will live eternally. With eternal happiness in heaven or eternal suffering in hell? If you deal with your sin, you can enter the heaven and live there eternally. How?

Jesus Christ has redeemed your sin.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world and bore the cross shedding his blood to redeem your sin and triumphed in his resurrection. Through his sacrifice, Christ paid off your sin and purchased a place for you in heaven, which he offers as a free gift.

If you want for your sins to be forgiven and to be saved ...

1. Accept Christ's invitation by repenting your sins by asking,
"Lord, I repent of all my sins. Please forgive all of my iniquities I have committed, and lead me to your kingdom."
2. Confess, "Jesus Christ is my Savior," by praying,
"Lord, I confess that You are my Savior who can deliver me from the eternal damnation of sin and death. Come into my heart and be my master for my entire life."
3. Rejoice, you are forgiven and given an eternal life without condemnation.
4. Congratulations! You become a child of God and a citizen of Heaven.

What's next?

1. Read the Bible, the Word of God, in which you will find Truth and Peace.
2. Join a local church where you will grow in faith
3. Do good works as much as you can. Sharing God's love for others is a form of worship.

If you, having read this, trusted Jesus for eternal salvation, please let us know. We would like to help you to grow spiritually.

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