

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

“Comfort Ye”

Handel

Doug Sonderfan, Tenor

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Isaiah 9)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them has light shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #146**

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

***SALUTATION**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Congregation: We come today in expectation, looking to you, O Lord, for help. We look forward to the time when we can celebrate your coming. Until then we claim the promise of Paul: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. Amen.

EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“O Come let us adore Him [3x] Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy.....

We’ll give Him all the glory.....”

***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.*

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 10:33-11:9 (p. 496 OT)
Luke 2:8-20 (p. 44 NT)

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #160**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

SERMON

"Advent: PEACE"
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" (see insert)

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (p. 12 hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #147**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Eleanor Clark

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (December 14):

Greeters:

Ushers: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a short congregational meeting after the service today for the purpose of electing Consistory members.

EMMANUEL

You may have noticed a new heading in the bulletin today - **Emmanuel**. This is a title that Isaiah gave to the "Coming One," and was part of the angel's proclamation to Joseph in Matthew. It is the English transliteration of a Hebrew word meaning "God with us." Last week we began including in the service a time for a person from the congregation to share where they have experienced "God with us." Please consider being the one who shares in a future service. If you are willing, please contact Pastor Chuck.

SOUP, SANDWICH AND SCRIPTURE

We are having our traditional (we have done it more than twice, so it must be traditional) Soup, Sandwich and Scripture study during Advent. We meet at noon on Wednesdays (beginning Dec. 3). Pastor Chuck provides the soup. You provide a sandwich if you want one. And together we will study some passages to prepare us for Christmas.

FOOD PANTRY

The following items are in severe shortage at the food pantry at the present time: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

The Record We Wrote: November 2014

| | <u>November</u> | <u>12 Mo Avg</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Income: | \$19,179 | \$19,257 |
| Expense: | \$18,230* | \$18,536 |

***Mortgage payment was Interest Only**

Visit us on the web at Caryreformedchurch.org and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/FirstReformedChurchOfCary.