

**OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

December 1, 2024, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (tune #157)

The candle of hope that we light in this hour  
Proclaims that the great Lord is coming in power  
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,  
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 50, selected verses

\*HYMN "The Advent of Our God" #120

\*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Eternal God, you are the ruler over all creation, and you deserve all honor and glory. But we confess that we rebel against you, preferring to act as we see fit instead of following your will. We confess that we fail to glorify you, and that we seek to bring honor to ourselves. Just as you came into the world in the past, come into our lives today. Establish your power over us, that we may live as your people. May we know your justice and righteousness, as we pray in Christ's name. Amen."

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 16:4-5

\*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #622

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

NEW TESTAMENT (Unison): Philippians 2:5-11

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 2:1-12

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

\*HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #131

SERMON "Let Earth Receive Her King"

\*HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" #155

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

**OFFERING**

\*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #624

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) Romans 13:11-14  
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

\*CLOSING SONG "Child Of Love" #156

(\* If you are able, please stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leading Worship This Morning:

Advent Candles: Jonathan and Debbie K.

Scripture Reader: Sally P.

Children's Time: Ashley B.

Advent devotional calendars are available in the lobby.

Please pick up a copy of the updated phone and address list in the lobby!

The deacons will meet after worship today.

The Adult Study is exploring the meanings of the Advent candles this month. Next week's theme will be "peace." The study meets at 10:00 in the conference room.

Next Sunday is the deadline to order poinsettias for Christmas. The cost is \$8.50 each. Please sign up in the lobby.

Plan to join us on December 14, when we will go Christmas caroling to our homebound members!

If you would like to participate in our Christmas card exchange, please drop off your cards in the box in the church lobby by December 15. Please bundle your cards in alphabetical order, and only include people who attend worship. Unclaimed cards will be discarded after the first of the year.

The choir will present the Christmas cantata "Messiah: Heaven's Glory" during worship on December 22.

Make plans to celebrate Christ's birth with us at our Christmas Eve service, which begins at 7:30. The service will include carols, candle-lighting, communion, and an original Christmas tale.

The Evan City Food Cupboard is collecting paper products and storage bags for December.

Help the Deacons support the Lighthouse Toy Shoppe. Provide a gift card with a value of at least \$25 for teens 13-17; or give a new unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of 0-12. The Toy Shoppe provides families in our community with the joy of having presents on Christmas morning. A deadline date will follow. Last day to drop off is December 8<sup>th</sup>.

One more week to go before you feel extra love here at Old Union Church! Stay after church for the exciting Christmas Party. Please bring a dish to share if you can and a wrapped gift, \$5, for the gift exchange game. Theme this year – "It's All About Love!"

The Women's Association will hold their Christmas Party on Dec. 1 at 5:30 at Overbrook Pointe on their first floor multi-purpose room. If you can't get in, please dial 724-816-2665.

Old Union's annual Cookie Sale is planned for December 14. Please sign up on the sheets in the lobby if you would like to bake cookies, and /or order cookies, and \$14 for boxes of 2 dozen cookies. Speak with anyone on the Fundraising Committee if you have any questions.

Special Prayers of Concern:

Louise S.  
Josh K.  
Maggie D.  
Ed & Jeanne C.  
Gloria U.  
Dick C.  
Logan R.  
Joyce W.  
Nancy D.  
Dolores Dee M.  
Heny K.  
Betty L.  
Dolly K.  
Joan T.  
Howard B.  
Midge M.  
Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers

Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather, South Sudan

Military:

Matthew David M.  
Justin T.  
Scott F.  
Will B.  
Jacob H.  
Christian C.  
Ryan W.  
Hunter M.  
Christopher H.  
Kevin E.  
Danner C.  
Daniel B.  
Spencer K.  
Luke O.  
Addison D.  
Colton V.