

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEEP RUN

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOVE



“God showed...love for us by sending the Son into the world that we might have life through him. This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.

Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another.”

(John 4:9-11)

DECEMBER 13, 2009 9:00 AM

THE APPROACH

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Rob Penhallow

The Passing of the Peace and Silent Prayer

ACT OF ADORATION

Introit

Light One Candle
Carol Choir

Michael Bedford

Call to Worship

Nolan Schmell

Leader: Prepare the Holy Way, for Christ is coming.

People: How will we prepare?

Leader: Look more compassionately,

People: Understand more clearly,

Leader: Hope more joyously,

People: Seek more deeply,

Leader: Dream more boldly,

People: Serve more gladly,

Leader: Give more freely,

People: Live more fully.

Leader: These are the signs of Christ's presence. This is the Way of peace.

People: Let us prepare, prepare, prepare.

Leader: Let us come together and worship God!

*Hymn #8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

*Prayer of Confession

Emma Stilwell

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri

#567

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

The Hess Family

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Nativity

Sunday School Students (see insert)

Attendance Awards

ACT OF AFFIRMATION AND INTERCESSION

*Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15–20

Nate Zink

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

Please sign and pass the fellowship pad.

*Doxology #592 and Prayer of Dedication

Ben Musser

God of peace, in Christ you bring light to shine in the darkness. Jesus makes your will known to all who believe. We come in response to his call to us, seeking to follow and fulfill his commands. Accept the gifts we offer as symbols of our commitment; bless them, that they may be used as you desire. Mold us and use us as instruments of your will, grace and love. May all that we do honor you. Amen.

*Hymn #40

Joy to the World! (verses 3 & 4)

Antioch

*Benediction and Congregational Response

Gloria (Refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

Thank you to the following volunteers:

GREETER

Bernie Lutterer

USHERS

Jim and Sharon **Butler**, Nick Stilwell, Evelyn Tregaskis (9:00 AM)

Bill and Sandy **Goble**, David and Alaina Wert (10:30 AM)

LITURGISTS

Scott Rossiter (9:00 AM)

Wayne Whitney (10:30 AM)

NURSERY CARE

Kim, Karen, and Courtney Johnson (9:00 AM)

Maggie Argue, Mai Cole (10:30 AM)

FLOWERS

The poinsettias in our sanctuary are given to the glory of God by friends and members of the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This Week

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| Today | 9:00 AM | Worship in the main sanctuary |
| | 9:00 AM | Youth Sunday School |
| | 9:00 AM | Adult Sunday School Class in Hoopes Hall |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship in the main sanctuary |
| | 2:00 PM | Christmas Tea in Hoopes Hall |
| | 3:00 PM | Alleluia Choir in Room 200 |
| | 3:30 PM | Alleluia Bells in Room 200 |
| | 4:00 PM | Youth Instrumental Ensemble in Room 200 |

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| Monday | 6:30 AM | Men's Bible Study – Dublin Diner |
| | 6:15 PM | Daisy Troop in Room 223 |
| | 7:00 PM | Communications Committee in the Communications Room |
| | 7:00 PM | Nominating Committee in Room 226 |
| | 7:00 PM | Pastor Nominating Committee in the Red School House |
| | 7:00 PM | Upper Bucks 4H Seeing Eye Puppy Club in Hoopes Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Women's Bible Study in the library |
| Tuesday | 12:30 PM | Staff Meeting in the library |
| | 6:30 PM | Girl Scout Troop in Room 224 |
| Wednesday | 10:15 AM | Women on Wednesdays in the library |
| | 5:00 PM | Carol Choir in Room 200 |
| | 5:00 PM | Parents Fellowship in the library |
| | 5:30 PM | K-3 rd Grade Youth Group (RSH) |
| | 6:30 PM | Church Family Dinner in Hoopes Hall |
| | 6:30 PM | Girl Scout Troop in Room 226 |
| | 7:30 PM | Adult Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary |
| Thursday | 7:00 PM | Personnel Committee in the library |
| Friday | 9:00 AM | Nursery School Christmas Party in Hoopes Hall |
| Saturday | 2:00 PM | Christmas Caroling |

Prayer Requests

*Call or email the church office to place someone on the prayer list.
Names will remain on the list for four weeks - call or email to reinstate.*

Prayer Requests - Members

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| Don Strouse and family on the death of wife and mother, Cindy | Gene Fickes |
| Ely Swisher | Gene Orr |
| Mary Painter | Chet and Carol Smith |
| Harry and Jean David | Bob and Lois Whitehead |
| | Betty Widmer |

Prayer Requests - Relatives and Friends

Bess Hartzell, Nancy Brosius' mother
Barbara and Dick Chelsted, sister-in-law and brother of Shirley Nichols

Announcements

HEARING ASSISTANCE - four sound enhancement units are available in the narthex

DECEMBER SHEPHERD - Maureen Kosa - 215-766-7598 - call if you know someone who needs help

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA – this afternoon – 2-4 PM in Hoopes Hall. - sign-up sheets are located in the narthex and on the bulletin board downstairs.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Saturday, December 19th - meet at the church at 2:00 PM - three groups will carol in different parts of the community. At the conclusion of the afternoon, you are invited to gather at the Murphys' for fellowship and dinner. Meatballs and roast beef will be provided. Please bring a side dish. A sign-up sheet is posted outside of Hoopes Hall.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been scheduled for December 20th at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary for the purpose of electing elders and deacons.

THE DEADLINE for the January issue of the *Deep Runner* is next Sunday. Copy may be emailed to the church office (deerunpres@comcast.net) or placed in the newsletter mailbox in the committee room (old library).

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE This has been a year in which a lot of us have experienced deep loss. Kids have left home for college. People have lost jobs. Incomes have been reduced. Some have experienced divorce. Pets have died. Family members and dear friends have died. The grief and darkness have been very powerful for lots of us at different times. We will take time on December 21 at 7:00 PM to remember our losses and also remind ourselves there is light in the midst of the darkness. Although there has been pain with the loss there is also hope when we remember the coming of the light in the darkness. Come and find some healing.

NURSERY HELP - still needed for Christmas Eve - please consider sharing your Christmas joy with the youngest members of our church family - volunteers are needed for the 5:00 and 7:00 services. Please contact Laura Mill at (215) 258-2288 or lrmill13@verizon.net. Thank you!

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION on January 31st, all reports are due in the office by **January 10 (no exceptions!)**. They will be processed and handed out on Sunday, January 24th.

IN ORDER TO MAKE WORSHIP MORE MEANINGFUL and create more equity between the two worship services, we are going to change how we make announcements before worship, beginning January 3rd.

1. Everyone who is going to make an announcement is asked to sit in the front row during the Prelude and go to the microphone to make their announcement. Then return to wherever they wish to sit.
2. Announcements need to be short and concise.
3. Anyone who is making an announcement at 9:00 has to have made arrangements for the same announcement to be made at 10:30 so both services receive the same information.

| November 2009 Income Report | | | | |
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| | Nov 2009 | Budget | \$ Over Budget | % of Budget |
| Income | | | | |
| 40000 - Offering | | | | |
| 40010 - Pledge cash/checks | 30,729.00 | 28,272.75 | 2,456.25 | 108.69% |
| 40020 - Non-Pledge cash/checks | 2,400.00 | 1,666.67 | 733.33 | 144.00% |
| 40030 - Plate cash/checks | 804.83 | 2,083.33 | -1,278.50 | 38.63% |
| 40040 - Sunday School | 260.42 | 125.00 | 135.42 | 208.34% |
| Total 40000 - Offering | 34,194.25 | 32,147.75 | 2,046.50 | 106.37% |

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE With grateful thanksgiving for all the many blessings you have received from God, it is now time for you to help make a difference with his work at Deep Run for 2010. In order for our many programs to continue, it is hoped that you will prayerfully consider what you can do to make God's work a success here at Deep Run. When you receive your pledge card, please complete and return it to church as soon as possible. Place it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. *Please note that the IRS requires that all contributions to non-profits be received and deposited by December 31 to get credit for your 2009 taxes. In order to meet this deadline, all contributions must be received by Sunday December 27.*

Christmas Eve Services

5 o'clock ~ Family Service ~ Main Sanctuary
Children's Choirs and Bells

7 o'clock ~ Candlelight Service ~ Irish Meeting House
Solo Music by Dana Laderer

10 o'clock ~ Candlelight Service ~ Main Sanctuary
Chancel Choir



Thought for the Day...

The stronger the reverence for natural life, the stronger grows also that for the spiritual life.

- Albert Schweitzer

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| Organist..... | | Betty Trapp |
| Administrative Assistant..... | | Besse Brindle |

ELDERS

DEACONS

Class of 2009

Pat Edwards
Margie Mosher
Mike Post
Paul Faulkner

Kristin Hurley
Maureen Kosa
Jennifer Spear
Mary Mason

2010

Carol Ramsey
Cathy Feindt
Debbie Hahn

Pat Schuck
Tam Larson
Frank Blow
Donna Drexler

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Walter Murphy
Kim Musser
Jack Roberts

Chris Wilson
Jim Lee
Linda Curran
Eleanor Merbler