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## Third Sunday of Advent

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December 15, 2019

**Liturgist: Jamie Strebing**

10:00 AM

\*Those who are able, please stand

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Use this time of the prelude to reflect **silently** on the different ways in which the Spirit has moved within your life.*

#### Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Christmas season is filled with activities ~ shopping, parties, school holiday concerts ~ added to our normal flow of things.

#### **How can we find time to welcome the Christ child?**

So often we go with what clamors the loudest, and we miss the gentle "tap tap" at the door.

**Weary travelers choke the inn, demanding their lodging, food, entertainment.**

And here stand a pair of poor ragged souls asking you to do even more.

**All: How can one be hospitable in such a time as these?**

**Women: "I'm sorry, but I am full. But I see you, too, have need.**

**Men: Perhaps we can work something out. There is a stable out back..."**

**All: And another candle joins those flickering two.**

#### Choral Response

"One Candle is Lit"

*(To the tune: Away in a Manger ~ no. 115)*

**Come festively sing while awaiting the birth,**

**Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.**

**Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.**

**One candle is lit for the joy of these days.**

#### Prayer of the Day

**\*Hymn of Praise #88**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
Verses 1, 2, 6 and 7

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden, we confess that we are uneasy being known and seen by you. We prefer the safer path, the middle way, the noncommittal response. We like to be in charge of what we disclose about ourselves. Preserving our dignity has been important to us. But you, O God, know our longings and our losses ~ our joys and our delights. Blow on the coals of our hearts, we pray, that we might be delivered to a deeper love and a freer life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

*(Please share the gift of the Joy and Peace with one another!)*

### **\*Response No. 113**

**"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Refrain only

## **Time With Children**

## **Minute for Mission**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

## **Old Testament Scripture**

Isaiah 35:1-10

The Word of God for the People of God

***Thanks be to God***

## **Anthem**

"Our Hope Is in Emmanuel"

Johnson / Helmore

Chancel Choir

## **Gospel**

Matthew 11: 2-11, 16-19

## **Meditation**

"We Can't Overshare With God"

Gretchen Schneider

### **\*Hymn of Reflection #140**

"Once In Royal David's City"

## **The Prayers of the People (sharing our Joys and Concerns)**

Joyful Savior,

**Hear our prayer**

Jesus' Prayer

**Sharing our Gifts**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology #609**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**\*Sending Hymn #744**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

**\*Blessing and Benediction**

And All God's people said

**AMEN**

**\*Congregational Choral Response #134**

"Joy to the World"

Verse 2

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**\*Postlude**



**Sunday December 22**

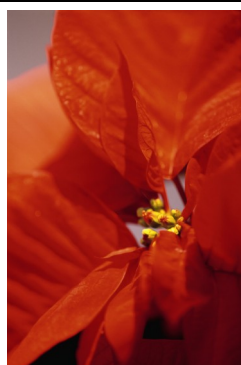
**Liturgist:** Becky Floetker

**Ushers:** Miles Floetker, Tony DeSimone,  
Abby DeSimone

**Soundboard/Video:** Bill Schofield

**Fellowship:** Elaina Henry

**Flowers:** Doug & Susie Burney



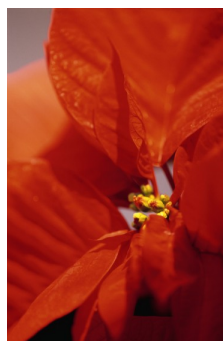
*The flowers today are  
provided by*

*Barbara Brightwell  
In memory of  
Robert C.  
Brightwell.*



**Join your CPC  
family on the  
Advent Journey**

**If Pastoral Care is needed,  
Pastor Gretchen Schneider  
Can be reached at  
(317) 408-7907 or  
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**Poinsettia Order  
Form is enclosed  
in the bulletin.  
Order deadline is  
**TOMORROW**  
**December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Price per plant is \$9.50****



## Men of Christ Angel Tree

Help the Men of Christ make Christmas happy

for four local area families. After next week, here's the five easy steps:

- 1) Pick a gift tag from the tree in the Narthex
- 2) Buy and wrap the gift
- 3) Add your personal gift tag
- 4) Add the **original** gift tag
- 5) Bring to church by **December 15**

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, place it in an envelope and identify it for the Angel Tree.

## Angel Connection Needs These Items

Angel Connection would like CPC to focus on these items —

- Cake mix
- Icing
- Flour
- Sugar

Food Drive



We are one of a few churches in the immediate area donating items to ensure Angel Connection has adequate supplies to meet the demand.

## Special Offerings

Where does your money go when the "December" Special offerings are received?

**Christmas Offering Envelope** (found in your box of weekly envelopes). This offering stays within CPC. This is now added to the Deacon Fund.

**Christmas JOY offering** is usually collected on Christmas Eve, but can be received anytime. Be sure and indicate that it is for the **JOY** offering. These funds are forwarded to the Presbytery and are used to help families of active and retired church workers. It also is shared with Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education.



## Christmas Concert TONIGHT

The Outreach Commission is hosting a community Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the sanctuary.

The **Mount Vernon High School Choir** will be performing this year. Mark your calendar and tell your neighbors and friends to join us on the 15<sup>th</sup>!



## Prime Timers ~ Christmas Carols

11:30 a.m. on December 17<sup>th</sup>

in the CPC Multipurpose Room

~ Lunch will be provided by Arlene Wheeler and Sandy Robbins \$10 ~

**Then join in a Christmas Carol Sing!**



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**Calendar for Week of  
December 15**

Sunday 12/15 **6 PM** Community Concert  
by Mount Vernon Choir —  
Sanctuary  
Monday 12/16 **7 PM** Troop 88 Court of  
Honor — MP Room  
Tuesday 12/17 **11:30 AM** Prime Timers  
— MP Room

**Sign up sheets are in the  
narthex.**

We need volunteers for  
Liturgist, coffee  
fellowship, and  
purchasing the sanctuary  
flowers to honor,  
remember or show  
appreciation for someone.



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**December**

Tony DeSimone 12/15  
Andie Baker 12/16  
Michael Gill 12/23  
JoEllen King 12/23  
Christie Waggoner 12/23



**ATTENDANCE**

**December 8**

**47**



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**FAMILY SERVICE 5:00 PM**

**CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE  
10 PM**



**REMEMBER IN PRAYERS**

**At Home:**

Miki Bean  
Joan Thomas  
Bruce Henry  
Karyl Sprague



**In Hospital, Nursing Home &  
Assisted Living Centers:**

**Ann McFate** @ Wyndmoor of Castleton,  
Indpls., IN  
**Mary Alice Beaumont** @ American  
Village  
**Jim Coyle** @ Westminster Village 11030  
Presbyterian Dr. #4113; 46236  
**Shirley Tichenor** @ Westminster Village  
11050 Presbyterian Dr. Apt. 4315;  
46236



**December 8**

**\$3,485**

**Year to Date**

**\$141,945**



# December 2019

January 2020

December 2019

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 1	2 7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	3 12:00pm Stewardship Commission (The Grill) 1:00pm Needlecrafters (MP Room)	4	5 1:00pm PW Coordinating Team (Education Room) 7:00pm Deacon Meeting (Education Room) 7:15pm Council Meeting	6 Troop Lock-In (MP Room)	7
8	9 7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	10 10:15am Hope Circle (Education Room)	11	12	13	14 9:00am Men of Christ (Lincoln Square) 5:00pm Sarah Circle Christmas Party (MP Room)
15 6:00pm Community Concert (Sanctuary)	16 7:00pm Troop 88 Court of Honor (MP Room)	17 11:30am Prime Timers (MP Room)	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve (United States) 5:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service 10:00pm Candlelight	25 Christmas Day (United States)	26	27	28
29	30 New Year's Eve (United States)	31	Jan 1, 20	2	3	4

# Welcome to CPC

## CONNECT WITH US

Please let us know who you are and how we can help you. Please tear off this sheet, fill it in and place in the offering basket.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] First Visit [ ] Address change [ ] Connect Me:

Please check all that apply:

- I'd like to speak to the pastor
- I'd like more information about programs for children & youth
- I'm interested in joining a small group
- I'd like to receive the newsletter
- I'd like to be on the church's mailing list
- I'd like to help; please have someone contact me to learn about my passions and skills
- I'd like to attend the next membership class
- Other (please tell us): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

We will keep this information in confidence.