

*Welcome to
St. Peter's Pikeland
United Church of Christ*

1193 Clover Mill Road
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania 19425

Christmas Eve



December 24, 2013

5:00 p.m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"I Wonder as I Wander"

"Slumber, Beloved, in Blissful Sleep" J.S. Bach

"Sussex Carol" Milford

"What Child Is This?" Behnke

PRELUDE

"Once in Royal David's City"

Hobby

WELCOME

*During the service, the people will make the responses
in the **bold print**.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to God, all the earth.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

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

This light shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
and Prince of Peace.

For unto us a child is born, whose peace is everlasting.

CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

All who are able may stand for the carol

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

God, our hearts sing with joy and praise because of Jesus.

At this happy season we rejoice that Jesus came among us.

By his birth and life he has shown us that we are greatly loved.

**Help us to remember Christmas all year long by giving to
others the gifts of life: hope, peace, joy, and love, expressed in
the works of our hands and hearts. Amen.**

HANDBELL SOLO

Grace Merryman, soloist

CHILDREN'S TALK

The children will remain seated in the pews.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

CAROL (seated) "Away in a Manger"

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

CAROL (seated) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Doug Hanson

CAROL (seated) "Silent Night"

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

OFFERTORY INVITATION

*Offerings not directed to the church or to any other mission
will be received for Bethany Children's Home*

OFFERTORY "O Holy Night"

PRESENTATION

*All may stand as the offering is presented and remain standing for
the prayer, hymn and blessing that follow.*

SONG OF PRAISE 780

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 DEDICATION

God of heaven and earth, we dedicate our offering to your church and the work of your church. We pray that it will always be a source of hope and peace and joy and love. Through the miracle of the Christ child's birth, help us to bring the light of your Good News to all people. Amen.

CAROL

“Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

BENEDICTION

(The candles will remain lit)

POSTLUDE

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"

Chapman

TONIGHT'S WORSHIP

THE MESSAGE will be brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson.

OUR ORGANIST is Kat Bowman.

FOR PARENTS OF INFANTS a rocker and changing table is available for your use next to the lower level rest rooms.

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Merry Christmas from St. Peter's Pikeland UCC

It is our sincere hope that you enjoy this Christmas week with your loved ones and families. Whether you travel or stay close to home, we wish you warmth and safety within the love of God, given to us through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.



Church Staff

Rev. Doug Hanson, *Pastor*

Kat Bowman, *Music Director and Organist*

Annamae Moore, *Pastoral Care Coordinator*

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