

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 2, 2007 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

PRELUDE *Chorale with Variation* -Colvin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: Our feet are standing with your gates, O Jerusalem. Peace be within your walls.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, let us worship the Lord our God.

***SONG OF ADVENT** 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

***CONFESSING OUR FAILINGS** (all together)

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. With moments so critical, we let time go by. With deliverance so near, we linger in the darkness. With Christ as our armor, we yet fear the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth, that we may meet the moment you graciously give us. Dispel the shadows, so that your will may be clear. Clothed with light and new life in Christ, let us go forth as those awake to your will.

***A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

*All who are able may stand

***DECLARING AND HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Jesus said that anyone who hears what he says and trusts in God, has eternal life. The time is coming; indeed, it is already here. All who heed God's voice shall have life and that, indeed, eternal.

People: We rest in the assurance of God's grace made known to us in Jesus the Christ, for in him we are forgiven!

***GIVING GLORY TO GOD** 579 *Gloria Patri*

*** EXCHANGING THE SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Leader: We light this candle as a sign that the light of God is coming into the world.

People: We light this first candle to remind us that the light of God illumines the heart filled with shadows of hate and rage. Christ's light shines forth the path of peace.

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O Lord: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom. Make us strong in faith, so we may greet your Son when he comes, and joyfully give him praise, with you, and with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 13:11-14

SERMON "A Ministry of Hope" -Dr. Lance Brown

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (all together)

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.

PRESENTING GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Song

-Wolford

*PRAISING GOD'S GOODNESS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (all together)

O God, your will is revealed in hidden places. We are told to be ready for your Son comes at times we do not expect. We are told to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and visit those in prison. Quiet our fears, so that we may venture confidently into the unknown and minister to strangers in our midst. Amen.

SHARING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

***A COMMUNION SONG:** 510 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts vs. 1,3,5

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

*A SONG OF ADVENT

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*THE BLESSING OF GOD'S PRESENCE

*POSTLUDE

Recessional

-Cundick

(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lance Brown

Guest Organist: Paul Hartley

Usher: Richard Jones

Layreader: Melanie Wojcik

Counters: Bill Halligan & George Shaffer

Building Check: Personnel

(December 9th – Church & Society – December 16th - Membership)

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

Prayer Request Cards, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children.

CALENDAR

Today	- December 2	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion 1 st Sunday of Advent Rev. Lance Brown preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time Play Practice
Wed.	- December 5	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Luncheon Membership Meeting
Sun.	- December 9	10:00 a.m.	Worship - 2 nd Sunday of Advent Elder Richard Petersen preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time Play Practice

Congratulations to Bill Seifert on the birth of his granddaughter Emily Ann. Emily was born on November 23rd and is the daughter of Matt & Annie Seifert.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bruce Barrows ♦ Marion Bartnik (The Fiegls) ♦ Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Dick Fischer ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Ollie Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Pam Setzer (The Fiegls) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Betty Sroczyk ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam)

Chris Kalinowski ⊕ Matthew Jones ⊕ Bill Cenkner Jr. ⊕ Patrick Baskerville ⊕ Sammy Russo ⊕ Kimberly Trudeau ⊕ Steve Odebralski ⊕ Jason Zimmerman ⊕ Andrew Zalikowski ⊕ Nick Turvey ⊕ Kristen Pelc ⊕ Ben Schauss ⊕ Phillip Schott ⊕ Josh Winkler ⊕ Russell Molnar ⊕ Pat McCullough ⊕ Ryan M. Ratigan ⊕ Larry Lloyd ⊕ Joshua Feldman ⊕ Dan Dudziak ⊕ David Ferg ⊕ Zachery Goggins ⊕ Alison Lankes

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:
Jean Bengert The Goggins family Marilyn Mohr Don & Betty Sroczyk

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

Please note: next week, December 9th, Hillary Krutchick, Paul & Betty Rasp's granddaughter will be singing during our worship service.

Christmas play practice will take place today after church in the sanctuary. All children are welcome to join us. If you have any questions please see Dawn Corless or Sandy Perillo.

On Sunday, December 16, 2007 we will be having a raffle of different Christmas items. Last year we raffled off 2 cookie plates, 2 candy baskets (holiday mix) and Kathy Doll's famous cookie tree. If anyone would like to donate an item for this, please see Diane Molnar. The proceeds will be going to AIDS Family Service.

Christmas Play & Potluck Would you like to spend an evening with family and friends remembering what Christmas is all about? Then join us on December 16th at 5pm as the children of our church share with you "The Christmas Story." Please bring your favorite dish to share and drop it off in Fellowship Hall (downstairs) and come up to the Sanctuary. We need to know how many to set up for, so please sign up before or after church. The sign up sheet will be on the table in the entryway. The children have been working hard on the play, so please come out and support them. We hope to see you there.

Attendance for November 25th
Adult – 45 Children - 9



If you wish to order a poinsettia plant you may place your order with any deacon. The Deacons are selling plants December 2nd & 9th only so be sure to place your order. The poinsettias will be decorating our sanctuary on December 23 & 24. Plants are \$6.50 each and can be picked up after worship on Christmas Eve.

Poinsettias are courtesy of **Bengert Greenhouses**
230 French Road West Seneca, NY (716) 823-6114

Name _____ # of plants _____

In Memory of _____

In Celebration of _____