

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 9, 2007 10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PREPARATION

“O God, who loved the world so much that you sent your Son, Christ, to reveal the height, breadth, length and depth of your love, we come to worship you. Prepare our hearts that we may rightly approach your throne of grace and reverently receive your revelation for us.”

### 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

*God Be Praised and Blessed*

*-Scheidemann*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices!

**People: Open the gates before him, lift up your voices!**

Leader: Who is the King of Glory; what shall we call him?

**People: He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.**

**All: Enter in, Lord of our life. Stir in us the old excitement. Receive our praise. We who worship 'here want to help clear your way into all the world.'**

### \*HYMN

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*Comfort, Comfort You My People*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (all together)

**God of peace, who sent light into the world in the coming of Jesus Christ: We confess that we have not followed the light given to us. We have not searched for signs of your love, or trusted the goodness of your good news. We have failed to praise your Son's birth as we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.'**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

\*All who are able may stand



**OFFERTORY**          *Jesu Bambino*          (soloist – Hillary Krutchick)    -Pietro Yon

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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)

**Blessed God, we stand before you as your people, offering to you what we can in anticipation of your coming again to earth. You give us much, we give you little - yet, you are gracious to bless what we give. Please accept these small gifts and transform them into the work of your reign on this earth, as we make ready for the newborn Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**                    9          *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound vs. 4*

**POSTLUDE**                  *Now Thank We All Our God*                                  -Thiman  
(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Guest Preacher: Elder Richard Petersen  
Guest Organist: Paul Hartley  
Usher: Richard Jones  
Layreader: Debbie Goggins  
Counters: Bob & Marsha Barnhart  
Building Check: Church & Society  
(December 16<sup>th</sup> – Membership – December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Administration & Finance)

## 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 9	10:00 a.m.	Worship – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Elder Richard Petersen preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time Play practice
Wed.	- December 12	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Meeting
Sun.	- December 16	10:00 a.m.	Worship – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Stewardship Sunday Elder Richard Petersen preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time Christmas Raffle
			Play practice
		5:00 p.m.	Christmas Play & Potluck

**Please note:** Next Sunday, December 16, 2007 is Stewardship Sunday. Please be sure to join us for a Harvest of Gifts Celebration.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Marion Bartnik (The Fiegls) ♦ Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Dave Cieslinski Sr. ♦ 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 Pakenham) The Larson & Cline families as they mourn the death of their son, A.J. Larson

Chris Kalinowski ☼ Matthew Jones ☼ Bill Cenknier 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:  
Bob & Joann Bengert Judy Gray Diane & Joe Molnar The Stoklosa family

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**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.

**Angel Clothesline Update:** What a great job everyone did bringing in items for the Angel Clothesline/basket. A total of 27 hats, 24 pairs of mittens/gloves, 2 packages of socks, 6 packages of underwear, 2 hat/mitten sets, and 1 handmade scarf were given to Interfaith Hospitality Network. There was a mixture of sizes, genders, and colors which people could choose from. Thanks again for your help and cooperation.

**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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:** We are looking for a few people to help support our Christmas Play. We need an usher that evening, someone to set up and take down the blue curtain, and we are looking for anyone who would like to share their musical talents with us. If you can help with any of these please see Dawn Corless. Thank you.

<p><b>Attendance for December 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Adult – 48 Children - 11</p>
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If you wish to order a poinsettia plant you may place your order with any deacon. The Deacons are selling plants December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_