

**PRAYER LIST:** (New prayers should be given to Denise in the Church Office.)

- Sympathies to the Family of Sylvia Page (Winston's Wife) who passed away on 11-20-17 at the age of 80; Sylvia & Winston were married for 60 years and she leaves behind her children, Winston Jr. and Sandra Welch; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; services were 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 with Elder Jim Boggs officiating;
- Sympathies to the family of Candy Coldren (Karen's friend) passed away on 11/25/17 after being ill and in hospice care for a long while;
- **Keep Jim Boggs' Mother & Father in prayer;**
- Courtney Carroll (Natalie Wildman's friend) leukemia/transplant;
- John Conrad (Anna & Elise's Grandpa) in permanent nursing care;
- June Conrad (Anna & Elise Conrad's Grandma) had a mild stroke / testing done, results pending / staying with the Conrads;
- Dena (Wandersleben's friend) Melanoma / highly aggressive;
- Ronald Farioli (Leslie Crawford's bro.) Pacemaker clean / tests continue;
- Layla Goodwin (Fred Goldstein's co-worker's granddaughter), 4 yrs. old, with esophageal issues from allergies / may need a feed tube;
- Kim Howard's Father (Sarah Bailey's Friend), head, hands and arms severely burned due to house fire / at OSU hospital / months of recovery;
- Claudia Johnston (Tom's wife), fell and fractured her ankle / now at Wesley Ridge Care Facility , Room 102 (Call Karen or Tom before a visit) – You may send cards to home address;
- Kayla W. (Celler O'Toole's friend) recovering from intestinal surgeries;
- Kenny (David O'Toole's uncle) ICU w/Heart Failure, critically ill;
- Phil Kourim (Jamie Bowlby's brother) recovering from a stroke;
- Elizabeth Leahigh (Denise's Mother) recovering from fall with broken nose and elbow fractures;
- Bob Lutz (Karen J.'s brother) ICU/ cancer spread throughout his body;
- Charlene Martin (Celler O'Toole's friend) heart procedure 11/29;
- Shelby Mullins (Kathy Wallace's friend) 16 yrs. old, blood clot in leg;
- Helen Mock (Larry's daughter-in-law), blood clot;
- Wanda Neudorfer Pack (Linda Glenn's friend) cancer;
- Edith Smith, at Mt. Carmel East with fluid in her lungs / is improving and should be released soon;

**Church Family & Friends with Cancer**

Bruce DeHart, Chris Farley, Wanda N. Pack, Jon Thom, Jane Wildman

**Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers**

Connie & Victor DeRose, Howard Efaw, Faye Hammond,  
Anna Jane Justice, Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Ralph Stock
- 7 Angela Hammond
- 11 Fran Hungerford
- 16 Fred & Linda Goldstein
- 21 Joey Crawford, Jason Kean
- 22 Owen Bowlby, Sarah Gundler, David Zeller
- 23 Jack Witt, Pat Landis, Marshall & Linda Glenn
- 26 Wyatt Nathan Harvell
- 28 Tabitha Boggs-Hernandez



<p>Help us wish  <b>“A Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”</b>          to our dear  <b>Fred &amp; Linda Goldstein</b>          this coming December 16<sup>th</sup>!          Congratulations on your  <b>“Sapphire Anniversary”</b> and truly          wonderful years together!          Our Love to both of you!!!</p>	<p>Help us wish  <b>“A Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”</b>          to our dear  <b>Marshall &amp; Linda Glenn</b>          this coming December 23<sup>rd</sup>!          Congratulations on your  <b>“Golden Anniversary”</b> and truly          wonderful years together!          Our Love to both of you!!!</p>
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**PLEASE NOTE:** If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, please give Denise a call in the church office or send an email. We don't want to leave anyone out! Thank you so much!

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**Olde First News – December 10, 2017**

Childcare offered 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.  
 If you are visiting today, we thank you for your visit and hope you enjoy the  
 “Welcome Packet” provided by our Church Greeter.

Please call the Office or an Elder for any prayer needs and emergencies. Call  
 the office at 740-927-4796 and leave a message for changes in the weekly  
 prayer list, updates or announcements. PLEASE NOTE: Assisted Listening  
 Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship. If you need  
 instructions, please see the Greeter.

After Worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall,  
 for coffee & light refreshments!



**Poinsettia ORDERS Are being taken  
 now thru Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - \$8.50 each**

**Red Poinsettias in 6.5” pots with gold foil.  
 Make checks to First Presbyterian Church  
 (Mark “*Poinsettias*” on the memo line.)**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
**MONDAY:** Clogging, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Cub Scout Pack #4021, (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays), 6-8 p.m.  
**WEDS:** Karate Class, 6:30 to 8 p.m. – Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.  
 Illumin8 & Adult Bible Study – Every other Week, 6–8 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** Girl Scout Troop #386, 6 – 9 p.m. (Every Week)

**\*\*\* SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES \*\*\***

- Next Session Meeting – Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- Children’s Christmas Play – Sunday, December 17

**Giving Totals for Sunday – December 3, 2017**

Flowers \$34	Main St. Xmas \$100.17	Memorial (Page) \$175
Missions (Codex) \$200	Building Use \$310	Plate \$5,001
<i>Past Attendance &amp; PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 weekly</i>		
11/12: 30/\$2,036	11/19: 62/\$1,656	11/26: 54/\$2,957.62    12/3: 45/\$5,001

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

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed (\$8.50 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle:    In Memory of    OR    In Honor of

**Congregation Meeting – TODAY  
 December 10, 2017  
 to elect New Church Officers**

- I will take my plant home after Christmas.
- Please give my plant to a Nursing Home / Shut-in.

THE 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT  
 THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY NEXT WEEK.  
 Please remember to pick yours up – and/or a Friend or Neighbors as  
 well to save on postage! Thank you!

# Second Sunday of Advent Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.    Dec. 10, 2017    Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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## Gathering of God's People

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME:    *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,  
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,  
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)*

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP *(Please sign & pass the black pew pads)*

PRELUDE: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" *Sigfried Karg-Elert*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 25*  
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for you have looked favorably  
upon your people.  
You have raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his  
servant David.  
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break  
upon us.  
To give light to those who sit in darkness and guide our feet  
into the way of peace.  
Let us worship God.

\*Hymn of Praise No. 152: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Lighting of the ADVENT CANDLES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abounding grace, have mercy upon us. Our valleys are  
deep when we are encompassed with care. Our mountains are  
high when our burdens are heavy. We grope in the maze of our  
tangled alliances and reap the pain of bad choices and ignorant  
gambles. You promised that all flesh shall see your salvation.  
Show us the straight path and the smooth way that lead to your  
righteousness, through Jesus Christ, who is the way. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Behold the love of God. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
Christ is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed and who now reigns in  
power that we might go forth in love and peace, serving God and one  
another. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*By Jean Peters*

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Luke 2:8-20*

SERMON "And There Were Shepherds"

*By The Rev. Gary M. Brose*

\*Hymn of Response No. 7: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was  
realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own  
people and shared human needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He  
expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother  
to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took  
upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted.  
We believe that God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as  
Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the  
victory over sin and death for all. (Confession of 1967)

## Response to God's Word

### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY: "Comfort Ye, My People"

*arr. G. Winston*

\*DOXOLOGY: 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 FOR OFFERING

Lord God, thank you for the blessings  
you have given us year after year.  
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.  
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,  
to serve you through all the people around us  
who are in need. Amen.

### Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

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.

### Go Out as God's People in the World

\*Closing Hymn No. 169:

"While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks By Night"

\*Benediction



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FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:  
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### CHURCH STAFF

Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Gary Brose  
Choir Directory: Gary Brose Custodian: Tim Klinker  
Nursery Attendant: Linda Flowers  
Organist: Dr. Thomas Veregge Secretary: Denise Kelling  
Elder Assisting Today: Chuck Long