

**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, now home and doing well;

**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 “A Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” to our dear <b>Fred &amp; Linda Goldstein</b> this coming December 16<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations on your “Sapphire Anniversary” and truly wonderful years together! Our Love to both of you!!!</p>	<p>Help us wish “A Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” to our dear <b>Marshall &amp; Linda Glenn</b> this coming December 23<sup>rd</sup>! Congratulations on your “Golden Anniversary” 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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**Poinsettia ORDERS Are being taken now thru TODAY, 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.)**

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

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

Circle: In Memory of OR In Honor of

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

## Olde First News – December 17, 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!



### 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 \*\*\*

- Children's Christmas Play TODAY – Sunday, December 17
- Christmas Eve Service – Dec. 24 – Invite your friends!
- The Church Office will be closed Dec. 22, 27, 28, 29 for Holidays

### Giving Totals for Sunday – December 10, 2017

Bereans \$57    Flowers \$42.50    Missions (Kroger Rewards) \$290.47  
Rental Proceeds \$1,525    Plate \$4,303.33

*Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 weekly*

11/19: 62/\$1,656    11/26: 54/\$2,957.62    12/3: 45/\$5,001    12/10: 43/\$4,303.33

### THE 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

ARE NOW 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!

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

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.    Dec. 17, 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: "Creator of The Stars of Night"    *arr. Raymond Hahn*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP    *Psalm 122*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."

**For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn of Praise No. 151 (1<sup>st</sup> Tune):

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

## Lighting of the ADVENT CANDLES By The Bowlby Family

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. With moments so critical, we often let time go by. With deliverance so near we linger in 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. In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. 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 Jamie Bowlby*

ANTHEM: "Emmanuel"

CHRISTMAS SKIT  
"Just a Little Christmas"

## Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY: "Veni Emmanuel"

*arr. Wayne Barlow*

**\*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. 149: "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
- \*Benediction
- \*Postlude

**CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS  
CHALLENGE**

Please invite an individual or family to church for  
Christmas Eve Morning or Evening Service.  
This could be a co-worker, a neighbor, or even a  
family member. Your choice! Invite them to share  
the Light of God's Love this Season!



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**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Dec. 17, 2017**

**FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:**  
The Rev. Gary Brose at 513-260-8230

**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: Tom Johnston