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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 11, 2016 10:00 AM**

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*\*All who are able, please stand.*

Prelude

Announcements

**LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

Chancel Choir *Of the Father's Love*

Bell Accompaniment – Sheron Engleka

Responsive Reading Tom Calvert

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

**And he will be called Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

**And he will be called Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

**And he will be called Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

**And he will be called Prince of Peace.**

*Candle Lighting*

Today we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of our hope in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor. The second candle reminds us of our joy in knowing a God who is powerful and almighty. We light the third candle to remind us that Jesus came to earth as the Prince of Peace. In a world filled with conflict and discord, we pray for harmony and unity as we work towards claiming the promise of peace on earth.

Choir & Congregation *Of the Father's Love* (Below)

Bell accompaniment – Sheron Engleka

**All: Gracious Lord, we thank you for your promises and for coming to earth to be our Prince of peace. As we continue our Advent journey, grant us the peace that comes from trusting in your grace, and relying on your promises. Help us spread this peace through all the things we say and all the things we do. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION**

\*Call to Worship

\*Confession

M: Let us confess our need for God's saving grace.

**C: Holy God, Advent is almost over and Christmas is near. We have spent much time, energy and money preparing for the holidays. We confess, however, that we often neglect our spiritual preparation and overlook the One whose birthday we will soon celebrate. Forgive us for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and make us hunger and thirst for your righteousness. We ask all this in the name of Jesus our Messiah. Amen.**

M: This is the good news: In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are made a new creation.

**C: Thanks be to God who redeems us and makes us his people.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Hymn *Angels We Have heard on High* 132

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's time Bobbi Robertson

TUCC Ringers *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*  
*Glory to the Newborn King*

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10 Pew Bible 615

\*Gospel Matthew 11:2-11 Pew Bible 844

Anthem

Rise Up, Come on and Get Ready! Arr. Pepper Choplin

Sermon Dwayne Hay

\*Hymn *The First Noel* 136

**DEDICATION**

Call To Stewardship

Offertory

\*Response *What Can I Give Him?* 154

What can I give Him, poor as I am

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise-man I would do my part;

Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* 128

\*Pastoral Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Surely the Presence of the Lord* Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

I can feel His mighty power and His grace,

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face,  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

\*Silent Reflection and Meditation

\*Postlude

***Whoever you are, wherever you are on your life's journey,  
you are welcome here.***

**See a sound person** for DVD copies of any service.

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**\*Please turn your cell phones off during worship.**

**Sharing a message next week:** Family Christmas Program

**There is an attended nursery for children ages 5 and under.**  
**Also available at each sanctuary entrance:** ►Hearing amplifiers  
►Large print bulletins ►Recycling boxes for bulletins (inserts are reused) ►“These Days” daily devotionals ►Note Cards

**Chancel flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Douglas & Lindsey Deaner and his sons Lorenzo A. and Daniel D. Deaner by Lynn & Marjorie Deaner.

**Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert S. Keidel by his wife, Kathryn.

**Acolyte:** Alivia Coughenour      **Nursery:** Leanna Coughenour

**Lector:** Dwayne Hay      **Sound:** Lynn Deaner, Lori Gindlesperger

**Greeters F:** Greg & Judy Croner

**B:** Lonnie, Jessica, Alivia, Caroline & Samuel Coughenour

**Ushers:** Larry & Gale Hay      **Youth Usher:** Lucas Hayman

**Attendance:** Last Sunday – 127      Sunday School – 40

**PRAYER LIST:** God’s guidance and protection for the Armed Forces, Katie Ansell, Roy Bucher, Basil Constantino, Jessica Coughenour, Wayne Deeter, Dorothy Doyle, Doug Gainer, Ruth Gindlesperger, Megan Harris, Mary Kretchman, Eloise Long, Debbie Luteri, Janice Miller, Mary Jane Emerick Ohler, Leon Paul, Ruth Romesberg, Mary Sarver, Hazel Saylor, Lois Saylor, Darla Shaulis, Clara Smith, Caleb Snyder, Kathy Spangler, Joyce Twombly, Adeline Vieregge, Margie Zorn

**The bell choir** would like to thank Lucas Hayman for playing with us through the Christmas season.

**Christmas Fund offering**, will be collected during the month of December. Envelopes are included in today’s bulletin.

**Newsletter** deadline for January issue is **December 12th**.

**Consistory** will meet at 7 PM on **December 12th**.

**Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal** will be held Saturday, **December 17th** at 9 AM

**Birthday Party for Jesus** will be held Saturday, **December 17th**, following Christmas Program practice.

**Trinity Youth Ringers** will practice Saturday, **December 17th**, following Christmas Program practice.

**HUGS & KISSES Soup & Sandwich and Cookie Sale** will be held Sunday, **December 18th** following worship. Plan now to fill your belly and stock up your cupboard with some yummy cookies.

**Family Christmas Program** will be presented on **December 18th**.

**Search Committee** will meet **Dec. 19th** at 7 PM.11.

**Trinity Ladies** will meet **December 20th** at 7 PM. We will hold Santa’s workshop and wrap gifts for our annual Adopt a Family. **We are offering our wrapping services to the congregation.** If anyone has packages that they would like u to wrap, we’ll do it then. Donations will be accepted. We will also have a sock exchange game for the Trinity Ladies members, so bring a new pair of wrapped socks, if you would like to participate.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held **Dec. 24** at 11 PM.

**The church office** will be closed **December 23 and 26th**.

**Credit Deadline for 2016:** The last day to place 2016 contributions in the offering plate is **December 25**. All mail offerings must be received in the office by **December 27**. After that time, credit will be given for 2017. Contact Shirley Gary with questions (267-4837).

**We have two TV sets** with wooden stands in the social room that are in need of a good home, if interested please contact Jim Darr.

**The Birthright Giving Tree** can be found in the Fellowship Hall again this year. If you would like to participate, simply remove an ornament from the tree, purchase that item and place it in the red Birthright bin. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**The Laurel Highlands Choral** will present “Hometown Christmas” **TODAY** at 3:30 PM here at Trinity UCC, as a benefit for the Berlin Food Pantry. The concert will feature both sacred and secular

holiday music that you will both recognize and enjoy. This concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the Christmas efforts of the Berlin Food Pantry. A reception (with refreshments) will be held following the concert.

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**TODAY: 9 AM** SUN. SCHOOL **10 AM** WORSHIP  
**11 AM** PRAYER     **11 AM** TRINITY YOUTH RINGERS  
**3:30 PM** LAUREL HIGHLANDS CHORALE  
**MONDAY: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**7 PM** CONSISTORY  
**WED.: 6:30 PM** TUCC RINGERS     **7:30 PM** CHANCEL CHOIR  
**SATURDAY: 9 AM** FAMILY PROGRAM REHEARSAL, BIRTHDAY  
PARTY FOR JESUS AND TRINITY YOUTH RINGERS PRACTICE  
**NEXT SUN.: 9 AM** SUN. SCHOOL **10 AM** FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM **11 AM** PRAYER  
**11:00 AM** H&K SOUP & SANDWICH AND BAKE SALE

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