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**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
**Christmas Eve                      December 24, 2016                      11:00 PM**

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(\*All who are able please stand)

Prelude

Announcements

Solemn Declaration

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Chancel Choir                      *Of the Father's Love*

Bell Accompaniment – Amanda Custer

Responsive Reading                      Tom Calvert

Tonight, we conclude our Advent journey as we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the one promised in scripture.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us!**

We celebrate the hope brought to earth by our Wonderful Counselor.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us!**

We rejoice in the strength and power of a Mighty God.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us!**

We sing of peace on earth and good will to all people.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us!**

And we lift our hearts in praise to our Everlasting Father.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us! Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

*Candle Lighting*

Tonight, we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. As the light from these candles fill this room, we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the newborn King. The one who is Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, God with us.

Choir & Congregation                      *Of the Father's Love*

**All:** Gracious Lord, throughout this Advent season we have come to know you by many names. Tonight we celebrate your birth and thank you for being our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Remind us that no matter where we are, or where we've been, you are with us. We gather in the glory of this night to welcome you as Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. We pray this in the wonderful name of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)                      by Joanne Carlson Brown  
It's Christmas Eve again, God. We're barely ready for it. So much to do to get ready - gifts to buy and wrap, parties to attend, trees to trim, houses to decorate. We're in a whirlwind of activity. In the midst of the busyness we sometimes miss what it is all about - you coming to earth –Emmanuel - God-with-us. Help us hear anew your promises of hope and salvation and love as we sing our familiar carols. Forgive us for forgetting the magic of this night, for focusing on ourselves and what we need to do instead of on the miracle of Jesus' birth. Rock us out of our complacency. Let us hear angel voices, see shepherds hurrying to a stable, feel the baby's soft breath on our cheeks, and ponder in our hearts what all this means for the world and for us. Amen.

\*Words of Forgiveness

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| *Hymn         | <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> | 145              |
| Scripture     | Isaiah 9:2-7                   | Pew Bible 586    |
| Choral Anthem | <i>Christmas Fanfare</i>       | Joseph M. Martin |

**OFFERING**

Offertory

\* Response                      *All Creatures of our God & King*                      64 (vs. 5)  
Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

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| Choral Anthem | <i>Run, Shepherds!</i>              | Victor C. Johnson |
|               | Soloists, Ann Slifco and Ann Slifco |                   |
| Scripture     | John 1:1-14                         | Pew Bible 922     |
| TUCC Ringers: | <i>Mary Did You Know?</i>           |                   |
| Scripture     | Luke 2:1-20                         | Pew Bible 889     |
| Choral Anthem | <i>Sing With the Angels</i>         | Ruth Morris Gray  |

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| Sermon                                    | Bill Deal |
| *Hymn <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> | 133       |

Candle Lighting

*As the lights are dimmed, the Pastor will light his candle from the Christ candle and then light the ushers' candles. The ushers will light the candle of the first person in each row. Remember that the non-lighted candle is tipped to be lighted. When all candles are lit, we will join the choir in singing "Silent Night." When directed by the Pastor, extinguish your candles. Please hold your hand behind the flame to keep wax from spattering.*

***Silent Night! Holy Night!***

**Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy infant so  
tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing  
alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!  
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of  
redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

Commission

Leader: Proclaim the good news. Tell the world that the Light of God shines in the world. Celebrate the hope and promise of this day. Go with God's peace in your hearts.

**People: Thanks be to God for the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. He came as a baby, died as our Savior, rose as our Lord, and is coming again as our King. All honor, glory and blessing be to Him! Alleluia!**

TUCC Ringers:        *On Christmas Day In the Morning*

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| *Hymn <i>Joy to the World</i> | 125 |
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Benediction

Leader: And now may the glory and love of God surround you. May the grace and peace of Christ dwell deep within you. May the power and presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you.

**All: Amen.**

*Pastor & choir will exit before the congregation.*

\*Postlude

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Ministers: All the Members**

**Organist: Cynthia Brant    Choir Director: Linda Gallick**

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**Acolyte:** Sami Jo Hayman

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**Ushers:** Leanna Coughenour, Bobbi Robertson

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**Youth Usher:** Abby Broadwater

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**Greeters:** F - Adeline Vieregge, Kathy and Nathaniel Spangler  
B – Lynn & Marjorie Deaner

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**Sound System:** Tyler Gindlesperger, Alan Brick

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**Bulletins** are given to the glory of God and in memory of her grandparents, Daniel & Anna May Weighley, and her uncle, Jamie Weighley, by Craig, Amanda, Knox and Tatum Stiffler.

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**Thank you** to the Choir and the TUCC Ringers for the beautiful music that they provided tonight, and throughout the year.

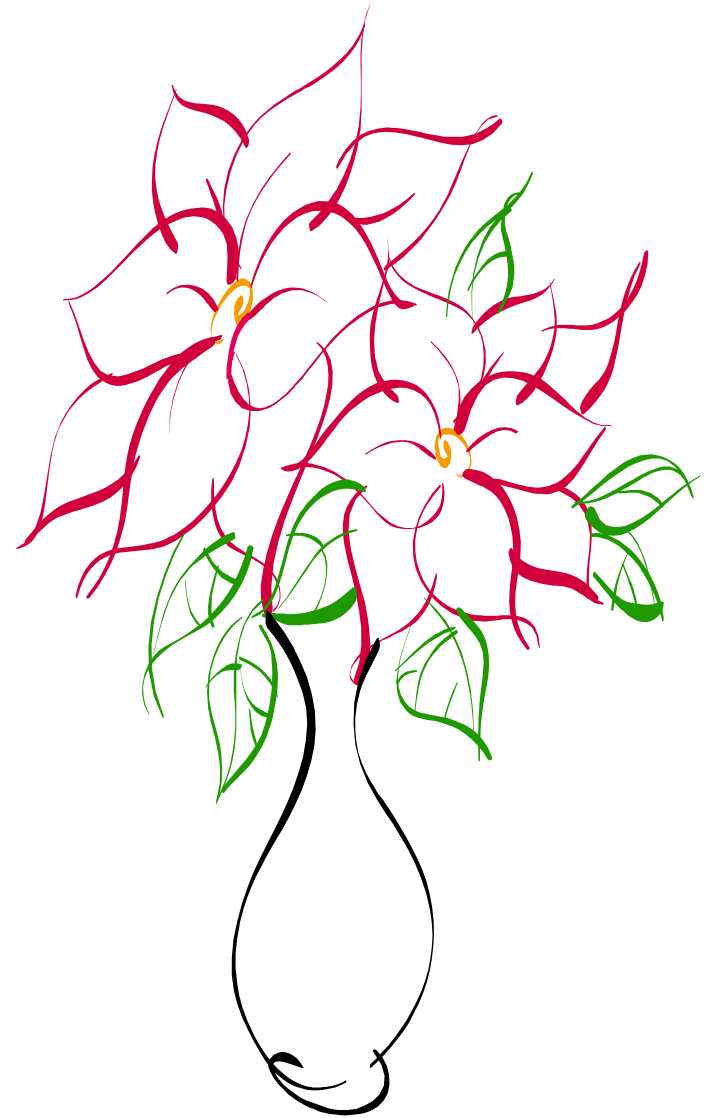
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**Thank you** to all who provided poinsettias. You may take them home following worship.

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**Candles** may be taken home, but please return the holder to an usher.

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**POINSETTIAS**

*Please be sure to pick up your poinsettia, taking only the number that you ordered as listed in this insert.*

## Poinsettias are given:

In honor of our children and grandchildren by Lewis & Barbara Berkley

In memory of our parents Chalmers & Elizabeth Means and Sherman & Anna Berkley by Lewis & Barbara Berkley (2 red)

In memory of Charles & Mary Smith by Carl & Nancy Bittner and family

In memory of Lee & Louise Witt by Carl & Nancy Bittner (7 red, 4 white)

In memory of Nada Schrock by Carl & Nancy Bittner

In memory of Marguerite Shaulis by Carl & Nancy Bittner

In memory of my best friend Frank Ream by Nancy Bittner

In memory of Phillip & Mary Bittner by Carl & Nancy Bittner and family

In memory of Lee & Louise Witt by Mike & Melody Harber

In memory of Charles & Mary Smith by Mike & Melody Harber

In memory of Frank Ream by Mike & Melody Harber

In memory of Frank Ream, Jr. by Shane Taylor

In memory of Frank Ream, Jr. by Glenda Taylor

In memory of Marlin McClintock and Doug McClintock by Debbie Boyer (1 white)

To the Glory of God by Robert and Carol Brown (1 red)

In honor of our daughter Carissa Jo Croner by Nathan & Carrie Croner.

In memory of Barbara Croner (Gran), Audrey Harkcom (Gran), and Mike Harkcom (uncle) by Nathan & Carrie Croner (1 red, 1 white)

In honor and memory of all our loved ones by Don & Nancy Custer (1 red)

In memory of Daniel Lynn Deaner by Lynn & Marjorie Deaner (3 red)

In memory and honor of the Vaughan family by Lynn & Marjorie Deaner

In memory and honor of the Deaner family and in honor of the Doug Deaner Family by Lynn & Marjorie Deaner

In honor of our children: Kris, Kelby and Cassie and our eight grandchildren by Larry & Gale Hay (1 red)

In honor of my best friend Ann by Chris King (2 red)

In memory of Ruth & Frank Ream, Sr. and Frank Ream, Jr. by Chris King

In honor of our grandchildren and Deb's mother Dorothy Doyle by Terry & Debbie Luteri (1 red)

In memory of John & Helen Luteri and Tom Doyle by Terry & Debbie Luteri

In honor of Bob & Mike Chappie by Dave, Missy, Matthew and Kaitlyn Miller (2 red)

In memory of Edna Mae Chappie (Grandma Mae) by Dave, Missy, Matthew and Kaitlyn Miller

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Barron, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Saylor and sisters, Mary, Phyllis and Helen, and brother, Richard by Carl & Karol Saylor (1 red)

In memory of Chester & Marguerite Shaulis and Carl & Dorothy Robb by Curt & Dorothy Shaulis (1 red)

In honor of my best friend Chris by Ann Slifco (2 red, 1 white)

In memory of Frank & Ruth Ream and Frank Ream, Jr. by Bill, Ann, and Willie Slifco

In memory of John & Dorothy Slifco by Bill, Ann and Willie Slifco

In memory of Jerry Vieregge, Shane Vieregge and Harry & Kathryn Rhoads by Adeline Vieregge (1 red)

In memory of Frank, Helen and Brad Boburchock by Jim & Diane Walker and family. (2 red)

In memory of Rick Walker by Jim, Diane, Greg, Sue, Tanner and Keegan Walker.

In memory of the Zimmerman Family by the Zimmerman Family, Allison, Jim & George (1 white)