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Third Sunday of Advent — December 13, 2015

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community and the world through discipleship and service.

Prelude

Kling, Glockchen (Madison Ashbaugh-piano, bells, harp)

Ring, bells, go tingalingaling,

Ring, little bells!

In our hearts now stealing, 'mid the bells all pealing,

Joy and blessing holy from the Child so lowly,

Ring, bells, go tingalingaling,

Ring, little bells!

Ring of the Bell

Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting *The Gift of Love* -Living Spirit

McCabe family

L Love is more than a flicker within the human heart.

C Lord, reveal your love, and make us new.

L In a hurried world with little time for others, Advent calls us to remember that...

C Love is patient.

L In a world where often we become consumed by our own interests, Advent calls us to remember that...

C Love is kind.

L In a world where often we are quick to anger and slow to forgive, Advent calls us

to remember that...

C Love is not easily angered, and through love we come to forgive.

L This Advent let us behold the love of God embodied in our Savior's birth.

C God is love, Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them.

Offering *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* -Emanubells

Offertory ♪ *(What Child Is This)*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

Prayers

A Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

A brief silence.

A For the church throughout the world, for bishops, pastors, and seminaries, for the courage to live out the challenges of our baptism, and for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the earth, for glaciers, for the protection of dormant vegetation and hibernating animals, and for wisdom in the use and care of the creatures and landscapes we live among, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the nations of the world, for soldiers and police, for all who suffer political oppression, for our enemies, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For this congregation, for joy in Christ, and for our community, for an increase in practices that truly enact justice and compassion, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A We praise you, O God, for the lives of all the faithful departed. That we complete our baptismal journey in you, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For all those in need, for those who are sick or cold, injured or outcast, for victims of

fraud or extortion, for all who will die today, and especially for..., let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer 🎵 *(Hark, the Herald Angels Sing)*

God our Father, God of fame, hallow'd be your saving name;
Everywhere your kingdom come, far away and here at home;
May we to your will comply, as the angels do on high;
Grant each day our daily bread, thankful that by you we're fed,
Thankful that our care you've planned; all we have is from your hand.

Grant that we, our sins forgiv'n, follow in the way of heav'n:
May we, even at our worst, show forgiveness shown us first.
Guard us from the tempting devil, and deliver us from evil.
Yours the kingdom, so sing we, pow'r and glory ever be
Unto you while ages run, yea, amen! So be it done!

Cantata *The Bells of Glocken*

(Reader: Jamie Bostelman)

The Bells of Glocken tells the tale of a kingdom whose ruler gives a gift of four bells to his people, one each for hope, peace, love and joy. When the king dies, the bells fall silent and the people become frightened and angry. They long for a new king who will bring them salvation.

Choir/Bell Choir Processional: *How Great Our Joy*
(Tom Jenny, Mike and Laura Kruse, Dave Schwab)

Overture: *Fanfare for Bells* -Bell Choir

Reading of the Story

Ding Dong Merrily on High -Choir

Reading of the Story

Hush, My Child - Karri, Madison, Morgan Ashbaugh

Reading of the Story

Can You Hear those Christmas Bells? -Choir

Reading of the Story

We Three Kings -Ryan Kruse, Marv Mt.Castle, Seth Tonjes

Reading of the Story

Carol of the Bells -Bell Choir

Reading of the Story

Christmastime -Choir

Reading of the Story

Adeste Fidelis -Bell Choir

Refreshments are available after the service in the overflow area.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Donnie Daman in loving memory of Orv.

Caring Corner for December — Project We Care: Angel Tree

Please choose an angel(s) from the tree and, buy, wrap and label the gift with that paper angel and return it underneath the tree no later than **Monday, December 14**. Please also attach any gift receipts you have. Any Gift Cards do not need to be wrapped; simply enclose them in an envelope and label them with the angel. Gifts will be delivered on the 17th.

New nativity

Please notice the new nativity in the elevator entrance which was provided through the memorials given in loving memory of George Kryder, Bonnie Babcock, and Charlotte Wangrin.

Statistics

Sun. 12/06 110+78 (188) communed 100+55 (155) Offerings \$7,535.71 (\$750 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$23 Sun Sch; \$20 Angel Tree; \$300 Good Sam Fd) Simply Giving 11/30 - 12/06 \$765 Gen Fd; \$220 Bldg Fd

Nativities

Thanks to all who brought in nativities for us to enjoy at the Historical Society's downtown church tour yesterday! You may take your nativities home after worship today.

Attention Sunday School parents!

We will have the "dress rehearsal" for the Sunday School Christmas program this morning following the Cantata. We hope to end by 11:30'ish. After the practice, we'll have a hot dog lunch for the kids, and a few helping hands are welcome for that! Please let Carol Castello know that you will help with the simple lunch (food will be provided; you just have to help get it ready!). On Sunday, December 20, we will present the program, "My Dear Lord Gave to Me", at the 10:30 service, with cookies and drinks afterward.

Sewing

The Sewing Day for December has been cancelled.

Flowers

Would you like to reserve flowers for January 3? Please sign up soon!

Newsletter

The deadline for the January newsletter is noon tomorrow. If you would like to join the growing number of members who receive their newsletters by email, please leave your email address in the church office today (or email it!). You will receive your newsletter about a week before you will get it via "snail mail".

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Reader - Jamie Bostelman

Sound Board - Ryan Hoffman

Acolytes - Zachary Skeens & Tyson Reynolds

Ushers - Mike Yaney, Barb Hoffman, Tom Hoffman, Doug Elling, Chris Peper

Altar Guild - Marilyn Fretz & Joleen Brubaker

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

This Week

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle @ Big Boy
	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle at Sweetwater Chophouse
	7:00 p.m.	Dartball here - Trinity, Bryan
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 th grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	7 th grade catechism
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	8 th grade catechism
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program

Offering envelopes

Your 2016 offering envelope boxes are available in the hallway outside the church office.

Your help is needed!!

Sound board operators are needed for: Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. and Dec. 24 at 10:30 p.m. Please sign up today on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Shelly Storch or Peggy Snyder! There are also sign up sheets on the bulletin board for readers and sound board operators for January -February - March!!!!

Christmas Concert

The Henry County Chorale will present a Christmas Concert this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Avenue. A free will offering will be collected at the door, benefitting both the chorale and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Toledo Symphony

The Toledo Symphony will present “The Sounds of Christmas on Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, County Road Q1. Ticket Prices are Adults \$20; Students \$10; children 5 and under are free.

December Worship Schedule

Please take note of these special services!

December 20

8:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Program

December 24

5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

December 25

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

December 27

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship