# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH Associate Member: United Church of Christ



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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013

# CHRISTMAS EVE A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

#### Chimes

**Prelude** 

**Welcome and Announcements** 

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Todd Kendall

Piano/Organ Duet – Ethel Soffa, pianist

Call to Worship

Psalm 96 (NASB)

Sing to the LORD a new song;

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

Tell of His glory among the nations,

His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

Let the sea roar, and all it contains;

Let the field exult, and all that is in it.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy

Before the LORD, for He is coming,

For He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness

And the peoples in His faithfulness.

"Come, and let us adore Christ, the Lord!"

**ANTHEM** 

"Carol of the Faithful" With Congregation Joseph Martin

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee, be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore him, come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8 - 15, 17 - 19

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation

Time of Personal Confession

\*CAROL #155

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" verses 1 & 4

**Assurance of Forgiveness** 

#### Children's Sermon LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15 – 18 (The Message)

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

**ANTHEM** "Repeat the Sounding Joy"

**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 9:2, 6 – 7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

\*CAROL #170 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" verses 1, 2, & 3

**FOURTH LESSON** Isaiah 11:1 – 4a, 6 – 9 (NIV)

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

**ANTHEM** "When Will He Come?" Joseph Martin

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 1:26 – 35, 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

CAROL #171 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" verses 1 & 2

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1 – 7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

**ANTHEM** "Away in a Manger" Howard Helvey

With Children's Choir

**SEVENTH LESSON PART I** Luke 2:8 – 12

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

**CAROL #159** "Sing We Now of Christmas" verses 1, 2, & 3

**SEVENTH LESSON PART II** Luke 2:13 – 16

**ANTHEM** "Angels We Have Heard on High" Joan Pinkston

**EIGHTH LESSON PART I** Matthew 2:1 – 6 (NKJ)

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

\*CAROL #185 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" verses 1 & 5

EIGHTH LESSON PART II Matthew 2:7 - 12 (NKJ)

CAROL #150 "What Child Is This?" verses 1, 2, & 3

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY** "Christmas Medley" arr. Albin C. Whitworth  $piano/organ\ duet-Ethel\ Soffa,\ pianist$ 

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #152 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

#### **PRAYERS**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 load us not into temptation but deliver us fro

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### NINTH LESSON

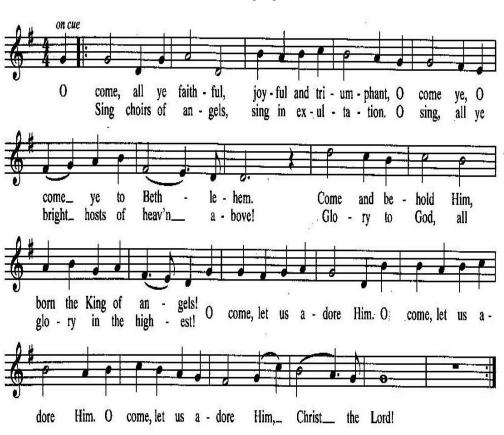
John 1:1 – 14

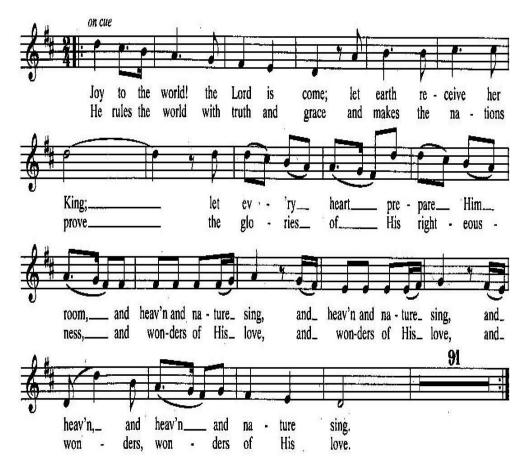
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

**ANTHEM** 

"Joyful and Triumphant" With Congregation

arr. Mark Hayes





# **Candle Lighting Service**

During the Sharing of the Light to the Congregation, the ushers will give light to the first person in each pew. Pass the light to the person next to you. (Please hold the lit candle upright and tip the unlit candle to receive the light. Tipping a lit candle will result in spilled hot wax.)

When the sanctuary lights are turned on after the benediction, please extinguish your individual candle. The person nearest the center aisle may pick up the decorated can under the pew. The last person in the pew may then place the can on the floor beneath the pew.

# **Sharing the Light**

# **Christmas Blessing**

#### Hymn #164

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"
1st verse: English; 2nd verse: German

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.

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht! Alles schlaft, einsam wacht Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

#### **Choral Response**

**Postlude** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Lani Smith

#### Carillon

\*All those who are able, please stand.

#### **Mission Statement of Palm Schwenkfelder Church:**

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

#### Vision Statement of Palm Schwenkfelder Church:

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

#### **Relay for Life Luminaries**

In Memory Of

Edd "Barney" Barnes
Arlene Kriebel Bieler

Paul & Ida Bieler

Ralph M. & Sara K. Bieler

Ray Bittenbender Marion Bleile

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bleiler Mabel & Benjamin Boyer

Ernest Carlin

**Bud & Dot Clowes** 

Gabrielle Jeanette (Daughter)

Denise Dolloff
Denise Dolloff

Donald Eschbach

Betty Ford

Edwin & Mary Fox

**Greg Fox** 

Jacob & Grace Fox

Earl Frantz

Bob & Shirley Frey Bob & Shirley Frey

Charles E. & Harry Frey

Carl Fries Barbara Goda

Christine Groff Bonnie Haviland

Horace & Corinne Hoffman Horace & Corinne Hoffman

Bruce Huber Miriam Huber

Pauline Johnson

Herbert & Leah Jones

Dale Keyser (Son)

Helen & Floyd Kleckner

Mary Kraus Joyce Krick Joyce Krick **From** 

Jeff and Luanne Stauffer

Francis & Ethel Soffa Ray & Peggy Maund

Ed & Kathy Bieler

Lee Schultz Gladys Frantz

Patti Yokl

Marianne Miller

Dave Woodward

Kevin and Karen Schultz

Bob & Beth Croll Ed & Kathy Bieler

Lee Schultz

Carol Eschbach

Glenn & Nancy Hoffman Bob & Lucile Jones The Colvin Family

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoffman

Gladys Frantz

Glenn & Nancy Hoffman
Jeff & Bonnie Treichler
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Margueriete Fries

Anne, Daryl, Whitney, Victoria, and K

Lee Schultz Tara Renninger

Glenn & Nancy Hoffman Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoffman Frank & Becky Davidowski Frank & Becky Davidowski

Lee Schultz

Bob & Lucile Jones

Sandy Keyser Marianne Miller

Kevin and Karen Schultz

Gladys Frantz Lee Schultz Lloyd Kriebel

Mae & Norman Kuhns

Anna Long

Eva & Leon Long

Edna Longacre

Kathryn & Arthur Marks

Kathryn & Arthur Marks

Alcina Mensch Jack Mensch

William Michaels

Alta & James Miller

Francis & Grace Miller

Grace & Francis Miller

Harrison Miller

James & Alta Miller

Michele Neff

Paul Oschwald

Paul Oschwald

My Daughter-in-Law - Beth Pusey

My Husband - Ralph Pusey, Jr.

Ethel Rothenberger

Amanda & Clarence Schultz

Evelyn Schultz

Foster & Ruba Schultz

Mae and Claude Schultz, Jr.

Robert Schultz

Donna Eschbach Sharon

Clarence Shelly

Lucy Shelly

Beth Sikorski

Elizabeth Sinclair

Billy and Blanche Ellen Smith

Catherine Soffa

Frank Soffa

My Parents - Myrtle & Charles Stahl, Jr.

Lenore H. Stauffer

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Clifford, Robert, & Catherine Steele

Donald Steltz

Francis & Ethel Soffa

Edmund & Grace Kuhns

Donna Long

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Gladvs Frantz

Margueriete Fries

Marianne Miller

Glenn & Nancy Hoffman

Carol Eschbach

Kevin and Karen Schultz

Marianne Miller

Margueriete Fries

Marianne Miller

Margueriete Fries

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The Colvin Family

THE COIVILL ATTINY

Nida Oschwald

Lee Schultz

Joan Pusey

Joan Pusey

Daniel & Gail Ferry

Lee Schultz

Kevin and Karen Schultz

Doug Wallinger

Jean and Gregory Ross

Lee Schultz

Carol Eschbach

Brian & Renee Shelly

Lee Schultz

Kevin and Karen Schultz

Nida Oschwald

Jeff and Luanne Stauffer

Francis & Ethel Soffa

Francis & Ethel Soffa

Joan Pusey

Jeff and Luanne Stauffer

Lee Schultz

Doug Wallinger

Kevin and Karen Schultz

Lee Schultz

Jason & Joel Treichler John & Jake Treichler Stanley & Anna Treichler

Gayle Wallinger
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Jack & May Wallinger

Mike Walsh

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Weber Viola & Carla Weber George Windish

Allan & Marguerite Woodward

Judith Yerkes

Lawrence J. Yokl, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Yokl, Sr.

Our Grandparents

**Our Parents** 

William H. & Rachel M. Babel

Ralph Bieler Sara Bieler Austin Fox Chester Garlicki Jean Garlicki Joyce Krick

Melvin B. & Annie M. Long

Loved Ones

Charles & Florence Martin

Andrew Roznowski Bruce Wallace J.B. "Jack" Wallace Jonathan & Katie Wasser Jeff & Bonnie Treichler Jeff & Bonnie Treichler

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Doug Wallinger
Ed & Kathy Bieler
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Brian & Renee Shelly

Patti Yokl Patti Yokl

**Bob & Beth Croll** 

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Ed Bieler

Bob & Gail Brown and Family

Sue Carlin

Gisele Chamberlain

Robert Cope Kimberly Coulson

Bob & Sandy Croll

Diane Detweiler

Mr. Peter Dougherty
Pat & Larry Drobny

The Fegely Family

Mr. Benjamin Fidler

Gladys Frantz

Josephine Greaves

Mr. Jacob Hauser Mr. Bradlev Hendershot

Charles & Robin Hepler

Joe Ann Hillegass

Glenn, Nancy, & Eric Hoffman

**Bradley Hoffman** 

Brad & Missy Hoffman

Brad, Missy, & Olivia Hoffman

Eric Hoffman

Mr. Henryk Hoffman

Olivia Hoffman

Barbara & John Kirwin

Ron Krick

Thomas Kriebel

Ken, Maria, Terry, & Seth Kuhns

Donna Laubach & Family

Donald & Jean Long

Lauren Maher

"Babv" Mason

Mr. Jeremy Mathison

Shirley Miller

Jennifer Odenwald
Pastor Nick & Family

Emily, Christopher, Kim, & Ian Ross

From

Kathy Bieler

Bob & Lucile Jones

Dave Woodward

The Colvin Family

Margueriete Fries

Nida Oschwald

Bob & Beth Croll

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Jean and Gregory Ross

Kevin and Karen Schultz The Ruiz Family Clark Schultz Glenn & Nancy Hoffman Clark Schultz Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoffman Clark Schultz Lee Schultz Clark Schultz Doug Wallinger Wilmer Schultz Kevin and Karen Schultz Our Beautiful Daughters - Kasey & Lauren Kevin and Karen Schultz Debbie Shearer Brian & Renee Shelly Ed Sikorski Kevin and Karen Schultz Roger & Carolyn Steele Kevin and Karen Schultz Cheryl Stinson Carol Eschbach

Mrs. Kate Tompkins Marie Vargo All Choirs & Bells My Children - Lisa, Ralph, Amy, & Meg

My "Favorite" Brother Bob
My "Favorite" Sister Bonnie

My Grandchildren - Grace, Ethan, Abbey, Irene, Sam, Colin, & Zachory

Our Children - Lawrence, Jessica, Sean, & Kirsten

Our Children

Our Children & Their Families

Our Grandchildren

Our Children & Grandchildren

Our Parents
Our Parents

Our Palm Schwenkfelder Church Family

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Lucile Jones Rev. Ronald Krick

Our Children & Grandsons

Vera Wallace

Brian & Renee Shelly Gladys Frantz Joan Pusey Nancy Hoffman Nancy Hoffman

Joan Pusey

**Emily Badman** 

Bob & Beth Croll
Francis & Ethel Soffa
Tom & Tammy Long
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Andrew & Sandra Kriebel
Tom & Tammy Long
Jeff and Luanne Stauffer
Ed & Kathy Bieler
The Pence Family

Marilyn Roznowski Marilyn Roznowski Donald C. & Jean B. Long Donald C. & Jean B. Long

# ... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family...

#### This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Shiogama Higashi Church, Sendai Hosanna Church, Jeff Treichler, Florence Miller, Vern Weller, the Nees family, Dick Guldin, Marty Glowacki, Vera Boykin, Charles Krauss, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Barbara & John Kirwin, Karen Freed, Clark Schultz, Brad Hoffman, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Harold Smoll, Robert Margerum, Mary Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, John Hathaway, Bryan Schwoyer, Betty Pope. Please also keep in your prayers the men and women serving in the United States Military. This month from our Schwenkfelder Prayer list we uplift the Staff of Palm Schwenkfelder Church.

#### **Bible Study**

1 Samuel 12 will be opened in this week's online Bible Study. Help us discern the lessons in this Chapter by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

# **Kids Get Caught Being Kind!**

Members of the Congregation are invited to catch kids being kind. When you see a child carrying out an act of kindness, let them know you caught them and tell them to make a punch on their *Acts of Kindness Incentive Punch Card*! The acts are limitless! Once their card is complete, the card will be entered into a drawing and they will start a new one.

#### **Used Greeting Cards**

The  $5^{\rm th}$  &  $6^{\rm th}$  grade Sunday School class needs your help. They are looking for old/used greeting cards. They will use the pictures on the cards to help create a special book of Bible verses. Please drop off your used/unwanted cards in the designated box located in the Narthex coat closet. Thank you in advance for your help with this special project!

# **Check Out Our Updated Church Website**

Have you looked recently at <a href="www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com">www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com</a>? You will find it has changed and includes a lot of new helpful features. Our home page is an invitation to "Get Started," "Get Connected," and to "Get Involved." You will also find our "Upcoming Events," "News," and "Recent Facebook Posts" on the home page. Send your friends and family to our webpage!

# **Altar Flower Sponsorship Announcement from the Deacons**

Due to rising costs, the donation amount for Sunday altar flowers will be \$50. The new price is effective beginning January 5, 2014. Your participation in sponsoring flowers defrays the cost to the church and brightens our sanctuary with beautiful flowers each Sunday. Sponsorship of bulletins remains at \$15 per week. Please sign up for the date(s) of your choice on the new charts posted in the hallway by the church office. Make checks payable to "Palm Schwenkfelder Church," with the notation of "flowers" or "bulletins," and place in the office lock box or offering plate prior to or on the date of your sponsorship. Thanks for your support!

#### Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party

The Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2014. We will begin at 12:00 noon with a covered dish lunch and a monetary gift collection for Open Link. The luncheon will be followed by our monthly business meeting.

#### **Installation of Officers**

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service, we will have the installation of all new officers. Please greet and congratulate the new officers at the reception in the Adult Sunday School room after the installation.



Mark your calendars! Join us to see the World Premiere of Sight & Sound Theatres' newest show — MOSES! The parting of the Red Sea...the Burning Bush...the Plagues...the Ten Commandments...the greatest Biblical epic of the Old Testament comes to life on the Sight & Sound stage. The show is on Saturday, March 29, 2014. It starts at 2:45pm (bus leaves Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 12 noon). The price includes Perkiomen Tours bus transportation, show ticket, and dinner at Shady Maple Restaurant. The cost is \$130 for adults, \$92 for children (18 and under). Flyer and registration forms now available in the church Narthex. Questions — contact Karen Schultz at 215-679-6747 or <a href="mailto:karen.schultz12@yahoo.com">karen.schultz12@yahoo.com</a> (This may be the perfect Christmas gift — spending the day with your loved ones)

#### **New Schwenkfelder Booklets**

The Publication Committee of The Schwenkfelder Church is pleased to announce that the new *Schwenkfelder Heritage Sites in Southeastern Pennsylvania* booklets will be available for sale. The 70-page booklet contains historical and current information, locations and full-color photographs of Schwenkfelder churches, meetinghouses, cemeteries of the immigrants, and other places of interest. You will find a copy on display in the Narthex. There are maps of the three main Schwenkfelder districts, and smaller maps of selected sites. Two appendices list the immigrants, their "E" numbers, and places of burial. The booklets cost \$15.00 per copy. Please make checks out to "The Schwenkfelder Church." We'd like to thank the many people who assisted the Committee, in providing photographs, history and information to make this booklet possible. The booklets may be purchased in the church office or by contacting the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center (shipping \$3.95 additional.)

#### **Senior Hand Bell Choir**

Do you enjoy music? Please consider joining the senior hand bell choir as we need a couple more ringers. We will be glad to teach you. Musical experience is not necessary. If you have questions please feel free to contact Joanne Luz at 215-679-8237 or just show up for our next regularly scheduled practice on Wednesday, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

# This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

#### Our Schedule: December 24 Through December 29, 2013

#### Tuesday, December 24, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open 7:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve Worship Service

#### Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Merry Christmas!

## Thursday, December 26, 2013

Church Office Closed

#### Friday, December 27, 2013

Church Office Closed

## Saturday, December 28, 2013

## Sunday, December 29, 2013

9:00 a.m.: Combined Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service with Reverend Krick

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#### Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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#### Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Ministers: All Church Members Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick Director of Music: Ed Bieler Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll Senior Bells: Joanne Luz Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master (484) 358-1684

Greeter: Luanne Stauffer

Ushers: Scott Kriebel, Matthew Wright, Pierce Wright, Darrell Manley

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610-845-7208