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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016 CHRISTMAS EVE CANTATA

Canticles in Candlelight

In faithful succession, the sacred flames of Advent's candles shine against winter's cold gray shadows with an unrelenting message of hope, peace, love, and joy. Against a seemingly endless night, the candles gleam with sparkling promise. "A Light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness has not overcome it."

With great expectation, we gather close to the flickering flames and gather strength for our journey to dawn. We warm our spirits at the hearth of worship. We linger in the glow of prayer and devotion and discover the illumination of truth and the warmth of fellowship.

As we gaze into the dancing gold we discover a deeper truth; we are the candles. We are a light on a hill and a beacon of hope, peace, love and joy in the night. We are torches of truth, ignited by grace and refined by fire. As we are consumed, we shine forth the glory of God! Animated by winds of the Spirit we give ourselves to the miracle of the message: "Jesus, the Light of the World has come and we are His children of Light."

Joseph M. Martin, Composer, *Canticles in Candlelight*

Composer, Canticles in Canalengin

Ian Althouse

Chimes

Pre-Service Music

Prelude

"A Christmas Meditation" Piano/Organ Duet, Ethel Soffa, pianist

Roy Nolte

Welcome and Announcements

Senior Bells

"Gloria Fanfare"

arr. Cathy Moklebust

*Call to Worship Hymn #173 "O Come All Ye Faithful" (1st & 3rd verses)

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels! O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God. All glory in the highest":
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

"Prologue" (Instrumental)

"Processional" (Choir)

"Prepare and Celebrate" (Choir)

Carol Hymn #133 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1 and 5)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

"Advent Longing" (Choir)

* "Come, Long Expected Jesus"

(Congregation & Choir)

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive. Suddenly return and never, never more Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above. Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Prayer for the Evening

"Awake! Arise! Rejoice!" (Choir)

"Carols of Joy and Hope" (Choir)

Children's Sermon

* "Joy to the World!" Hymn #146 (Congregation & Choir - verses 1, 2, & 4)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ; While field and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

"A Christmas Madrigal"

(Choir)

Offertory

"Gesu Bambino" Piano/Organ Duet, Ethel Soffa, pianist Pietro Yon

"Turn Your Heart to Christmas" (Choir)

"A Festive Christmas Flourish"

(Congregation & Choir)

The first Noel the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

* Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king; Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies. With th' angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Then let us all, with one accord, sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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

Carol

"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 "Joy to the World" Diane Bish

Carillon

*All those who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in honor of our church family by Brian and Renée Shelly.

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.

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

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Katherine Kocs, Connie Marks, Michael Marsicano, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Edmund Kuhns, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, John Detweiler, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Brandon Komark, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, 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

The online Bible Study will resume on Jan. 1, raising issues in 1 Samuel 31 that are frequently encountered on-the-street. Take part in the discussion by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

H.E.R.O.

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know. Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

Holy Bible App by YouVersion

Teens - check out one of these current plans: Chasing Failure, How to Strengthen your Faith, or Fighting FOMO (it's what happens when everyone else's great day stops us from enjoying our own)

Kids - (and parents can help) check out one of these current plans: Courageous Kids, Next Steps for Kids, Truth or Trash.

Bible for Kids by YouVersion

Type in "Bible for kids free" to begin your kid's journey with Christ. New format, same great stories! Great for kids who aren't reading independently. Interactive fun for all ages.

December Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Drew Colvin (12/21), Jonas Kinsler (12/30)

Migrant Hospitality Project

Thank you to all who have supported MHP throughout the year. Financial support and donated time and furnishing have us ready to serve a household of up to four legal, Christian exiles fleeing persecution from anywhere in the world. Cash donations are still appreciated, in anticipation of moving costs and final items that depend on demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations "Migrants."

Installation of Officers

On Sunday, January 8, 2017, during 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 Classroom after the installation.

Ladies' Aid

The date of the Ladies' Aid meeting for January has been changed from Tuesday the 3^{rd} to Tuesday the 10^{th} .

Open to All Epiphany Party Covered Dish Lunch

Date change: The Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party will be held on **January 10, 2017** at 12:00 noon beginning with a covered dish luncheon. Along with a variety of many delicious foods, we will be collecting monetary donations for Open Link and featuring a guest speaker from Philly Cure HD. Philly Cure HD is a local charitable organization that works to raise funds and awareness in supporting individuals and families affected by Huntington's disease. This special event is open to all so please make plans to join us! It will be a fun and informative afternoon! (And don't forget to bring something yummy to share) The monthly Ladies' Aid business meeting will follow the guest speaker.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, January 10th to take down the holiday stage. Please consider coming out to help with this important and labor intensive task. If you are able to help, please come to the church by 6:00pm that evening.

Annual Report Submissions

And yes, it's also that time, too. Annual reports from all Church committees are due in the office no later than **Tuesday**, **January 10**, **2017**. If possible, please email your report to the church office: **palmadministrator@comcast.net** Any questions should be directed to our Moderator, Joanne Luz.

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship

The **new charts for 2017** are now available and are posted outside the office. The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50. The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart located outside the office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you. Thank You.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, phone calls and visits. I sincerely appreciate it.

Grace Beard

New Kitchen Floor

Starting January 7th and running through to the end of the month, we will be installing a new tile floor in the kitchen. Because of this work, the kitchen will be unavailable and no functions or events will be held in Fellowship Hall until the work has been completed.

February 5th – Souper Bowl Sunday

The Ladies' Aid will be selling soup after the worship service on Sunday, February 5, 2017. So whether you're a football fan or not, please plan on purchasing some delicious soup for lunch!

Treasurer's Report - November 2016

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand Start of Month/Year	\$ 9,811.19	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$21,727.62	\$262,268.96
Operating Expenses	\$24,636.46	\$291,127.64
Ending Operating Cash on Hand – 11/30	\$ 6,902.35	\$ 6,902.35

Treasurer's note: Please notice that we have used almost \$29,000 of our \$35,761 starting balance as of November 30, 2016. Your generous support in December will help us to finish the year with a healthy starting cash level for 2017. Thank you for your support.

Address Changes/Updates

As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the bulletin. There will also be a section in the Palm Leaves that will list new addresses. If you have any information on members who have may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.

Do You Know?

We are starting a new feature in our bulletins entitled "Do You Know?" Items of interest to members and visitors will be listed. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

Do You Know?

- LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher. LARGE PRINT Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.
- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary.
 Anyone is invited to sign you don't need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes.
- Collections on the Christmas mitten tree for Open Link include winter hats, scarves, and gloves for all ages. They will be distributed after Christmas.

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