

Notes:

Christmas occurred when God invaded Earth in a strange and marvelous way. A special child was born to improbable parents in an unlikely place at an inconvenient time and in an unwelcoming world. Yet heaven's light pierced the darkness and shone through the life of that unique baby. That light was and is an eternal light. God's light in Christ is a saving light that can keep the world from total destruction, from the ultimate darkness. The message is always true: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5, NRSV). And it never will.

—Charles Ferrell

Bursting through December nights
That could be long and cold,
Our Christmas lights bring warmth and joy
With colors soft or bold.

Cascading from the rooftops,
And from trees both small and tall,
The lights cry out, "We have good news!"
We want to shout to all.

"You've seen the darkness earth can hold,
The sorrow, war and fear;
But God has sent his Son for all,
To show his Love is here.

"The darkness can't put out God's Light.
Christ's with us day by day,
Illuminating paths so we
Can follow in his way."

Light homes and streets and candles.
Make your world shine clear and bright.
God's love surrounds and blesses us.
Come, celebrate God's Light!
—Peggy Ferrell

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to us has come the
Light



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Grace to you and peace from God and our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Welcome friends! May the good tidings of great joy resonate with us as we share our hearts with God and our friendship with one another.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: At sundry times and in diverse manners God spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

R: *But he has in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name; for to us has come a saviour, Christ the new born king..

R: *A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of .Israel.*

L: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

R: *We shout the good news of God’s mighty love!*

L: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

R: *All that God created sings His praise!*

L: Praise the Lord!

ALL: *Hallelujah! AMEN.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **December 31** - New Year’s Eve Fellowship (8:30 PM).
- **January 2, 2011** - Communion Sunday. Our annual singspiration will be in the evening service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Lisbon, Ohio**. Michael Musser is the pastor.
- Pray for **revival** in our church and community.
- Continue to pray for:
 - Neighbors, relatives, and friends for whom prayer has been requested, especially **Bonnie Cramer**, and the **Whittaker family**.
 - Remaining issues with the building remodeling.
 - Our young people.
 - Our armed services personnel.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical needs:
 - **W. Babcock, Lillian J, Tori W., Mark V., Myra, Kathy Moltzen, W. Heckman, Ernest Cook and family members who are caring for him, Sandy Griesemer and her mother, Judy Williams, Peter E., Ron & Ruth Sperbeck, Maureen G, Doreen W, Clay Jones, Susan Ford, Duane and Dorothea Maxey**
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Zechariah 9:1-17	Zechariah 10:1-11:17	Zechariah 12:1-13:9	Zechariah 14:1-21
NT	Revelation 17:1-18	Revelation 18:1-24	Revelation 19:1-21	Revelation 20:1-15
PSA	Psalm 145:1-21	Psalm 146:1-10	Psalm 147:1-20	Psalm 148:1-14
PROV	Proverbs 26	Proverbs 27	Proverbs 28	Proverbs 29
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Malachi 1:1-2:17 Revelation 21:1-27 Psalm 149:1-9 Proverbs 30	Malachi 3:1-4:6 Revelation 22:1-21 Psalm 150:1-6 Proverbs 31	<i>Congratulations on reading the Bible through this year!</i> Genesis 1:1-2:25 Matthew 1:1-2:12 Psalm 1:1-6 Proverbs 1	

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

**Prayer Requests
 And Praises:**

- May be shared with the church
- Share details with prayer groups only
- Confidential for Pastor only

Tear off and place in the offering plate or give to the pastor