

November 29, 2015
First Sunday in Advent

Service of Worship

10:30 A.M.

Hunger & Staple Foods Offerings

Welcome to worship and Christian fellowship. We are all one in Christ!

PRELUDE

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Pat & Chuck Blackley

OPENING MUSIC “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *Chancel Choir*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 111

L: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

P: Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.

L: The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.

L: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “Take the Name of Jesus with You” CH 235

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are often slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we do not heed your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we elevate idols of our own making. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve.

***SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Because of the forgiving grace of Jesus Christ, “Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.”

P: This is the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

**Congregation please stand, if able*

CH – *The Celebration Hymnal*; **PH** – *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Into My Heart”

“Into my heart, into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus; Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

PH 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”

CH 592

SHARING IN PRAYER

Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

ANTHEM

“People, Look East”

Chancel Choir

NT LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

Pew Bible p. 1009

SERMON

“That Was Thanksgiving”

Don Reid

*HYMN

“More About Jesus”

CH 560

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “In All things Give Him Thanks” CH 789

w/congregation

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

Sunday, November 29

9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study – Lucille Sanger Classroom
10:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship

Lay Reader: Kay Mader

Greeters & Ushers: Jim Mader (*Head Usher*), Kay Mader,
Jason Mader, & Maxine Robertson

Flower Coordinator: Maxine Robertson

Tuesday, December 1

~~11:00 AM Bible Study – Fellowship Hall~~ **No Bible Study this week!**

Thursday, December 3

5:45 PM JuBELLation – Bell Choir Room
6:45 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

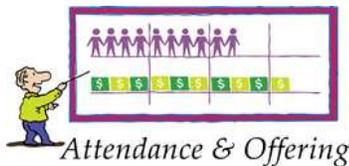
Next Sunday, December 6

9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study – Lucille Sanger Classroom
10:00 AM Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship

Lay Reader: one needed

Greeters & Ushers: one needed (*Head Usher*) Woodie
Wimer, & two more needed

Flower Coordinator: Kathy Holsinger



Attendance last Sunday: 75
Offering last Sunday: \$1,115.00
Total Regular Deposit: \$1,912.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome back Don Reid, from Olivet Presbyterian Church, to our pulpit today.

The December sign-up sheet for Lay Readers & Ushers is on the back table. **Most spots need filling.** Thanks so much for your help.



Pledge Cards

Turned in your 2016 tithing/pledge card yet? It is not too late to do so. Your projected tithing provides important information necessary in developing the 2016 budget. **Extra Cards are available on the tables at the back of the Sanctuary.**



2016 Offering Envelopes have been placed on a table in the back of the sanctuary. Please let us know if you are unable to locate your envelopes.

Position Opening

We are now receiving resumes for the Church secretary position. Kathy Holsinger has served faithfully in this role for many years but is looking forward to her retirement from this role in the near future. For more information, please contact Pam Snyder, Chair of Personnel Committee.



PW will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for distribution to SACRA. Cans may be placed in the grocery cart at the front of the Sanctuary or beside the table in the vestibule.



Sunday, December 20th at 4:00 p.m. We will be visiting several shut-ins and sharing favorite Christmas carols and Christmas joy! All are welcome!



Christmas Play Practice

Volunteers meet briefly with Pam in Fellowship Hall today to receive parts. Also, meet Sunday, December 6 in Fellowship Hall after worship as well as Saturday, December 12th. Speaking roles are still available! Please contact Pam at 540-885-7183 or psnyder@comcsonics.com for more information.

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December Circle Meetings

- Faithful Five Circle will meet at *Red Lobster* on Monday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. Please let Maxine Robertson know if you plan to attend (885-2616).
- Friendship Circle will meet at *Red Lobster* on Tuesday, December 8th at 12:30 p.m. right after Bible Study. Please bring the following items if you would like to help the Valley Mission:
Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, cups, liquid laundry detergent, disinfectants, tall kitchen bags, bleach, shampoos, hygiene products, & deodorants.

Darlene and I will be visiting shut-ins that day after lunch. We invite anyone who wishes to join us.

Please let me know you'll be attending by calling 255-4793. Even if you're not a member of circle, we would love to have you join us for lunch.

Linda Licklitter

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This Advent season, we reflect upon God's promise of salvation. Made to each of us, and kept with the birth of Jesus, this promise has changed countless lives. Through the Christmas Joy Offering we make and keep two promises of our own: to church workers through assistance in their time of need and to racial ethnic education and leadership development.

PRAYER CONCERNS



- Health Concerns: Leatrice Gibson; Harry Johns, Jr.; Michael Brown; Mary McNamara; Mac Moyer.
- Church concerns:
 - Our members in care facilities: Doris Miller (Stuarts Draft Retirement Home); Virginia Brand (Shenandoah); Jane Roby (Ritenour); Betty Ramsey (Avante).
- Peace around the world where conflict abounds.
- Celebrating a birthday: Kriston Snyder (30); Mary McNamara (4).
- Celebrating an anniversary: None
- Persons connected to Second Church in the military:
 - Jon Clark– Army – (grandson of Anita and Bill Haessly)
 - Nick Dubyk – Army Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania (grandson of Betty& [the late] Willis Clemmer)
 - Kevin Goodrow , Army MP, Fort Stewart, GA – (grandson of [the late] Ken and Lois Sensabaugh)
 - Patrick W. Brown – Air Force – (grandson of [the late] Marie Wiseman)
 - Christopher Todd – USAF – (grandson of [the late]) Ruth Weller and Ralph Weller)



Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.

As an aid to people who have trouble reading the regular sized type on the Sunday worship bulletin, a large print version is available. Simply request one from any usher.