

December 6, 2015

**Service of Worship
Second Sunday in Advent**

10:30 A.M.

With joyful hearts we worship and enjoy fellowship together. Welcome!

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” JuBELLation

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Allen & Melissa Archer

OPENING MUSIC “O Come, Emmanuel” *Chancel Choir
w/JuBELLation*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I put my trust.

P: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

P: According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “Lift Up your Heads” PH 8

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portents of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment. God, in Christ, forgive our cowardice and blindness, for the sake of him who endured the cross for us.

***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** “Holy Child of Bethlehem”
“Holy Child of Bethlehem, come down to us we pray; Forgive our sin,
and enter in; be born in us today. Amen”

***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 “O Lord, How shall I Meet You?” PH 11

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 “Litany for Advent” Chancel Choir

OT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-5 Pew Bible p. 595

SERMON “Stumped” Rev. Smith

*HYMN “Once in Royal David’s City” PH 49

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE “Emmanuel” CH 243
w/congregation

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

Sunday, December 6

9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study – Lucille Sanger Classroom

10:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

10:30 AM Worship “24 to Double” – *following worship*

Christmas Play Practice – 1:00 p.m. Sunday

Lay Reader: Pat Blackley

Greeters & Ushers: Jim Wright (*Head Usher*), Brenda Wright, Woodie Wimer, & Ralph Weller

Flower Coordinator: Kathy Holsinger

Tuesday, December 8

11:00 AM Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

12:30 PM Friendship Circle – Red Lobster

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 PM Session Meeting

Thursday, December 10

5:45 PM JuBELLation – Bell Choir Room

6:45 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Saturday, December 12

11:00 AM Christmas Play Practice – Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, December 13

9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study – Lucille Sanger Classroom

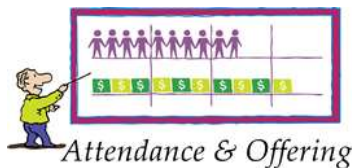
10:00 AM Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

10:30 AM Worship

Lay Reader: Nancy Swisher

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

Flower Coordinator: Kathy Holsinger



Attendance last Sunday:	76
Offering last Sunday:	\$2,730.00
Hunger Offering:	\$ 486.00
Total Deposit:	\$3,383.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Thanks to everyone who helped with the “Hanging of the Greens” on Sunday. A special thank you to all who provided snacks in addition to the pizza we enjoyed. We also want to thank Paul Wolfe for repairing the Nativity (it was so nice to put it up on the stage without it falling apart). We appreciate the help!



The CE/Worship Committee

PW thanks everyone for the generous donations to SACRA. Thank you Stewart Sherwood for delivering the 19 bags of food for us.

Dear Membership & Outreach,

Thank you for the beautiful dish garden sent during my hospital stay for my brand new knee. The garden is a reminder of my precious church family being there at all times. Thanks again.

Ann Ridle



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!



Play practice will be held today, December 6, in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. as well as Saturday, December 12th at 11:15 a.m. Speaking roles are still available! Please contact Pam at 540-885-7183 or psnyder@comcsonics.com for more information.



The Mission Committee will meet immediately after church on Sunday, December 20th.



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 Lickliter



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: Gary Archer (Allen's cousin); Rocky & Brenda Simonetti; 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: Betty Clemmer (8); Jim Wright (11); Frank Brown (14).
- 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.