

December 13, 2015

**Service of Worship
Third Sunday in Advent**

10:30 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”
“O Come Christmas Joy”

JuBELLation

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Brooke & Debbie Sedr

OPENING MUSIC “Let’s Worship and Adore Him”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather to prepare for the Lord’s coming.

P: We gather to watch, wait, and prepare

L: Let us join in praising the God who comes to us in the Christ child.

P: For God’s love is from everlasting to everlasting.

L: As we watch, wait, and prepare, let us praise the Lord!

***HYMN** “Prepare the Way”

PH 13

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God of grace, You come to us in surprising ways. You call upon us to live in unexpected ways and do that which can only be done by faith. We confess that we do not always welcome your surprises or greet Your unexpected calling with joy. Forgive us, O God, when we resist Your call and refuse to go where You would have us to go and do what You would have us to do. May we, like Joseph, obediently give ourselves to Your purpose. For we pray in Your name, Amen.

***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”

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bob Ridle

***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**

“Angel, from the Realms of Glory”

PH 22

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.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

One Silent Night

Chancel Choir

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Emmanuel”

CH 243

w/congregation

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

Sunday, December 13

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

Lay Reader: Nancy Swisher

Greeters & Ushers: Dick Robinson (*Head Usher*),
Woodie Wimer, Mike Gangloff & Alex Gangloff

Flower Coordinator: Kathy Holsinger

Monday, December 14

6:30 PM Faithful Five Circle meets at Red Lobster

Tuesday, December 15

11:00 AM Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 17

5:45 PM ~~JuBELLation—Bell Choir Room~~ **Practices will resume**
February 4th.

6:45 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

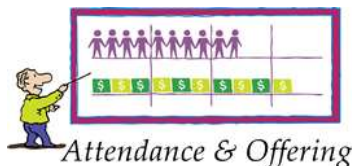
Next Sunday, December 20

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

Lay Reader: Mary Rainey

Greeters & Ushers: James Mader (*Head Usher*), Kay
Mader, Maxine Robertson, & Betty Clemmer

Flower Coordinator: Kathy Holsinger



Attendance last Sunday: 76

Offering last Sunday: \$3,685.00

Total Deposit: \$3,878.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Share the Joy!

Join us this evening for the Joy gift program and our annual Christmas play, titled *Christmissed*. This is a story filled with “what ifs.” The theme focuses on excuses present and past that keep us from doing God’s work. A covered dish dinner begins at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by the program. You don’t want to miss this time of fellowship and fun. Invite your friends and family too!



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!



Please Note:

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



A great big “thanks” to all the Friendship Circle members who contributed to supplies for the Valley Rescue Mission. My car was loaded with items they needed. I delivered them Tuesday evening and they were so, so, appreciative. Thanks for having such a big heart. Linda Lickliter



Christmas Party at Pastor Evan's House!

Come to Pastor Evan's house on Sunday, December 20th, between 2-4 p.m. There will be cider, cookies, and a general time of greeting and fellowship. Not all can fit in their house at once, so feel free to drop by, say hello, have some cider and cookies. Following the Christmas Party, those who would like will be able to go caroling for our shut-ins.

Reminder!

Poinsettia orders must be placed today!!!

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. & his son Brian; 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: Frank Brown (14); Matthew Ramsey (17); Maxine Robertson (18); Kemper Snyder (18); Bill Haessly (20).
- 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)
 - 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.