

December 20, 2015

**Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday in Advent**

10:30 A.M.

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 Dick & Sherrill Robinson

OPENING MUSIC “Arise, Shine” *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** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” CH 244

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.

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***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”

OT LESSON: Isaiah 7:13-15 pp. 591, 592

***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** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” CH 271

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 “Love Came Down at Christmas” Chancel Choir
Soloists: Jo Fields and Andy Easley

NT LESSON Matthew 1:18-25 *Pew Bible p.835*

SERMON “A Foolish God” Rev. Smith

***HYMN** “Angels We Have Heard on High” CH 278

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “Emmanuel” CH 243
w/congregation

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

Sunday, December 20

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

Lay Reader: Mary Rainey

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

Flower Coordinator: Kathy Holsinger

Tuesday, December 22

- 11:00 AM Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 24

- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Chancel Choir & JuBELLation practices will resume February 4th.

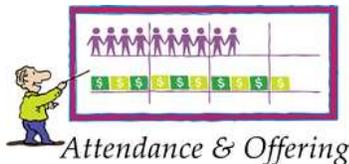
Next Sunday, December 27

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

Lay Reader: Kay Mader

Greeters & Ushers: Frank Brown (*Head Usher*), Carolyn Brown, Maxine Robertson, & James Mader

Flower Coordinator: Kathy Holsinger



Attendance last Sunday:	90
Offering last Sunday:	\$2,370.00
Joy Gift Offering:	\$ 508.00
Total Deposit:	\$2,943.00

FYI: You are invited Judah's 1st Birthday Party which will be on January 2nd in Fellowship Hall at 3:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January sign-up sheet for Lay Readers & Ushers is on the back table. Thanks so much for your help.



Everyone is invited as we visit numerous shut-ins sharing carols and good cheer! Since there are several church members in eastern Augusta

Co., we will gather at Evan and Maria's to enjoy their Open House event by 3:45 and leave from Fishersville at 4 p.m. If you're running late don't hesitate to contact me by cell at 540-480-3029 and we will wait for you. This is an excellent time to minister and share with those who are unable to attend church. We will end the evening with refreshments provided by "the Betty's!"

Pam Snyder

Please Note!

- The Mission Committee will meet immediately after church today, December 20th.
- Our Christmas Eve Service will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- The bulletin will be done on Wednesday, December 23rd as the office will be closed on Thursday, Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Communion

1. Frank Brown
2. Larry Brown
3. Andy Easley
4. Sue Gochenour
5. James Mader
6. Mark Robertson

Preparation: Larry Brown & Sue Gochenour





A big thanks to everyone who assisted the Salvation Army this holiday season in its efforts to provide for those in need in our community. Those of you who rang the bell at Walmart brought in a whopping \$1,100.84. Also, those who worked so hard at the Toy Store helped to make Christmas morning brighter for 586 children. Thank you all so much for your willingness (and eagerness!) to help with these vital projects!

Chuck & Pat Blackley

**Come to Pastor Evan's house this afternoon,
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.

Directions:

Head East on 250 (Richmond Ave/Jefferson HWY). From the interstate overpass, drive about 3.5 miles. After passing the Food Lion center, begin to look for Westminister Dr. on the left. Westminister Dr. is immediately after the Fishersville Baptist Church.

Drive just under half a mile and then turn left onto Kensington Dr.

Drive 0.3 miles and then turn left onto Windsor Dr. Our house is the second one on the right, on the corner of Windsor and Lambeth. To park in the driveway take a right onto Lambeth Ct then an immediate right.

Note, if you put our address into a GPS, the GPS will lead you astray. Windsor Dr. is a road of two halves that do not connect because of a meadow in the middle. Your GPS will not realize this and will tell you to turn onto Windward Dr. instead of Westminister. Go straight past Windward and take the very next left, which is Westminister. Your GPS will correct from here and send you to our house.

PRAYER CONCERNS



- Health Concerns: Harry Johns, Jr. & his son, Brian; Gary Archer (Allen's cousin); Rocky & Brenda Simonetti; Leatrice Gibson; 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: Bill Haessly (20); Linda Fry (24); Martha Wilkerson (24);
- Celebrating an anniversary: Nita & Woodie Wimer (23).
- 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.