

**January 3, 2016**

**Service of Worship  
Second Sunday in Christmas**

**10:30 A.M.**

*Brother and sister, welcome to worship in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

**PRELUDE**

**STRIKING THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

**OPENING MUSIC** “Let’s Worship and Adore Him” *Chancel Choir*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away.

**P:** **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

**L:** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.

**P:** **How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them – they are more than the sand.**

**L:** Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN**

“We Three Kings”

CH 288

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipline, and we disobey Christ. Our faith is flabby when put to the test; our courage vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints stiffen when we are called to act. We profess loyalty, while our bodies deny commitment. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sin. Amen.**

**\*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**L:** Jesus Christ is the light of life, coming to us in the Christ Child.

**P:** **The good news of this season is forgiveness of sin and new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Congregation please stand, if able

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

“Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Incline Thine ear to us And grant us Thy peace. 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.*

**FIRST LESSON:** Matthew 20:1-16

*Pew Bible p. 854*

### **OFFERING**

Offertory

\*Doxology

PH 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

CH 290

### **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**

“Birthday of a King”

*Chancel Choir*

**SECOND LESSON:** Philippians 3:4b, 7-12 *Pew Bible pp.1023, 1024*

**SERMON**

“The Most Important Year Yet”

Rev. Smith

\*HYMN

“Another Year Is Dawning”

CH 811

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** “What Shall I Give Him?” *Chancel Choir*

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

## THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

### Sunday, January 3

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** Jim Wright (*Head Usher*), Brenda Wright, Beth Ramsey, & Debbie Sedr

**Flower Coordinator:** Darlene Mason

### Monday, January 4

- 10:00 AM PW Coordinating Team – Lucille Sanger Classroom

### Tuesday, January 5

- 11:00 AM Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 6

- 7:00 PM Session

**Chancel Choir & JuBELLation practices will resume February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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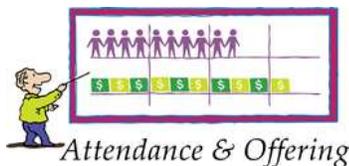
### Next Sunday, January 10

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** one needed (*Head Usher*), Maxine Robertson, Debbie Sedr, & one needed

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<b>Attendance last Sunday:</b>	62
<b>Offering last Sunday:</b>	\$1,465.00
<b>Hunger Offering:</b>	\$ 383.00
<b>Total Deposit:</b>	\$2,050.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



We wish to thank our church family for their expressions of sympathy upon the deaths of our sisters.

Bill and Anita Haessly

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## Celebrate the Joy of Christmas this New Year

# A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE BLUE RIDGE AREA FOOD BANK NETWORK

Presented by the Combined Choirs of  
Olivet Presbyterian Church and Staunton Church of the Brethren  
Under the Direction of David MacMillan

Free Will Offering  
Reception Following the Concert

7 PM January 10, 2016  
6:30 Prelude – The Ovation Singers

Staunton Church of the Brethren  
1615 N. Coalter Street, Staunton, VA



# Always Doing a New Thing

In 2015, scientists discovered more than 18,000 new species — some ancient and extinct, others contemporary.

They include a cartwheeling spider; fossils of a “feathered dinosaur”; a beautiful sea slug that photographs in brilliant blues, reds and golds; a Christmas-colored plant that grows in near isolation in Mexico; and a pufferfish whose males make intricate seafloor “crop circles” as spawning nests.

Such discoveries — regardless of how old or new the species are — demonstrate the ongoing creativity of God, who both does new things and gives people new abilities to discover them.

Recently, we began a new church year with Advent. At Christmas, God did a new thing by becoming human. Now we launch into a new calendar year, in which scientists will surely discover *more* new creatures. The newness all around us reminds us that God is always doing a new thing in *our* lives, too!

- *The Newsletter Newsletter*

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## Kindness Counts

- Make blankets or scarves for homeless people.
- Send a care package to someone who's in college or the military.
- Collect coins for a charity or cause.
- When you can't attend an event, give the tickets to strangers.
- Provide tutoring or mentoring in your field of expertise.
- Offer to babysit or pet-sit for free.
- Send a note of appreciation to someone who's made a difference in your life.
- Share your gifts of music, reading or conversation at a nursing home.
- Donate old sports equipment to schools.
- Give someone the benefit of the doubt — maybe even a family member or yourself!

- *The Newsletter Newsletter*

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## PRAYER CONCERNS



- Health Concerns: Leatrice Gibson; Harry Johns, Jr. & his son, Brian; Gary Archer (Allen's cousin); Rocky & Brenda Simonetti; 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: Jerry Fry (8); Macon Moyer (10).
- Celebrating an anniversary: Linda & Randy Armstrong (10).
- 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.