

December 4, 2016



SECOND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Evan R. Smith

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DECEMBER 4, 2016

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:30 AM

Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome to the house of the Lord! May God's grace and peace fill you.

PRELUDE

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Woody & Nita Wimer

OPENING MUSIC

"Come and Worship"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122

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, Ye Mighty Gates"

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.

***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. A-men.*

***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:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM:

“The Angel Gabriel”

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS AND 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 14:15-18 and 23-27

Insert

SERMON

“Peace Message”

Rev. Connie Dorn

***HYMN**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

PH 1

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING**

“Emmanuel”

Chancel Choir

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

Sunday, December 4

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

Greeters & Ushers: Paul Wolfe (Head Usher), Jim Mader, Kay Mader and Larry Brown

Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader

Monday, December 5

- 2:00 PM Faithful 5 Circle - Red Lobster - Christmas Gathering

Tuesday, December 6

- 12:30 PM Faithful 5 Circle - Visiting Shut-Ins

Thursday, December 8

- 5:45 PM JuBellation Handbell Choir - Handbell Room
- 6:45 PM Chancel Choir - Chancel Choir Room

Sunday, December 11

- 9:30 AM Sunday Bible Study - Lucille Sanger Classroom
- 10:00 AM Chancel Choir- Choir Room
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 6:00 PM Christmas Joy Supper & Program - Fellowship Hall

Greeters & Ushers: Jim Wright (Head Usher), Brenda Wright, Beth Ramsey, and 1 more needed

Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader

	Attendance last Sunday:	64
Attendance &	Hunger/Staple Foods Offering: \$	415.00
Offering	Offering last Sunday: \$	2,587.00

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.

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Health Concerns

Frank Brown - Injuries from a fall

Tim Clemmer - Broken Leg- 2316 Davis St - Apt E Staunton VA 24401 (print your message on cards - no cursive)

Dick Robinson - Recovering at Home

Mike Alford - (brother-in-law of Heather & Joe Kimble) Brain tumor

Elwood Whitmore (Maria Smith's father) - tests for blood issues

Rachel (King) Blair (daughter of David & Teri King) injured in horse-back riding accident - broken hip and tailbone

Camden Minnick - traveling to Duke University for consultation on vision

Linda Armstrong

Leatrice Gibson

Michael Brown

Mac Moyer

Members in Care Facilities

Doris Miller (Stuarts Draft Retirement Home)

Betty Ramsey (Avante)

Jane Roby (Ritenour)

Birthdays

Betty Clemmer (8)

Jim Wright (11)

Anniversary (none)

In the Military

Scott Dice - Basic training, B Company-31st Engineer Batalion PLT#1 6221 Iowa Ave Ft. Leonardwood, MO 65473-9182 (Son of Melissa and Harry Dice)

Nick Dubyk - Army Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania (grandson of Betty & [the late] Willis Clemmer)

Christopher Todd - USAF (grandson of Ralph Weller and (the late) Ruth Weller)

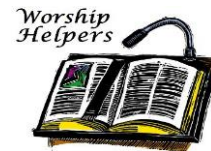
Quick Reminder!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Connie Dorn is a retired Navy chaplain and has lived in a variety of places including Crete, Greece. Navy chaplains take care of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard, so Connie has experience with them as well! She is a lover of nature; she raises orchids, bonsai trees and carnivorous plants, and shares her house with two cats. She is also an eclectic and voracious reader, as well as writer. Connie even has the first draft of a novel for middle school age readers completed, and she is working on improving it! She is currently working on a thesis for James Madison University, and she is hoping to get a Masters in History this spring.

Several usher spots need filling for the remainder of **December**. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.



THANKS

I would like to thank you all for the delicious bag of snacks. It will definitely help me to get through exams! Also, thank you for the scholarship that you generously awarded me for the fall semester. This year has been a stressful, difficult one, and I cannot tell you how thankful I am to have such a loving, supportive church family!!

In Christ's love,
Matthew Johnson

Christmas Play: Immediately following worship **TODAY**. This will be fun for all!

The 2017 offering envelopes are on the back table in the sanctuary. If you don't find yours or have questions, please contact the office.

UPCOMING PW EVENTS:

Nov. 13-Dec . 18: PW will sponsor a collection of canned goods and non-perishable items for distribution to SACRA. Cans may be placed in the grocery cart at the back of the sanctuary or beside the table in the vestibule.

The Christmas Joy Offering Supper and Program will be held next **Sunday, December 11**, 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy the fellowship and fun. Invite your friends and family too!

The Friendship Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, **December 13th @ 10 am** where Betty Landes will be presenting a program on her recent trip to Israel. Bible study will follow at 11:15 am and our Christmas Luncheon will be at Red Lobster following Bible study. Bring a crazy gift to share, re-gift is fine, we'll be having a Chinese auction!!! See you on the 13th. Everyone is invited!!!

Linda Licklitter

THE SESSION

Class of 2016

Frank Brown
Mark Robertson
Dick Robinson
Woodie Wimer

Class of 2017

Andy Easley
Sue Gochenour
Linda Lickliter
Pam Snyder

Class of 2018

Jo Fields
Darlene Mason
Mary Rainey
Matthew Ramsey

Evan R. Smith, Moderator

Nancy Swisher, Clerk

TRUSTEES

Class of 2016

Dick Hippeard

Class of 2018

Ralph Weller

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator..... Mary Rainey
Vice-Moderator Beth Ramsey
Secretary Talitha Hippeard
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Historian..... Kay Mader

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education/Worship..... Mary Rainey
Membership, Outreach, & Community Service Woodie Wimer
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Stewardship and Finance..... Mark Robertson
Property..... Andy Easley
Personnel Pam Snyder

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Pastor Rev. Evan R. Smith
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