

December 11, 2016



SECOND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Evan R. Smith

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DECEMBER 11, 2016

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:30 AM

Third Sunday in Advent

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

PRELUDE

"Come, thou Long Expected Jesus"

JuBELLation Handbell Choir

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Debbie & Brooke Sedr

MINUTE FOR MISSION-JOY GIFT

Bob Ridle

OPENING MUSIC

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

P: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.

L: The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

PH 15

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs, O God. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on brothers and sisters, withholding from them the grace and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive our indulgence and help us to stand firm. Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in the time of our need. 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!

***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:

“While We Ae Waiting, Come”

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 READING

Hebrews 9:27-28 and James 5:7-8

Insert

SERMON

“Patiently Waiting”

Rev. Evan R Smith

***HYMN**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

PH 5

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING**

“Emmanuel”

CH 243

Chancel Choir w/ congregation

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH			
Sunday, December 11			
9:30 AM	NO Sunday Bible Study-Classes will resume January		
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 Larry Brown		
	Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader		
Tuesday, December 13			
10:00 AM	Friendship Circle - Fellowship Hall - Betty Landes Program on Israel Trip		
11:15 AM	Bible Study - Fellowship Hall		
12:30 PM	Friendship Circle Christmas Luncheon - Red Lobster		
Thursday, December 15			
5:45 PM	JuBellation Handbell Choir - Handbell Room		
6:45 PM	Chancel Choir - Chancel Choir Room		
Sunday, December 18			
9:30 AM	NO Sunday Bible Study-classes will resume January 1st		
10:00 AM	Chancel Choir- Choir Room		
10:30 AM	Worship/ Cantata - Morning Star		
	Greeters & Ushers: All spots need filling		
	Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader		
Attendance & Offering	Attendance last Sunday:		56
	Offering last Sunday:		\$ 3,310.00
<p>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.</p>			

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Health Concerns

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

Randy Armstrong (13)

Frank Brown (14)

Matthew Ramsey (17)

Maxine Robertson (18)

Kemper Snyder (18)

Anniversary (none)

In the Military

Scott Dice - (Son of Melissa and Harry Dice) 806 Fisher Circle Staunton VA

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)

Other Church Concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Betty VanFossen who passed away on Wednesday, November 30th. A celebration of her life service was conducted at 2PM Thursday, December 8th at Second Presbyterian Church by Rev. Evan Smith.

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

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



THANKS

We want to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits during Dick's hospital stay. All of these were greatly appreciated.

Blessings to all,
Dick & Sherrill

Dear Church People,

I want to thank everybody for making me a little snack care package. Everything in the bag is amazing. Thank you for helping me out, I'm very thankful,

Sincerely,
Isaiah Varner

Proud grandparents Melissa & Allen Archer announce the arrival of grandson Landon Wyatt (8 lbs. 20 1/2 inches) on December 3, 2016 to parents Katherine & Aaron Wojtowicz. He joins 4 year old big sister Riley Grace.

Thanks!
Allen

REMINDER:

Today is the last day to turn in Poinsettia Forms

The Joy Gift program and Christmas Play, *The Greatest Christmas Gift*, will be shared tonight beginning with a covered dish supper at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend and bring a covered dish family and friends for this special evening.

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

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
Treasurer..... Sue Gochenour
Historian..... Kay Mader

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan R. Smith
Administrative Assistant..... Kay Mader
Church Secretary Kay Waitier
Choir Director..... Pam Snyder
Organist Allen Archer