

December 18, 2016



SECOND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seeking, Sharing, Serving



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The Rev. Evan R. Smith

Pastor

DECEMBER 18, 2016

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Hunger & Staple Foods Offering

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

PRELUDE

"Coventry Carol"

JuBELLation Handbell Choir and
Alissa Perkins, flute

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Frank and Carolyn Brown

OPENING MUSIC

"O Come, O Come"

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**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CH 245

***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: 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

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.

CANTATA

Morning Star

***HYMN**

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

CH 272

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING**

“Emmanuel”

CH 243

Chancel Choir w/ congregation

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Health Concerns

Mike Alford (Heather and Joe Kimble's brother-in-law - his tumor has started growing again)
Heather Snyder Kimble who is challenged with the affects of lyme disease
Doris Miller (AMC)
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
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) Jane Roby (Ritenour)

Birthdays

Maxine Robertson (18) Kemper Snyder (18)
Bill Haessly (20) Linda Fry (24)

Martha Wilkerson (24)

Anniversary

Nita & Woodie Wimer (23)

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 Ramsey who passed away on December 10, 2016. Arrangements will be announced later.

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.

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

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: Paul Wolfe (Head Usher), Mary Rainey,
and 2 others needed.

3-5 PM Christmas Open House - Evan & Marie's

Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader

Tuesday, December 20

11:15 AM Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

12:30 PM Friendship Circle Christmas Luncheon - Red Lobster

Thursday, December 22

5:45 PM **NO** JuBellation Handbell Choir - Handbell Room

6:45 PM **NO** Chancel Choir - Chancel Choir Room

Saturday, December 24

7:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

9:30 AM **NO** Sunday Bible Study-classes will resume January 1st

10:00 AM Chancel Choir- Choir Room

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: All spots need filling

Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader

**Attendance &
Offering**

Attendance last Sunday: 70

Offering last Sunday: \$ 2,108.00

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



THANKS

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 much needed \$800.64. And those who worked so hard at the Toy Store helped to make Christmas morning brighter for 374 children. Thank you all so much for your willingness (and eagerness!) to help with these vital projects.

Chuck and Pat Balckley

Thanks to all who purchased poinsettias this year, enhancing the beauty of our Sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may take your poinsettia with you today, leave them for our Christmas Eve service, or take them Sunday, December 25th. The plastic sleeves are on the front pew to place your plant in for transporting home.

Christmas Eve Communion

1. Linda Licklitter
2. Mary Rainey
3. Matthew Ramsey
4. Dick Robinson
5. Pam Snyder
6. Woodie Wimer

Preparation: Linda Licklitter
Pam Snyder

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