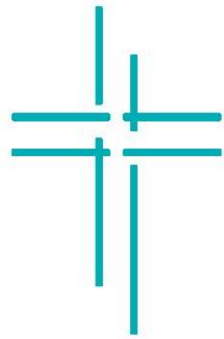


December 25, 2016



SECOND

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The Rev. Evan R. Smith

Pastor

December 25, 2016

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:30 AM

First Sunday in the Season of Christmas

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CAROLS

O Come, All ye Faithful
Joy to the World!

CH 249

CH 270

CHRISTMAS PAST

The Best Christmas Gift

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-5, 9-12

Insert

CAROL

The First Noel

CH 265

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Christmas Gratitude

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

Insert

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.

CAROL

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

CH 272

CHRISTMAS FUTURE

Hope for the Community of Staunton

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’^[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CH 277

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Closing:

Emmanuel

CH 243

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Health Concerns

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)
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 (Shenandoah Nursing Home) Jane Roby (Ritenour)

Birthdays

Sherill Robinson (29) Michelle Snyder Nuckols (31)
Judah Fisher Smith (31)

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

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 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

Tuesday, December 27

NO Bible Study

Wednesday, December 28

- 7:00 PM Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 29

JuBellation Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir will resume in February

Sunday, January 1, 2017

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

Greeters & Ushers: All spots need filling

Flower Coordinator: One Needed

	Attendance last Sunday:	82
Attendance & Offering	Joy Offering:	\$ 260.00
	Hunger/Staple Foods Offering:	\$ 400.87
	Offering last Sunday:	\$ 3,255.00

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

All usher spots need filling for **January**. The sign-up sheet is on the back table.



THANKS

Thank you very much for the gift. These snacks really helped ease some stress during finals. There were so many, I was even able to share with my girlfriend, and we both had plenty. It really means a lot that you would think of me like that.

Thanks so much and Merry Christmas,
Cole Smiley

Dear Second Presbyterian Church,

I want to thank you all so much for the generous bag full of snacks and various other things. I can assure you that I had a big smile on my face! I constantly feel the love, and boy is it wonderful to have. God has been great to me here at Virginia Tech opening so many doors to exciting opportunities. You all are in my prayers. Keep playing that organ loud and proud!

Much love to you all,
Dylan Wimer

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone for their participation in the collection of non-perishable and canned food items during November and December. Thanks to your generosity, we collected 15 bags of food.

A special thank you to Stewart Sherwood who delivered the food to SACRA on Tuesday, December 20th.

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

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