



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 2, 2018

GATHERING

- WELCOME Dr. Steve Eason
- INTROIT *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* FRENCH CAROL
Lindsey Fuson, soprano
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF HOPE
- 8:30 A.M. Jimmy and Carol Ellis
- 11:00 A.M. Burt, Katie, Connor, Mason, and Frances Bagley
- * PROCESSIONAL HYMN #10 *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Rev. Mark Lampley
- Merciful Lord, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, and come to us anew, that we may journey well with all who have longed and looked for you expectantly. In your wonderful Name we pray, Amen.**
- * ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- * ACT OF PRAISE #11, vs. 1 (*Congregation sings.*) VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
- O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.**

* PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

(As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing "Jesus Loves Me!")

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(Children age four through first grade meet Children & Worship greeters. Children should be picked up below the Sanctuary after the service.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible, p. 738

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (8:30)

"Come Unto Him" from Messiah
Lindsey Fuson, soprano

G. F. Handel

ANTHEM (11:00)

Festival Gloria
SHPC Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

SERMON

"Advent Questions: What is Advent?"

Dr. Eason

HYMN #322 (seated)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

RESPONDING

THE OFFERING

*Attendance registers are in the pews, next to the center aisle.
Please sign and pass them on to the person sitting next to you.*

OFFERTORY (8:30)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. John Kraus

(11:00)

"Come Unto Him" from Messiah
Lindsey Fuson, soprano

G. F. Handel

* DOXOLOGY *(Congregation sings.)*

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements *(Please hold the Bread and the Cup, that we might partake of them together as a family of faith.)*

Prayer of Commitment: **We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

* HYMN OF DEDICATION #8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We All Believe in One True God* Samuel Scheidt

Prayer is available after worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals, and assisted-listening devices (Bluetooth and t-coil compatible) are available upon request.

Lightweight shawls are hanging on the coat rack for anyone who would like a little extra warmth.

Ushers are available to assist you with these items. Please let us know how we can further assist you.

If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a pastor following the Service or contact one this week at the church.

May applause resound in our hearts as we ascribe to the Lord the glory of His Name!

** Please stand if you are able.*

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 A.M. - Confirmation Introduction Breakfast (Barron Hall)
- 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School (see CE brochure)
- 10:30 A.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

- 6:00 P.M. - Christmas Tree Lighting (off site)
- 6:30 P.M. - Middle School Sunday Night Fellowship (The Loft)
- Stephen Ministry Christmas Dinner (off site)

MONDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- 6:30 P.M. - Disciple Group, Year 1 (The Loft)

TUESDAY

- 6:00 P.M. - Disciple Group, Year 4 (The Loft)
- 7:00 P.M. - Board of Deacons Meeting (Room 322)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room)
- 4:30 P.M. - Joyful Praise Choir (Upper Conference Room)
- Joyful Noise Choir (Children & Worship Room)
- 5:30 P.M. - Wednesday Night Fellowship (Barron Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. - Infant/Toddler Childcare (Room 204)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY

- 7:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Studies (various locations)
- 8:30 A.M. - Men's Bible Study (The Empty Cup)
- 9:30 A.M. - Beginner's Tai Chi (Barron Hall)
- 10:00 A.M. - Tai Chi (Barron Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU A VISITOR WITH US TODAY? We are delighted that you are here. If you would like more information about Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, please speak to an usher or visit our website at www.sequoyahchurch.org.

PRINTED COPIES OF PREVIOUS SERMONS are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office. Sermons and recorded Worship Services are available on the church website under the Sermons & Media tab.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: At the time the bulletin was printed, 222 pledges had been received totaling \$1,623,499.88, 40 of which are new pledges. 53 households that pledged in 2018 have not yet pledged for 2019. Pledge cards are available in the pews and in the back of the Sanctuary. A confidential online pledge card is also available on the church website. No pledge is binding, but it does help in planning 2019 programs and budget. Thank you for your generosity!

PARKING ON KEOWEE STREET makes it very difficult for local traffic and our neighbors to get through. Please check our church parking lots first. Especially during the upcoming holiday weeks, let's be thoughtful of our neighbors, and park as much as possible in our own church lots. Thank you!

FISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available in the church office (in the end table drawer beside the main door).

SEQUOYAH HILLS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING in Talahi Park is being hosted by the Neighborhood Outreach Committee tonight at 6:00. There will be cookies and hot chocolate, both children's choirs will sing, and a possible visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

TO ORDER A CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA for the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call 522-9804 by Monday, December 3. The cost is \$25 each (checks made payable to SHPC, marked "Poinsettias").

A JOY FELLOWSHIP TRIP TO SEE THE NATIVITY PAGEANT, in memory of Betty McWhorter and in honor of Tommy Ayres, is planned for Monday, December 10. Transportation from the church will leave promptly at 5:45 P.M. in order to arrive in time for the 7:00 performance. Admission is free. Please call the church office by Monday, December 3, to reserve your seat. Please join us for this special evening.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are collecting snacks for UKirk students during their exam week. Please drop off packaged cheese or peanut butter crackers, popcorn, mac 'n cheese, candy bars, snack bars, cookies, chips, or peanuts in the church office before Wednesday, December 5.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER features grilled chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, and dessert. Serving line opens at 5:30 P.M.

THE SHPC CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT is Wednesday, December 5, at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The concert includes traditional carols, congregational hymns, and members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. The Children's Choirs Concert is Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Transportation for seniors is available by calling 522-9804.

SEQUOYAH ELEMENTARY'S FIRST GRADE GINGERBREAD PROGRAM is Friday, December 7, at 9:15 A.M. in Barron Hall. Everyone is invited.

THERE ARE A FEW ROSES CREEK FAMILIES left to shop for this year. You are asked to wrap each gift, include the name of the family (first and last) on a tag on each gift, and return by Sunday, November 16. If you, your Sunday School class, or Bible Study would like to adopt a family and/or help deliver the gifts to Roses Creek on December 17, contact Margaret Ritchie 567-2636 or mritchie1004@gmail.com.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Bring \$5 gift for white elephant swap on Sunday, December 9, at 6:30 P.M. Middle school meets in Barron Hall; high school meets in the Loft.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES include a 5:00 P.M. family-friendly Service with our young people and a live nativity (infant nursery provided), and a 9:00 P.M. traditional Candlelight Service with communion, which will be live streamed and also recorded to watch at a later time. The church office will be closed from noon on December 24 through Wednesday, December 26.

GIFTS FOR POND GAP CHILDREN who would otherwise not have much, if anything, under their Christmas tree. The limit is two unwrapped gifts per child, one "Want" and one "Need" with an \$80 total spending limit for both gifts. If you would be interested in participating in this program, please contact Gail Grossman at 865-414-9958 or gdgrossman@yahoo.com.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30: Join us at 10:00 A.M. for one combined Worship Service; Sunday school classes will not meet. The church office will be closed from noon on Monday, December 31, through Tuesday, January 1.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY needs volunteers as it grows. Please contact Jill at gilbyson@yahoo.com. Check-out the additions and take something home to enjoy!

YOU CAN PROVIDE CLEAN WATER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED: A very critical necessity we take for granted is clean drinking water. The Living Waters organization provides training for teams of volunteers to install water systems. Stop by the information

table in the Narthex to get more information about how you can make a difference. Contact Dan Gaubas at dangaubas@gmail.com for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE: The list of national and world-wide natural disasters has been staggering for 2018. PDA will need volunteers to form recovery teams in the Southeast region starting early in 2019. Please consider signing up for a recovery team when visiting the information table in the Narthex. If you can't visit the table, contact Dan Gaubas (dangaubas@gmail.com) or Mark Lampley (mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org).

A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES: Join us beginning on Monday, January 21, for an eight-week series as we explore how to improve communication and increase friendship, forgiveness, joy, and commitment in our relationships. Sign-up information coming soon.

AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE two members of our Lay Prayer Team are available at the front of the Sanctuary to pray with and for you.

THIS SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Greeter – Jerome Melson, Ushers – Al Akerman, Ned Babb, Joe Bruner, Rusty Burton, Sandy Gillespie, Beau Hannifin, Lee Hyde, Vance Link, Jim Mitchell, Jerry Sinclair, Judd Spitzer, and Beth Sterchi; November Flowers – Murray Ayres, Sunny Biden, Cathy Hasson, Ashley Stamper, and Tamara Warner.

IN THE NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED-LIVING CENTERS: Arbor Terrace – Donna Stevens; Avenir Memory Care – Ms. Barbara Knoph; Northshore Senior Living – Ms. Phyllis Marks; Park Place of West Knoxville – Mr. Jim Patteson; Westmoreland – Mrs. Betty Benson, and Ms. Pat Gray.



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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