



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 9, 2018

GATHERING

WELCOME Rev. Mark Lampley
INTROIT (8:30) *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* FRENCH CAROL
Lee Brandt, tenor
(11:00) *I Was Glad* Gordon Young
SHPC Chancel Choir

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF PEACE

(8:30) Jerome Melson, Tara Sturdivant, and Lila Melson
(11:00) Johnathan, Anna, Owen, Noah, and Lillian Dale

* HYMN OF PRAISE #9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so; come, Lord Jesus. 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.)

SOLO (8:30) *What Songs Were Sung* John Jacob Niles
Lee Brandt, tenor
ANTHEM (11:00) *See Amid the Winter's Snow* arr. Dan Forrest
SHPC Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 64:1-9 Pew Bible, p. 694

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

SERMON "Advent Questions: Where is God?" Dr. Steve 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Rachel Hamburger

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.

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) *Once in Royal David's City* arr. Mark Hayes
(11:00) *What Songs Were Sung* John Jacob Niles
Lee Brandt, tenor

* 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

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Excerpts from "A Brief Statement of Faith"*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

SENDING

* HYMN OF DEDICATION #7 *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth*
MIT FREUDEN ZART

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Spirituoso* arr. Kevin Norris

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)
- 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School (see CE brochure)
 - Blood Pressure Checks (Reception Room)
- 10:30 A.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 P.M. - Blood Pressure Checks (Reception Room)

- 6:30 P.M. - Middle School Christmas Party (Barron Hall)
- High School Christmas Party (The Loft)

MONDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- 12:30 P.M. - Joy Fellowship Meeting (Room 232)
- 5:45 P.M. - Joy Fellowship Trip (off site)

TUESDAY

- 9:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women (Fowler Conference Room)
- 11:00 A.M. - PW Luncheon (Barron Hall)
- 6:30 P.M. - Stated Session Meeting (Barron Hall)

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)
- Children's Choir Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

- 12:00 P.M. - Church & Community Luncheon (Barron Hall)

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.

THE DOOR WREATHS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Louise Ellis from Jim Ellis and family; **THE BALCONY GARLAND** is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ethel Morton and Jan Morton from Judy Morton; **THE CHRISMON TREE** is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Hays from Nancy, Kristy and Joshua Kazman, Marty and Danielle, Katie, and Kelley Hays; **THE NATIVITY SCENE** is donated to the glory of God from Don and Cathy Hasson.

PLEASE WELCOME DR. BRUCE W. SPANGLER, who will speak during today's announcements. He was assigned as the Chief Executive Officer for the Volunteer Ministry Center in June of 2016 and been working to end homelessness in Knoxville since 2002. VMC's latest expansion project involves more transitional housing behind Salvation Army on Broadway, and our congregation recently donated toward their building campaign to further God's kingdom on earth.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS today at 9:30 A.M. and noon in Reception Room.

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: At the time the bulletin was printed, 228 pledges had been received totaling \$1,640,750, of which 42 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!

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS will soon receive care packages as they study for finals. Please pray for them. Encourage them to have “Lunch at Lenny’s with Lampley” on Wednesday, December 19, at noon in Bearden. RSVP by call or text to 865-771-5044.

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING on Tuesday, December 11, begins at 9:30 A.M. in the Fowler Conference Room and will include lessons three and four of the Horizon Bible study. Following the meeting, there will be a luncheon in Barron Hall with a performance by the SHEEP students.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER features pizza, salad, and dessert. Serving line opens at 5:30 P.M. This is the last dinner for 2018. Dinners resume on January 9.

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.

THE CHRISTMAS CHURCH & COMMUNITY LUNCHEON is on Thursday, December 13, at noon. Andrew Skoog will sing and everyone is invited to wear their best Christmas sweaters and vests. Bring a friend to enjoy a wonderful Christmas meal catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill. Call 522-9804 by Tuesday, December 11, to RSVP.

ROSES CREEK: Wrapped gifts, which should include the name of the family (first and last) and the family number, must be returned to Barron Hall by Sunday, December 16. If you can help deliver the gifts to Roses Creek on December 17, contact Margaret Ritchie 567-2636 or mritchie1004@gmail.com.

POND GAP CHRISTMAS BACKPACK NEEDS: Contributions toward purchase of canned hams, one-pound bag of rice or dried beans, 16-ounce jars of peanut butter, and boxes of macaroni and cheese delivered to the church office by December 18.

GIFTS NEEDED FOR POND GAP CHILDREN who would otherwise not have much, if anything, under their Christmas tree. If you would be interested in participating, please contact Gail Grossman at 865-414-9958 or gdgrossman@yahoo.com.

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.

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: Living Waters is providing water system installation training for teams of volunteers either April 9-13 or October 1-5 and the cost is \$1,250 for the week. 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: 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. Visiting the information table in the Narthex or contact Dan Gaubas (dangaubas@gmail.com) or Mark Lampley (mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org).

AN EIGHT-WEEK MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES begins on Monday, January 21. 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 – Jim Kirkey; 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 – Barbara Knoph; Elmcroft – Mamie Vohs; Northshore Senior Living – Phyllis Marks; Park Place of West Knoxville – Jim Patteson; Westmoreland – Betty Benson and Pat Gray.



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