



# SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY December 30, 2018

### GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Mark Lampley

INTROIT

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*  
Breyon Ewing, tenor

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #40

*Joy to the World!*

ANTIOCH

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION (*in unison*)

**God of Advent, of waiting and hoping, keep our hearts expectant, ready for your coming among us. God of Christmas, of celebration and rejoicing, make our hearts glad with the joy nothing can take from us. God of Epiphany, of hiding and making known, fill our hearts with wonder at the revelation of your glory that we have seen in Jesus Christ, our peace and our Lord. All glory be to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Amen.**

\* PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(During flu season, you are welcome to touch elbows, give a pat on the back, or fist pumps.)*

## THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Emily Morris

*(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 Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, p. 690

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\* HYMN #63

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

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NEW TESTAMENT John 8:12

Pew Bible, p. 101

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"For This We Have Jesus"*

Rev. Rachel Hamburger

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

**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

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
Breyon Ewing, tenor

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

\* 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 "The Nicene Creed"*

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

### SENDING

\* HYMN OF DEDICATION #535      *Go with Us, Lord*      TALLIS' CANON

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *He Is Born*      Richard Hudson

*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

10:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

#### MONDAY

12:00 P.M. - Office Closed through January 1

#### WEDNESDAY

10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room)

#### 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](http://www.sequoyahchurch.org).

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God from Brownie and Pam Fritts in memory of their parents, George and Helen Fritts and Robert and Gayle Pfeiffer.

**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.

**THE ANCIENT PRACTICE OF PASSING THE PEACE** is more than a good morning greeting. "Peace be with you" was a greeting Jesus himself used with his disciples. When we pass the peace, we share the signs of reconciliation and the peace of Christ. The gesture is simple, but the meaning profound. As forgiven and reconciled people, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed from noon on Monday, December 31, through Tuesday, January 1.

**NEW SERMON SERIES:** From January through March, Dr. Eason will offer a new sermon series, "A Word a Week." Each week the focus of the sermon will be on a different word in the Bible. Each word builds on the other, revealing God's tenacious love for the world. Join us and invite a friend. If you have to miss, catch our livestream on Sundays at 11:00 at [SequoyahChurch.org](http://SequoyahChurch.org).

**JANUARY CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** When the apostle Paul was imprisoned in Rome, he wrote a letter to encourage the church in Colossae. Doug White will teach on the major themes in Colossians in our Chapel during Sunday School through January. Doug has been Professor of Practical Theology at Erskine Seminary in South Carolina. All are welcome to attend.

**NEW EXERCISE CLASSES BEGIN ON JANUARY 7:** The "Sit and Be Fit" class, primarily a chair class that uses weights and bands to increase your strength, endurance and balance, meets from 10:00 to 11:00. The yoga class meets from 11:15 to 12:15. Bring your mat, towel, and water. Classes meet every Monday and Thursday mornings in the Loft (upper level of the Spitzer Building) and will be taught by Covenant Health Bodyworks instructors. The cost is \$3 per class.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** resumes on January 9 (5:15 to 6:00 P.M.). Dinner will be followed by Dr. Eason's Bible Study in Barron Hall at 6:00 P.M. where he will explore the texts that will be the source of the upcoming Sunday sermon. Come and find out what is behind the scenes of the passage, how a sermon is born from it, and what won't make it into the sermon. All ages welcome. Hope you will join us!

**SUPPORT OUR HAITI MISSION TRIP** by donating non-prescription children's and adult sunglasses in the box labeled "Sunglasses for Haitians" in the church office.

**THE NEXT MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES** begins on Monday, January 21, in the Spitzer Education Building, Room 322. Whether you enjoy a deep and loving connection with your partner or struggle to talk about simple things without conflict, we would love for you to join us. The series will go from 6:30 to 8:00 every Monday evening for eight weeks. The workshop will be appropriate for all couples in a deeply committed relationship. A minimum of 12 couples is needed. The cost is \$100 per couple and free childcare is available upon request. The registration deadline is Friday, January 11. Please contact Becky Guyton, [rguyton@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:rguyton@sequoyahchurch.org) or 522-9804, to register or with any questions.

**SHPC YOUTH ARE INVITED** to stay up all night with us at The Loft: Middle School Winter Lock-in February 8, 2019. Meet at the Loft at 8:00 P.M. to kick off the evening

with music and games, then head to the Main Event for unlimited games, laser tag, and bowling. Afterward, it is back to The Loft for movies, games, and snacks till the sun comes up. Each guest should bring a sleeping bag with boys bringing a soda/Gatorade to share, and girls bringing a shareable salty or sweet snack. Please return your registration card (and notarized release) and \$35 payment for lock-in to SHPC by January 30, 2019.

**SAVE THE DATE:** 2019 Montreat Church-Wide Retreat is April 5 through 7. Join us for “Lessons from the Wilderness: What We Learn from Times of Crisis and Challenge” led by Dr. Steve Eason. Registration information is 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. “...pray for one another, so that you may be healed.” James 5:16

**THIS SUNDAY’S VOLUNTEERS:** Greeter – Lauren Hall; 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; NHC Farragut – Barbara Patterson; Northshore Senior Living – Phyllis Marks; Park Place of West Knoxville – Jim Patteson; Westmoreland – Betty Benson and Pat Gray.



*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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