



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

January 3, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

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INTROIT *Surely the Presence* by Lanny Wolfe

WELCOME Dr. Jay Howell

*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

(For those worshiping in person, please use "indoor voices" while wearing your mask for everyone's safety.)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest; Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above; Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored to Thee; Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Rev. Rachel Hamburger

**O God of light,
we have been so blind when truth has been so clear.
When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind.
When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part.
When we could have sensed the Spirit's leading, we missed the way.
Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading.
Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see,
through the light that lingers when all else fails,
even the bright Morning Star of our faith,
Jesus Christ, the Savior.**

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE (Congregation sings.)

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 68:17-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Song of Simeon

NUNC DIMITTIS

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 2:21-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Baby Names: And He Was Called Jesus

Dr. Jay Howell

HYMN (seated)

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

RESPONDING

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

Silent Meditation and Prayer

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude in C minor* J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

CALENDAR

Sunday

- 8:15 A.M. - Nursery for 8:30 Service (Room 204)
 - Toddler Childcare for 8:30 Service (Room 209)
- 8:30 A.M. - In-Person Worship (Barron Hall)
- 9:45 A.M. - Virtual Sunday School: Children and Youth
- 10:00 A.M. - Online Sunday School: Adults (Zoom)
- 10:30 A.M. - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
 - Toddler Childcare for 11:00 Service (Room 209)
- 11:00 A.M. - In-Person (Sanctuary) and Livestream Worship

Monday

- 2:00 P.M. - Yoga (The Loft)

Wednesday

- 6:00 P.M. - Women's 45+ Bible Study (Zoom)
 - Youth Small Groups (off-site)

Thursday

- 2:00 P.M. - Yoga (The Loft)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP is available at 8:30 A.M. in Barron Hall and at 11:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary. Please refer to the Latest Information section of our website for more information and to register.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPING with us as a visitor, welcome! For more information about any of our ministries, contact Pastor Mark Lampley.

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.

WORSHIP

IN PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION in your home, obtain some simple elements of bread or crackers and juice or water to partake when invited by pastors.

NEW SERMON SERIES: "Holy Days: Work, Rest, and the People of God" begins on January 10 and continues through February 14.

SCHOLARSHIP SINGERS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP: Adia Evans-Ledon, Sarah-Clementine Mire, and Whitney Rorabaugh, sopranos; Gianna Grigalonis, mezzo-soprano; Tim Pope, tenor; Joel Brown and Michael Roemer, baritones.

TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION was from *The Worship Sourcebook* / Faith Alive Christian Resources.

STEWARDSHIP

THANKS TO EVERYONE who has already joined in our pledge campaign for 2021. Currently we have received 210 pledges totaling \$1,605,467. If you're ready to submit your pledge, you can do so online, by mail, or by returning it to the church office. God is good!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

WEARS VALLEY RANCH is our Local Missions focus for January. This agency provides a Christian home, education, and counseling for children in crisis situations. You can help by donating waterproof gloves and other items for their Ranch store. Our website, newsletter, and Weekly E-News have additional information.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WOULD YOU LIKE PRAYER FOR A CONCERN, NEED, OR JOY? Each week there are opportunities to receive the fervent prayers of others in our church family. Include your joy, need, or concern (big or small!) on the SHPC Prayer Chain by emailing Pam Fritts at fritts1971@gmail.com.

A NEW EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY: If you need job information or have a job to offer, our deacons have started a new ministry of prayer and support based on a network of ideas and leads. Email your

request or opportunity to deacons@sequoyahchurch.org. One Deacon will read your email confidentially and respond.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING begins Sunday, January 10, at 2:30 P.M. by Zoom for any who feel called to become a Stephen Minister within our church family. Fifty hours of training will change your life and be used to greatly bless others. For more information, email David Frey at thedavidfrey@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS surround Kathy Mayo in the death of her mother, Belle Morelock, on December 29. Jesus said, *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* Matthew 5:4

ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2021 SHPC ALL-CHURCH RETREAT? Mark your calendars for the "Stay Retreat" April 16-17. This weekend of fun and fellowship will include off-campus adventures for all ages. Speakers will be the Revs. Carson (former associate pastor) and Janet Salyer. More information is coming soon.

WOMEN WALKING IN THE WORD groups continue meeting, once a week for moments in the Word, and a brisk walk. If you were not a part of a group this Fall but would like to join in, contact Julieanne Foy at jcfoy@icloud.com. Groups meet at different times. The fellowship is AWESOME!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

WANT TO LEARN MORE about the Messiah? Interested in applying the Lord's Prayer? A new Bible study on Luke begins January 6, running Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. led by clergy via Zoom. Guidebook provided with goal of Scripture application. If interested, email Pastor Mark Lampley at MLampley@sequoyahchurch.org. Deadline is January 4.

JOIN IN A NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES featuring a New Testament book on Sundays from 10:00 to 10:50 A.M. led by Kent Koebke. This Zoom class is open to all adults and hosted by the Christian Growth class. For more information, email Klair Kimmey, KKimmey@earthlink.net, or Pastor Mark Lampley, MLampley@SequoyahChurch.org.

A NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE SURVEY COURSE: This self-paced, online course is open to all from now until June 30. All lectures are pre-recorded and taught by Dr. John Carroll, Professor of New Testament, Union Presbyterian Seminary. For more information, email MLampley@SequoyahChurch.org.

ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE: 8:15 A.M. Nursery (Room 204), Toddler (Room 209), 10:30 A.M. Nursery (Room 204), Toddler (Room 209), Extended Session (Room 220 – limit of 10 children). Registration is required for childcare.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION INCLUDE MORE BIBLE STUDY? Why not join a Virtual Sunday School Class? Classes for children, youth, and adults are offered each Sunday. Join in for fellowship, prayer, and learning. Information is available on the calendar and on our website's Connect and Grow page.

CURRENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS INCLUDE Luke's Gospel (Bible Discovery), the Incarnation (Adult Fellowship), 1st Peter (Christian Growth), and Prayer (Foundations). Consider joining a Sunday morning Zoom class to learn more about the Bible, spiritual disciples, and faith by following the link in the Sunday morning congregational email.

LET US CONTINUE TO BE GENEROUS as we are called and able in our financial commitments to God, as our church is resolved to maintain our commitments to our staff and mission partners as much as we are able during this crisis.

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, INSTAGRAM, WEBSITE, AND WEEKLY EMAIL for the most up-to-date information.

