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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

“PRAYER IS THE EXERCISE OF DRAWING ON THE GRACE OF GOD,” writes Oswald Chambers. We believe that! Every Sunday a deacon is available after each service to pray with you in some need, concern, or praise. Don't leave church with a burden. You may also submit a Prayer Request card.

YOGA WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER. The last class for 2021 is on November 29 in The Loft. Classes will resume on January 3.

THE PANDEMIC has put financial pressure on many. Our new Deacons' Fund Ministry is ready to help church members in a time of temporary financial crisis. The application is on the church website under Care Ministries. Requests remain strictly confidential. For more information, email Jim Hatfield at jmhatfield1@gmail.com or Pastor Rachel.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WOMEN'S RETREAT - SPA FOR THE SOUL: Save the dates of February 25-27, 2022, for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, fun, rest, and inspiration led by Rev. Ansley Page at Tapoco Lodge in North Carolina. Registration begins December 1. Check out the church website and November Tower for more information.

JOY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH & COMMUNITY LUNCHEON is Thursday, December 9, at noon in The Loft. Come and enjoy a boxed lunch (\$5) and a Christmas program. Call the church office to make your reservation.

DISCIPLES FOR DONUTS MINISTRY: Two to three more dads/moms/families are needed to join our current four families in a rotation to pick up (already paid for) doughnuts at the Kingston Pike Krispy Kreme on Sunday mornings between 8:15-9:30, and deliver to church. Contact Sarah Shanks (616-262-8492) if you can help.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE: 8:30 A.M. Nursery (Room 204), Toddler (Room 209); 10:30 A.M. Nursery (Room 204), Toddler (Room 209), Extended Session (Room 220).

JOIN A 9:45 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS! Current Sunday School topics include Peter (Bible Discovery), 1 John (Foundations), Love to Stay (Adult Fellowship), The Vine Life (Christian Growth), and Ortberg book study (YAGO). Zoom links for Bible Discovery and Christian Growth are in the Sunday morning email.

THE ANNUAL ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP is this morning from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. *Shop the World Gifts* booth will be open until 12:30.

JINGLE AND MINGLE! A Young Adult social is being planned for 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 12, at the home of David and Caitlin Zeanah. Childcare available at church.

COLLEGE-AGED STUDENTS, especially freshman and sophomores who were not able to join us the last two years, are invited to lunch on Monday, December 20 at noon. Join the tradition and reserve a lunch spot with Lampley at Lenny's via email mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org or text (865) 771-5044.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, helpful information is included in a brochure available at Sanctuary exits. *“Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2*

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



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
November 28, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.
3700 Keowee Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919
865.522.9804 | sequoyahchurch.org
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

INTROIT *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

WELCOME Dr. Jay Howell

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF HOPE
Tom and Jill Gilbertson

*HYMN #11 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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

God of hope and God of mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. In these tender days of anticipation, remove those things that hinder our love of you, and forgive all the darkness in us, so that we will be fully open to the bright light and hope of Jesus Christ. Hear us as we bring our silent confessions . . .

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE (Congregation sings.) VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Children & Worship: Children ages four through first grade may meet Mary Emily in back of Sanctuary and may be picked up in the Kingdom, lower level of Spitzer building.)

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(The congregation will sing as the family comes forward.)

Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water, God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

(The congregation will sing as the family exits.)

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Alex Ewell

NEW TESTAMENT John 2:13-22 Pew Bible Page 93

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Lloyd Larson
Hooper Stevens, baritone

OLD TESTAMENT Zechariah 6:9-15 Pew Bible Page 882

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Prepare Him Room: Under Construction* Dr. Jay Howell

HYMN (seated) *Lord, Prepare Me* SANCTUARY

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Mark Lampley

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.

OFFERING

(As the plates are passed, any who have given online or by mail this week are invited to add an offering slip as part of our worshipful offering.)

*DOXOLOGY (Congregation sings.) OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* by James Pethel

** Please stand if you are able.*

Following worship, a deacon is available to pray with you in the Chapel.

CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M. - Nursery for 8:45 Service (Room 204)
- Toddler Childcare for 8:45 Service (Room 209)

8:45 A.M. - In-Person Worship (Chapel)

9:45 A.M. - Advent Family Workshop (Barron Hall)

- Lemonade/Coffee/Doughnut Fellowship (Bell Tower)
- Preschool Sunday School (Spitzer Main Level)
- Kingdom Sunday School (Gathering Area)
- Youth (The Loft)
- Adult Fellowship Class (Room 320)
- YAGOs (Room 322)
- Bible Explorers (Chapel/Zoom)
- Christian Growth (Room 232)

10:30 A.M. - Lemonade/Coffee/Doughnut Fellowship (Bell Tower)
- Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)

11:00 A.M. - In-Person (Sanctuary) and Livestream Worship

Monday

10:00 A.M. - Staff Meeting (The Loft)

10:15 A.M. - Yoga (Barron Hall)

Tuesday

7:00 P.M. - Advent by Candlelight (Barron Hall)

Wednesday

9:30 A.M. - L.I.F.E. Group (Zeanahs' home)

10:30 A.M. - Adult Bible Study (Barron Hall/Zoom)

4:00 P.M. - Joyful Praise Choir (JP Choir Room)

4:30 P.M. - Joyful Noise Choir (JN Choir Room)

7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Christmas Concert (Sanctuary/Livestream)

Thursday

8:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP is available at 8:45 A.M. in the Chapel and at 11:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE CHAPEL: 8:45 Worship; 9:45 Bible Discovery Class. Immediately following our early worship, we encourage fellowship in the ramp room, yet everyone is also welcome and encouraged to remain for the Bible Discovery class taught by Fran Dotterweich on Peter.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPING with us as a visitor, welcome! Please sign the Fellowship Pad found on each pew near the center aisle. For more information about any of our ministries, email Pastor Mark Lampley at mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org.

WORSHIP

INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH: Jake Connor Simmons, son of Jordan and Laura (Stair) Simmons, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 Service. Elder Ned Babb will represent the Session.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT is on Wednesday, December 1, at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary (transportation and childcare available by calling the church office).

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CONCERT is on Wednesday, December 8, at 6:15 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS: A SERVICE OF HOPE AND PRAYER FOR HEALING AND PEACE is on Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. If you are grieving a loss, struggling, or feeling the stress of the Christmas season, join us. Childcare available.

TO DONATE A POINSETTIA/CHRISTMAS FLOWERS for the church in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call 522-9804 by Friday, December 10. The cost is \$25 each (checks made payable to SHPC, marked "Poinsettias").

TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION is from the Worship Sourcebook/ Faith Alive resources.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH: CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

Go to sequoyahchurch.org/local-missions for detailed information.

ROSES CREEK: To adopt a family or help deliver gifts, email Jennifer White at jennifer6178@hotmail.com;

THRIVE PARKRIDGE: Donate to the Holiday Store or purchase gifts for a deserving child by emailing cammyglover1605@comcast.net;

PURCHASE FISH CHRISTMAS CARDS in the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is delivering immediate aid for Hurricane Ida and the Haiti earthquake. Gifts can be made online or