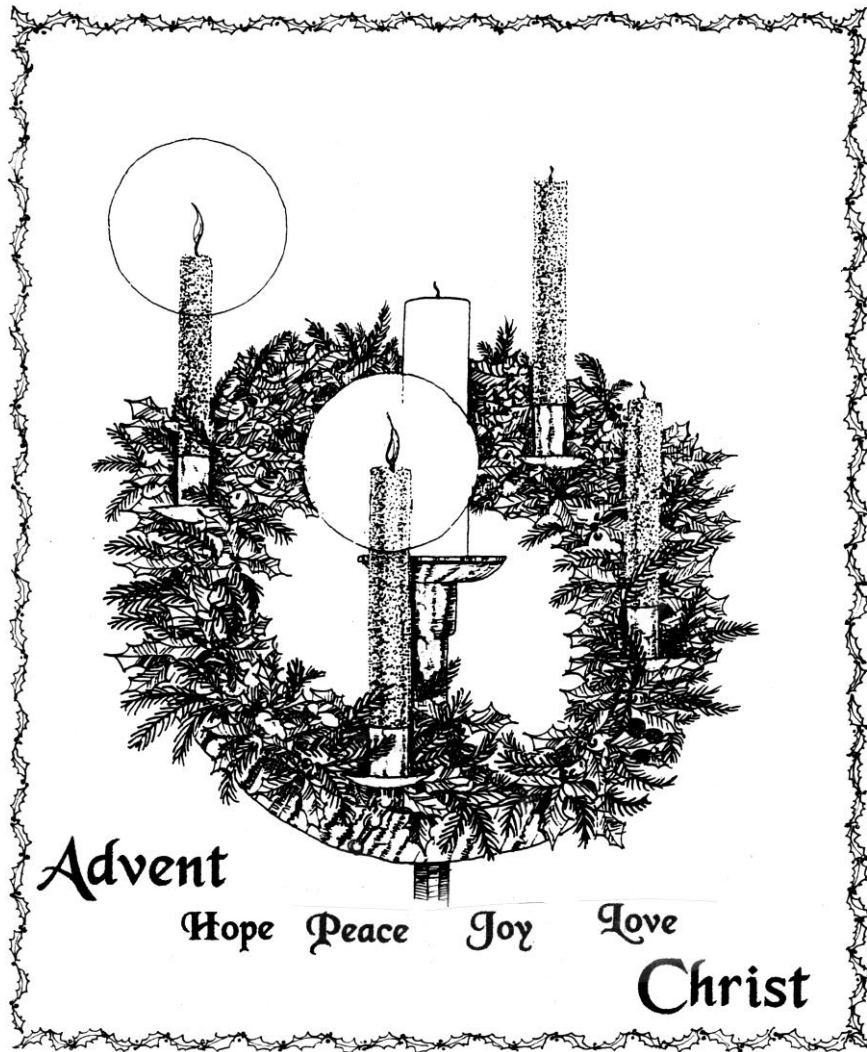


TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Called by God
to be the heart, voice, hands and feet of
Christ where the Spirit leads us.*

DECEMBER 6, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* No. 82

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Fabrie Family

RESPONSE

"Come, Come Emmanuel"
(Congregation joins on the refrain)

No. 91

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You come with fire to refine us, yet we remain in our corruption. You come with water to cleanse us, yet we persist in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Prepare the way in us to greet the one who is coming, so that we may see your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord...*(silent confession)*...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be confident of this:

The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is God's gift that we should believe the Gospel.

This is the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE

"Canticle of Turning"
(verse 2)

No. 100

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3: 1-4 Page 889
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

PSALTER LESSON Luke 1: 68-79 Page 58
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *"Here I Am to Worship"* Smith

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 1: 3-11 Page 196
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *"Get Ready"*

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN Tim Beane

*HYMN *"Blest Be the God of Israel"* No. 109

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3: 1-6 Page 60
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"A Way through the Wilderness"* Patrick Dennis

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"How Great Is Our God"* Tomlin

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* No. 102

*LITANY FOR ADVENT

O world, listen! Do not sleep—
For the realm of God is near!
Arise, and turn your eyes to the east,
Where the nations are gathering with shouts of joy,
Singing songs as at harvest-time,
Swelling the air with praise!
The Lord of life has remembered them,
The God of Heaven has blessed the earth;
Their lamentations have become celebrations;
Their death march, the holy dance!
At the sound of their singing, the mountains are leveled;
At the sound of their laughter, the valleys are filled.

At the sound of their clapping, the crooked is made straight;
At the sound of their tramping, the rough is made smooth.

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

O world, listen! Do not sleep!

The realm of God is near!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Allegro"

Vivaldi

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

Today's Worship Leaders are Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant to the Director of Music Ministries*; Tim Beane, *Lay Reader* and *Together We Stand*.

We welcome our visitors and guests today and invite you to sign the Friendship Pads when they are passed in the pews. Please share your contact information with us. If you are visiting Tuckahoe for the first time, please see a member in the narthex to receive a gift. Everyone is invited to join us in Duntreath Hall following worship for a time of fellowship.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God. **Nursery helpers** are Allison and Virginia Neil, William Adair, Julia Adair, Jessica Lurey, Camellia Wroniewicz and Kerry Barksdale. **The acolyte** is Logan Albertson. **The Fellowship Time is hosted** by members of the Diaconate.

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Patrick Coleman Horsley, II, first great-grandchild of Barbara and O. V. Maiden. "Cole" was born on November 27th at St. Mary's. Congratulations, Barbara and O. V.!

Ushers for the month of December are Curtis Carr, A. W. and Pam Dickerson, Bob Ramsey, Butch Richardson and Stan Sauer.

During the Time for Children this morning, we will collect the monthly CentsAbility Offering. Give generously to this important hunger project.

Following "Moments with the Children", children go with **Becky Goode to room 209, where they will experience a Godly Play presentation and work.** "Advent II" will be explored today. Following worship, Becky will bring the children to fellowship time in Duntreath Hall to meet their families. Children younger than age 4 attend nursery as usual. Children older than 1st grade will remain in worship to fully participate in the service.

The December meeting of the Women's Study Group will meet at Dot Smith's house, 7925 Blueberry Hill on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. This is a location change for this month.

Next Sunday's Fellowship Time following worship is our annual "Cookie Sunday". Please bring a dozen or more of your favorite Christmas cookies to share with everyone!

The Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, December 13th, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Deacon for an unexpired term.

Next Sunday is collection Sunday for non-perishable food items to stock the Lamb's Basket foodbank. We collect non-perishable food items throughout the month and on the second Sunday of each month for this effort. You may place your contributions in the pull-out cabinet of the Resource Center in the hallway between the narthex and Duntreath Hall. Please remember the hungry at this critical time of year! Our LAMB's Basket food contribution for November was 41 lbs. Let's see if we can double that for December!

Join us for this week's Wednesday Night Supper and programming. Cooking Team 4 will prepare "Breakfast for

Dinner": Cheesy egg casserole, cheesy egg and sausage casserole, fresh fruit delight, heavenly hash browns, assorted breads and coffeecakes, homemade cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee. Continuing our December theme of "Preparing for Advent", Ms. Mary Townes, the principal of Oak Grove - Bellemeade Elementary School will be our guest speaker. Ms. Townes will speak to us about the steps that have been taken and the progress made over the last several years to remove the school from probation. She will address the needs of the school that our congregation might choose to address and comment on how the children are chosen who receive the gifts that our members have provided for a number of years for the holiday season. M & M Kids and Skittles will be offered for the children. All programs conclude by 7:30 p.m. Please sign up on the friendship pads during worship or call the church office by Monday afternoon so the cooking team can prepare properly.

The Ministry of Prison Fellowship "Angel Tree" project helps incarcerated men and women provide Christmas presents to their children. Tuckahoe will be sponsoring 25 children this year. We need 50 members of the congregation to purchase and gift wrap one gift each (approx. \$20-\$25). The gifts have been selected by the parents and the sizes checked with the custodial parent. **Look for the Angel Tree in Duntreath Hall.** Please pick an Angel from the tree to make Christmas special for a lucky child! Please contact Pam Burch at 364-5203 or vaburch@comcast.net if you have questions.

Tim Beane is hoping to organize a group of Tuckahoe volunteers to sort non-perishable food products once a month at FeedMore. The shift would be from 1:00 to 3:45 pm on a Monday afternoon each month beginning in January. You would not have to volunteer each month, only when it's convenient for you. If you are interested, there is an information session today, following worship, in Room 108. If you cannot attend the meeting next Sunday, give Tim a call at 754-0496.

Mark your calendars for next Sunday, December 13, when the joint choirs of Tuckahoe and Three Chopt Presbyterian Church, accompanied by orchestration, will present a Christmas Choral performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria" in the Three Chopt Presbyterian sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.. The address for TCPC is 9315 Three Chopt Road. Plan to bring your whole family to experience the joy of music and voices lifted in celebration of the season. A light reception will follow the concert.

In our prayers for comfort and healing:

Recovering: Floyd Dixon, Sibbie England, Gibbs Johnson and Stuart Shires



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT TUCKAHOE

Thursday	December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Service with Pageant
		7:00 p.m.	Carol Sing
		7:30 p.m.	Candlelight Service with Communion
		11:00 p.m.	Contemplative Service with Communion

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, December 13, 2015

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle: Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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WEEK

TUCKAHOE

Sunday, December 6

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
- 12:15 PM FeedMore Volunteer Meeting - Room 108
- 6:00 PM Youth Groups - Duntreath Hall

Monday, December 7 *Office Hours 9:00 - 3:00*

- 7:00 PM Women's Study Group @ home of Dot Smith

Tuesday, December 8 *Office Hours 9:00 - 3:00*

- 5:30 PM Emergency Shelter Meal
- 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Committee - Rm 106

Wednesday, December 9 *Office Hours 9:00 - 3:00*

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom
- 5:30 PM KMD Bells - Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Duntreath
- 6:30 PM M & M Kids, Skittles - Room 202
- 7:30 PM Adult Handbells - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Property Committee - Workroom
- 7:30 PM Worship & Membership Committee - Rm 106

Thursday, December 10 *Office Hours 9:00 - 3:00*

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - Room 108
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday, December 11 *Office Hours 9:00 - Noon*

- 10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

Sunday, December 13

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Congregational Meeting
- After Worship Cookie Sunday - Duntreath Hall
- 12:30 PM Blood Pressure Check - Duntreath
- 12:30 PM WFSF Committee - Room 108
- 4:00 PM Youth Groups - Duntreath Hall
- 6:00 PM Christmas Choral Concert @ Three Chopt Presbyterian