

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 27, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAROLS OF THE SEASON

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol God, all peoples!

**For great is God's steadfast love toward us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Praise the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

\*HYMN

*"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

No. 136

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You give us a vision of a world made new, O God, yet we find it so easy to abide in the old. You promise your presence among us, yet we seek so often to hide from it. We continue to mourn for our own way, though you have promised to wipe the tears from our eyes. When the former things have passed away, will we still long for what used to be? You are the beginning and the end; the middle we cling to for ourselves. And so we confess our nearsightedness and beg for eyes open to your new creation so that we may enter the coming year made whole by your grace...*(silent confession)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**



TUCKAHOE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**            Revelation 21:1-6a            Page 259  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**    *Were You There on That Christmas Night?"*    Sleeth

**MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN**                    *"He Came Down"*                    No. 137

**GOSPEL LESSON**            Matthew 1:18-25            Page 1  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                    *"What about Joseph?"*    Diane Prevary

**\*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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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**            *"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"*    arr. Raney

**\*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**

**The New Year approaches with promise as your Kingdom is prepared, O Lord. We hear your call to ministry and offer our gifts in response. Make known your will to us as we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the imprisoned. Then we will have done these things even unto you. We now dedicate these gifts and ourselves to your glory. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**                    *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*    No. 132

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                    *"Joy to the World"*                    arr. Whitworth

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Diane Prevary, *Parish Associate*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*;  
Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*;  
Colin Hogg, *Lay Reader*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

**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 to God.** Nursery helpers are Allison and Virginia Neil, Rachel Sherman and Ann Gapper. **The acolyte** is Kyle Smith. **The Fellowship Time is hosted by** David and Angie Smith.

**In our prayers for comfort and healing,**

**Recovering:** Floyd Dixon and Mary Louise Trusdell

**There is no Children's Church this morning.** Nursery room 105 will be open following "Moments with the Children" for children age four-years-old through 1st grade.

**The last business day of 2015 for Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church will be Wednesday, December 30.** Any contributions with a USPS date of December 31 or earlier received in the mail will be treated as 2015 contributions. Please clearly designate on the check memo line that the contribution is for 2015. Any contributions with a USPS date of January 1 or later regardless of the date of the check will be treated as a 2016 gift. If you would like to provide a gift for 2016 before the end of 2015, please clearly designate that intent on the memo line of the check. The last day to receive such a check in 2015 is December 30 in the office or by mail with a USPS date of December 31.

**There will be no Wednesday Night Supper or Wednesday night programming this week.** Our regular Wednesday night meal and programming will resume on January 6, 2016.

**The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday in observance of the New Year holiday.**

**Beginning in January church office hours will be Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** The office will be closed on Fridays.

**The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 10th, immediately following worship.** The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2016.

**The Property Committee and Session have approved a new building security plan which is being implemented in several phases.** The plan will change the way we access our main building (not Wilson Hall) by limiting access to two entryways - the main office door and the entrance doors beside the kitchen. These doors will be fitted with electronic locks which will be accessed using 4-digit number codes. Each individual requiring access to the buildings will be assigned a 4-digit numeric code. With the increased rate of unauthorized entry that we have had over the last few years, we feel this is a necessary step to protect our property and ensure a safe facility for our staff, members, and building users.

**Opportunities to enrich the worship and fellowship experience here at Tuckahoe abound! Put your gifts to work!** There are several areas where volunteers are needed to help out each Sunday. They are listed below for your convenience:

- 1) **Please sign up to host a Fellowship Hour.** The sign up board for the New Year is outside Duntreath Hall. We need your help to keep this Tuckahoe tradition!
- 2) **Please sign up to give flowers on any Sunday in memory of or in honor of someone special in your life.** All you have to do is put your name on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board outside the church office. The church office will contact you prior to your giving Sunday and the

Flower Committee will take care of arranging your choice of flowers.

- 3) **Interested in joining the Flower Committee? Have special talent with flower arranging?** We would love to have you join our committee to help arrange the flowers purchased for each Sunday's worship. Call the church office at 282-2860 if you are interested in joining this special ministry here at Tuckahoe.
- 4) **The Chancel Choir and Adult and KMD (Kids, Moms and Dads) hand bells are all open to new members.** Please contact Mark Cain, Director of Music Ministries, at mcain22@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

**LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

**LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, January 3, 2016**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-14  
**Psalm:** Psalm 147:12-20  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14  
**Gospel:** John 1:(1-9) 10-18

**THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE**

**Sunday, December 27**

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
After Worship Fellowship Time

**Monday, December 28** Office Hours 9:00 – 3:00

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

**Tuesday, December 29** Office Hours 9:00 – 3:00

**Wednesday, December 30** Office Hours 9:00 – 3:00

**Thursday, December 31** OFFICE CLOSED

**Friday, January 1** OFFICE CLOSED

**Sunday, January 3**

9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship & New Officer  
Ordination/Installation  
After Worship Fellowship Time – Duntreath Hall  
12:30 PM Warinner Family Scholarship Committee –  
Room 108  
6:00 PM Youth Groups – Duntreath Hall



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