

TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
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NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* Lorenz

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Isaiah 2: 2 - 4*

...that we may work toward
Christ's advent of peace
among all nations.

**God of promise, God of hope,
into our darkness come.**

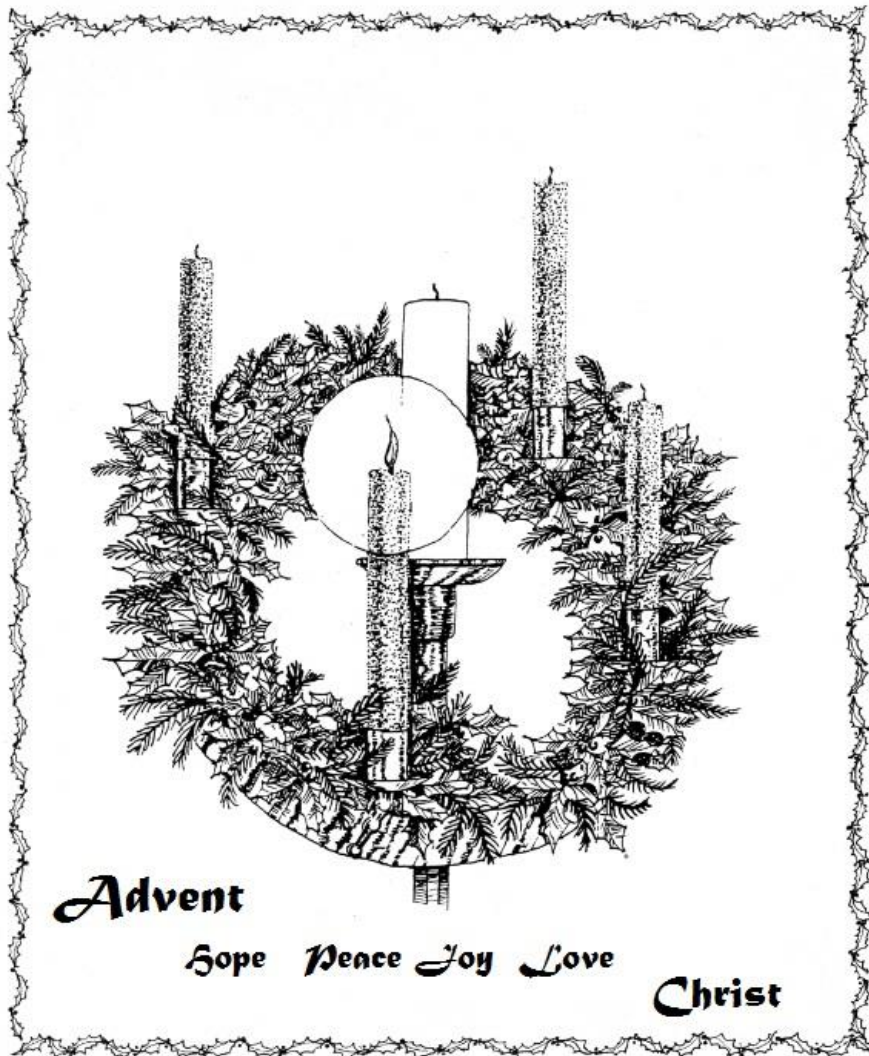
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Savior of the Nations Come"* No. 102

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess
that we do not walk in your light.
We hurt and destroy one another
and neglect the poor and hungry.
We let evil grow among us
and fail to bear good fruit.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Awaken us to your Word,
so that we may be ready
to welcome you with joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord...*(silent confession)*...

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON



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

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24: 36 - 44 Page 27

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"* Gilpin

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a Page 285

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SERMON *"Renewed Hope"* Patrick Dennis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church

with the message of reconciliation

in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called

to be the salt of the earth

and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed

because it is a peacemaker.

We believe that the church is witness

both by word and by deed

to the new heaven and the new earth

in which righteousness dwells. 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.

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Ring to the Lord of the Harvest"* Rogers

***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**

Eternal God, as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign, use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to those who are oppressed, to set free those who are in prison, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to uphold those who are vulnerable. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn"* No. 107
(Choir sings verses 1 & 2, congregation joins on 3 & 4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *"I Love to Tell the Story" - Refrain*
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

***POSTLUDE** *"Voluntary on Thaxted"* Holst

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Director of Christian*

Formation; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*;

Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*;

Tintinnabulation; *Adult Handbell Choir*; Bill Vogel, *Lay Reader*;

Curtis, Amanda and Baxter Carr, *Advent Candle Lighters*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

We welcome our visitors today and invite you to join us for refreshments in Duntreath Hall after the service so we can get acquainted. Please sign the Friendship Pads when they are passed in the pews. If you are visiting Tuckahoe for the first time, please see an usher in the narthex to receive a gift. We invite those of you who are interested in joining the church to contact Pastor Dennis so we can include you in the new member's class beginning in December.

The flowers are given by Jean Bynum to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Brooks. **Nursery helpers** are Ian Stevenson, Dan and Melissa Masher and Sarah Dennis. **The acolyte** is Lily DeBolt. **The after church Fellowship Time is hosted by** Mary Jo Dennis, Barbara Maiden and Carol Martin.

Remember in your prayers these members of our Tuckahoe family in need of God's healing mercies: Mary Lane Brockenbrough, Jean Bynum, Joan Clement and Doris Tate.

Childcare is provided during the worship hour for children infant through first grade. The Nursery in Room 104 is designed for infants through 23 months. Two and three year olds may be taken to Room 102. Children age 4 through 1st grades may be taken to Room 105 for childcare. Parents are responsible for picking up children from childcare at the conclusion of the service.

A Service of Healing and Wholeness with the theme of "Blue Christmas" will be held in our sanctuary this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Those looking for comfort, hope, wholeness, and renewal for themselves or others are encouraged to come for prayer, contemplation and restful silence.

Join us for this week's Wednesday Night Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Duntreath Hall. The menu is covered dish---so bring enough for

your family and some to share!! There is no children's programming or adult program until March 8. But bring your family to enjoy mid-week food and fellowship during the advent season!. And stay tuned for information on the return of Sara Sommers one-woman Christmas play on Wednesday night, December 14th following dinner.

The Angel Tree will be up in the Fellowship Hall today and again next Sunday. Please pick an Angel from the tree to make Christmas special for a lucky child and return your gift by December 11th. We have been working through the Ministry of Prison Fellowship "Angel Tree" project for many years to help incarcerated men and women provide Christmas presents to their children who live in metropolitan Richmond. These presents provide a tangible reminder to the children that their parent loves them even though they cannot be with them at Christmas. Each child will receive two gifts: one toy and one clothing item. We need many members of the congregation to purchase and gift wrap one gift each (approx. \$20-\$25). The gifts have been selected by the parents, so you can be sure they will be appropriate and appreciated. We also need people to assist with the delivery of the presents to the children the week before Christmas. Contact Pam Burch at 364-5203 or vaburch@comcast.net with questions.

Plan to bring the whole family and friends to next Sunday afternoon's Advent Workshop for all ages! Meet in Duntreath Hall from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for crafts, music, cooking-making and more. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your extended church family as we get in the spirit of the Advent season!

Join us for a very special worship service on Sunday, December 18 when Tuckahoe's Chancel Choir, accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra, will present a Christmas Choral performance of Mary McDonald's "Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah" during the worship service. You won't want to miss this service of inspiring music. Plan to bring your whole family to experience the joy of

THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

Sunday, November 27

9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
4:00 PM Service of Healing and Wholeness - Sanctuary

Monday, November 28 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels
7:00 PM TPC Book Club @ home of Amy Glass

Tuesday, November 29 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, November 30 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

9:30 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom
5:30 PM KMD Bells - Sanctuary
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Duntreath Hall
7:30 PM Adult Handbell Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 1 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Group - Room 108
6:30 PM The Story Study Group - Duntreath Hall
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 2 *Office closed*

10:00 AM The Story Class @ Cedarfield

Sunday, December 4

9:00 AM New Member Class - Church Parlor
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
12:30 PM WFSF Committee - Room 108
3:00 PM Advent Workshop - Duntreath Hall