

TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

...in the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "*Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun*" No. 265

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of peace, your way is sure and leads to salvation. You sent your Son, the promise of life eternal and your Holy Spirit guides us to truth. Forgive us, we pray, for turning away from that truth and for our blindness to your reconciling peace, in our hearts and in our world. By your mercy open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors and remove any fear we might have to reach out and witness your redeeming love. Forgive us when we fail to follow Christ's call to faithful ministry; renew and restore us and make us worthy to serve in his name... (*silent prayers of confession*).

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

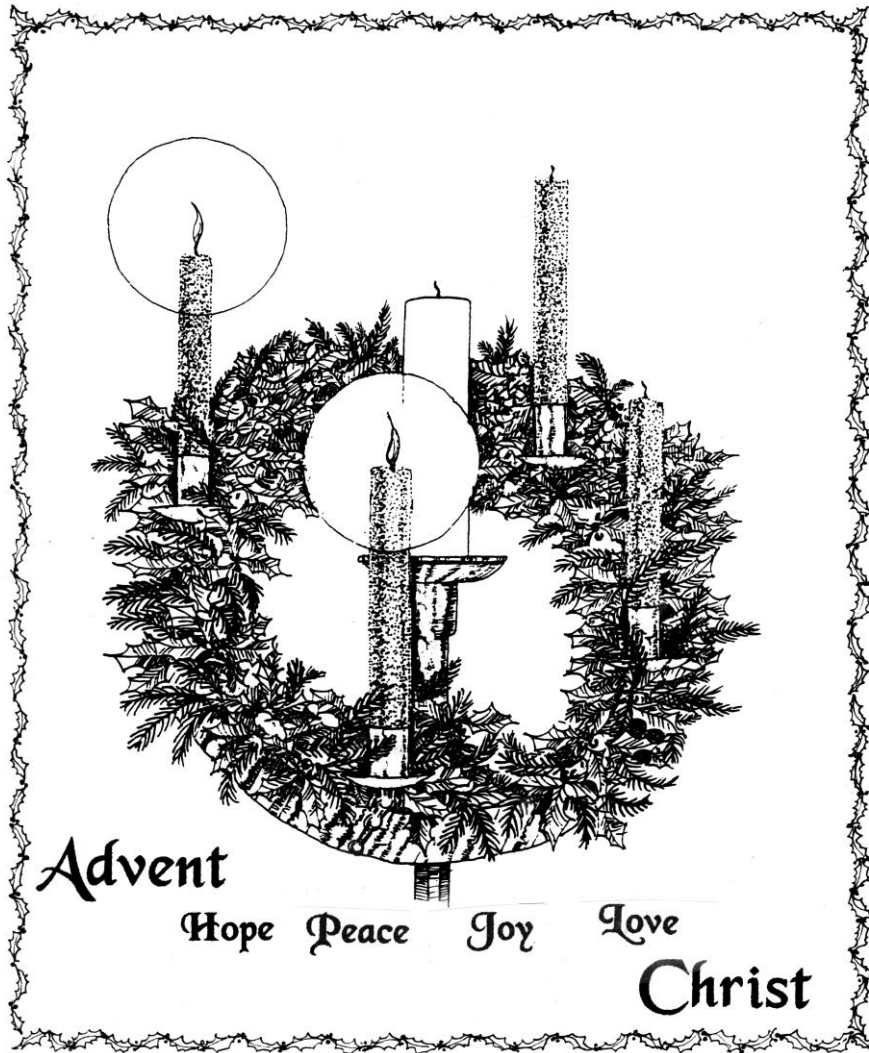
...and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Friends, it is in his name that our sin is forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen!

*GLORIA REFRAIN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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



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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-6 Page 640
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18 Page 545
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *"Come to Us, Emmanuel"* Martin

CENTSAILITY OFFERING

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"* No. 107

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1: 26-38 Page 56
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"...let it begin with me!"* Diane Prevary

***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.**

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 *"Lo, How a Rose 'Er Blooming"* Praetorius

***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**

Gracious God, accept the gifts we offer today as symbols of our commitment; sanctify them wholly, that they may be used as you desire. Mold us and use us as instruments of your will. We dedicate this offering of our gifts and ourselves in Christ's name. Amen.

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *"Love be our song and love our prayer
And love our endless story;
May God fill every day we share
And bring us at last into glory"*

***POSTLUDE** *"Postlude on Regent Square"* arr. Schwoebel



WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Diane Prevary, *Parish Associate*;
Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*;
Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*; Walter
Hogan, *Lay Reader*;
Kiel Mahoney, *Acolyte*; The Wilson Family

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 Dave and Angie Smith to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dave's father, Thomas W. Smith, Jr. **Nursery helpers** are Tabatha Piwowarski, Julia Adair and Hilary and Will Robinson. **The after church Fellowship Time is hosted by** Barbie Keatts and Mary McGee.

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Hannah Grace Hewes, born Thanksgiving morning to Carrie and Brian Hewes, sister to Kalei and Cole. Hannah's grandparents are Anita and Allan Meyers and she is Jackie Meyer's seventh great-grandchild! Congratulations to the whole family!

Ushers for the month of December are Hal Breitenberg, Robins Buck, Alex Miller, Kay Noel, Jason Pool, and Gene Self.

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.

During worship this Sunday we will collect the monthly CentsAbility Offering during the Moments with Children.

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.

Plan to bring the whole family and friends to this 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!

The monthly meeting of the Women's Study Group is tomorrow night, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Ruth Anna Langdon's house, 903 Regester Parkway. All women are invited to attend!

Join us for this week's Wednesday Night Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Duntreath Hall. Cooking Team 8 is preparing a baked potato bar with all the fixin's, salad, bread and dessert. 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!

If you picked an Angel from the Angel Tree last Sunday, be sure to 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 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 attend the 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 music and voices lifted in celebration of the season.

It's time to order your Christmas poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary and fellowship hall for the Christmas season! An order form is in today's bulletin and may also be found in the November and December edition of *The Torch*. Orders need to be returned to the office no later than December 12th. We will be decorating a little earlier this year so that the chancel is ready for the Christmas Cantata on December 18th!

Plan to take your family to A Hanover Christmas, December 9 and 10 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. A candlelit trail winds through the woods, transporting you back in time. Along your journey, meet other travelers, shepherds, kings and angels. Immerse yourself in the greatest story ever told. Open to the public, this free event is suitable for all ages and physical abilities. More than "just another live nativity," you'll experience interactive and dramatic re-enactments while leisurely strolling a candlelit wooded path. After your journey, relax in front of the fireplace while you fellowship with others. Enjoy tasty homemade holiday treats and performances by local musicians and choral groups. You are

welcome to stay as long as you like and overnight accommodations are available. For more information or to get involved "behind the scenes," call (804) 779-2811 or visit www.CampHanover.org. 3163 Parsleys Mill Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

During Advent the Sunday School curriculum of The Story and the sermon series will be suspended so that classes can study an Advent curriculum. The Story classes will resume on January 8th with Chapter 13.

LECTIONARY TEXT FOR THIS SUNDAY:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY AT TUCKAHOE

Saturday, December 24	4:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant
	7:30 p.m.	Candlelight and Communion
Sunday, December 25	11:00 a.m.	Lessons and Carols

Need more information about Tuckahoe, our mission, ministries and events? Just scan the QR code below with your smartphone and you'll be directed to our church website!



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THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

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

Monday, December 5 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

7:00 PM Women's Study Group @ Ruth Anna
Langdon's

Tuesday, December 6 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, December 7 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

9:30 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

5:30 PM KMD Bells - Sanctuary

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Duntreath Hall

7:30 PM Adult Handbell Choir - Sanctuary

7:30 PM Christian Formation Committee - Room 106

Thursday, December 8 *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 Class - Room 106

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 9 *Office closed*

10:00 AM The Story Class @ Cedarfield

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

Saturday, December 10

8:15 AM Youth Group meet @ church for FeedMore
trip

Sunday, December 11

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 Blood Pressure Check - Duntreath Hall