

TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

arr. Kinyon

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

...My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...

through Jesus Christ, your Word fulfilled.

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* No. 88
(Verses 1 - 4)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy.

Though we have heard Mary's song,

we still seek security in pride and power and possessions.

Though we know your story,

we resist the costs of following you.

We pass by those considered lowly in this world.

We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled.

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to work for the justice you intend.

Make us messengers of the peace you bring.

As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service.

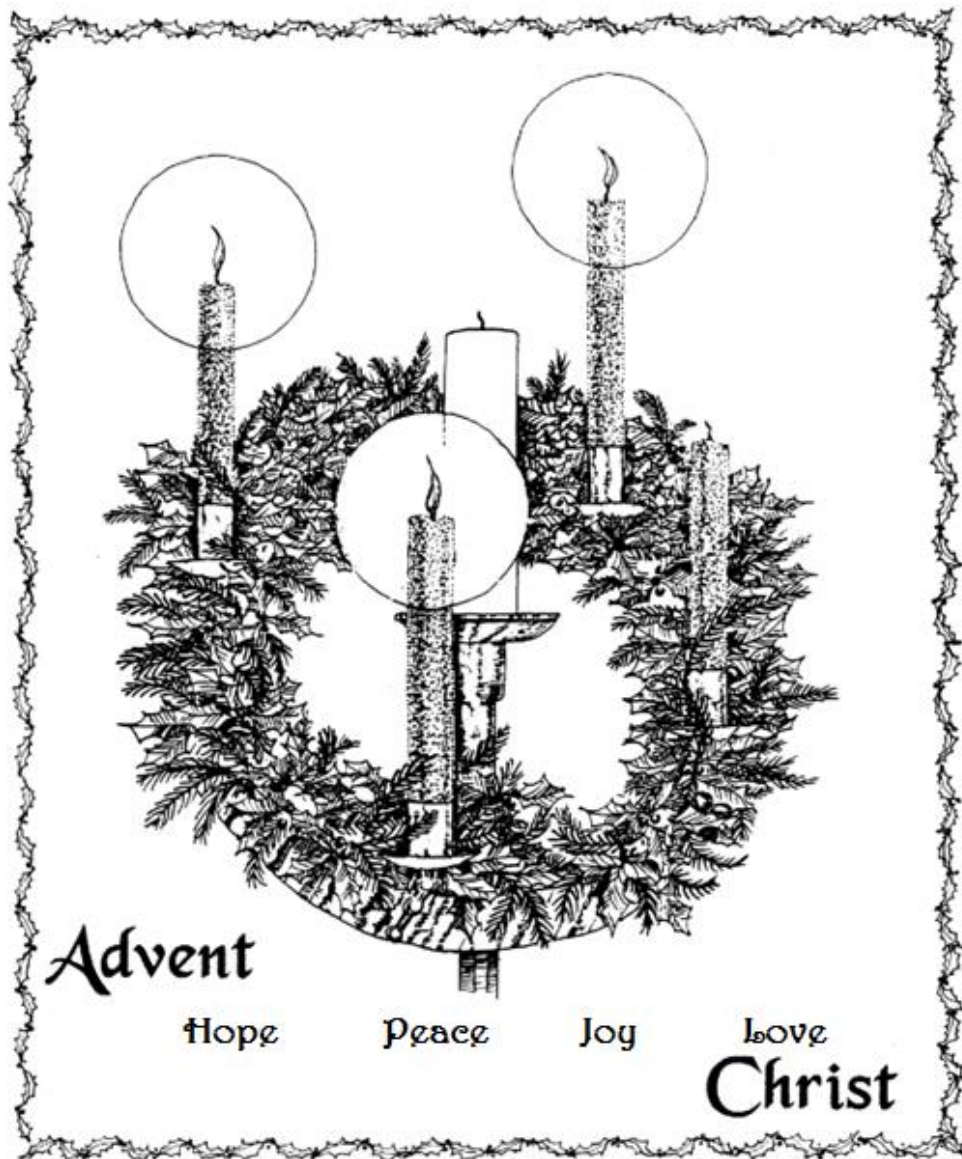
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA REFRAIN



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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *"Follow the Star"* McNair

***HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 88
 (Verses 5 – 7)

SERMON "Bearing Joy" 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.**

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.

OFFERTORY *Il est ne, Ledivin Enfant"* arr. Dobrinski

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts"* Saint-Saens

WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Director of Christian Formation*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*; Karen Cooke, *Lay Reader*; Sophia Lurey, *Acolyte*; Lucky and Camellia Wroniewicz, Josh and Anne Wroniewicz, Brandi Wroniewicz and Jeff and Laney Keller, *Advent Candle Lighters*; Tintinnabulation; *Adult Handbell Choir*

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.

The flowers are given by Sibbie England to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gladys Firebaugh. **Nursery helpers** are William Adair, Ruth Anna Langdon and Pat Miller. **The after church Fellowship Time is hosted by** Dave and Kathy Bauer.

Remember in your prayers these members of our Tuckahoe family in need of God's healing mercies: Flossie Quensen

Today we collect non-perishable food donations for Lamb's Basket. Please place your donations in the collection area between the narthex and Duntreath in the designated bin in the Resource Center. You may bring donations at any time during the month as well.

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.

Join us for this week's Wednesday Night Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Duntreath Hall for our last Wednesday Night Supper of 2016. The menu is covered dish...so bring enough for your family and some to share! Are you having trouble preparing your hearts and minds for Christmas when there is just so much to do! That's the way Sara Sommers was feeling the Christmas she wrote *Evergreen Redemption*. Overwhelmed! Children, seniors and everyone in

between will enjoy this light-hearted story about a woman who wakes up days before Christmas to discover she is a Christmas Tree!! *Evergreen Redemption* features real life frets and foibles as this personified Christmas tree soon bends under the strain of Christmas "heroics and readying." See if she is righted in time for the holiday. Sara will present her one-woman performance in the sanctuary following dinner. Regular mid-week dinners will resume on January 4th and adult and children's programming will resume March 8th with the season of Lent.

If you picked an Angel from the Angel Tree this is just a reminder that your gift should be returned by this morning! We need people to assist with the delivery of the presents to the children the week before Christmas. Contact Pam Burch at 364-5203 or yaburch@comcast.net with questions.

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

Plan to attend a very special worship service next Sunday, December 18. Tuckahoe's Chancel Choir, accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra and narration, 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.

Cookie Sunday is also Sunday, December 18th. Remember to bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share during fellowship time following the Cantata.

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.

There will be no Sunday School or fellowship time after worship on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

The church office will be closed Friday, December 23 – Monday, January 2, 2017.

It's time to start thinking about 2017! There are new calendars for Fellowship Host Sign-up (located in the Resource Center) and Chancel Flower Dedications (located on the bulletin board outside the church office). Take a look at your calendars and see how you can serve in 2017. Thank you!

LECTIONARY TEXT FOR THIS SUNDAY:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or alternate reading Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY AT TUCKAHOE

Saturday, December 24 4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant
 7:30 p.m. Candlelight & 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 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

Monday, December 12

Office hours 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1:00 PM

FeedMore Volunteer Team

7:00 PM

Outreach Committee – Room 106

Tuesday, December 13

Office hours 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5:30 PM

Emergency Shelter Meal

7:00 PM

Endowment Committee – Room 108

7:00 PM

Stewardship & Finance Committee – Workroom

Wednesday, December 14

Office hours 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

12:30 PM

Staff Meeting – Workroom

5:30 PM

KMD Bells – Sanctuary

6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Supper – Duntreath Hall

6:45 PM

"Evergreen Redemption" – Sanctuary

7:30 PM

Adult Handbell Choir – Sanctuary

7:30 PM

Session – Room 106

Thursday, December 15

Office hours 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

7:00 AM

Men's Bible Study Group – Room 108

7:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, December 16

Office closed

10:30 AM

Meals on Wheels

Saturday, December 17

10:00 AM

Christmas Cantata Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 18

TORCH DEADLINE

9:00 AM

New Member Class – Church Parlor

9:00 AM

Session Receives New Members – Church Parlor

9:30 AM

Sunday School

11:00 AM

Worship & Christmas Cantata

After Worship

Fellowship Time – Cookie Sunday!

6:00 PM

Youth Group – Duntreath Hall