

# TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

*"Danza"*  
KMD Bells

Susato

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Blevins Family*

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

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out—against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

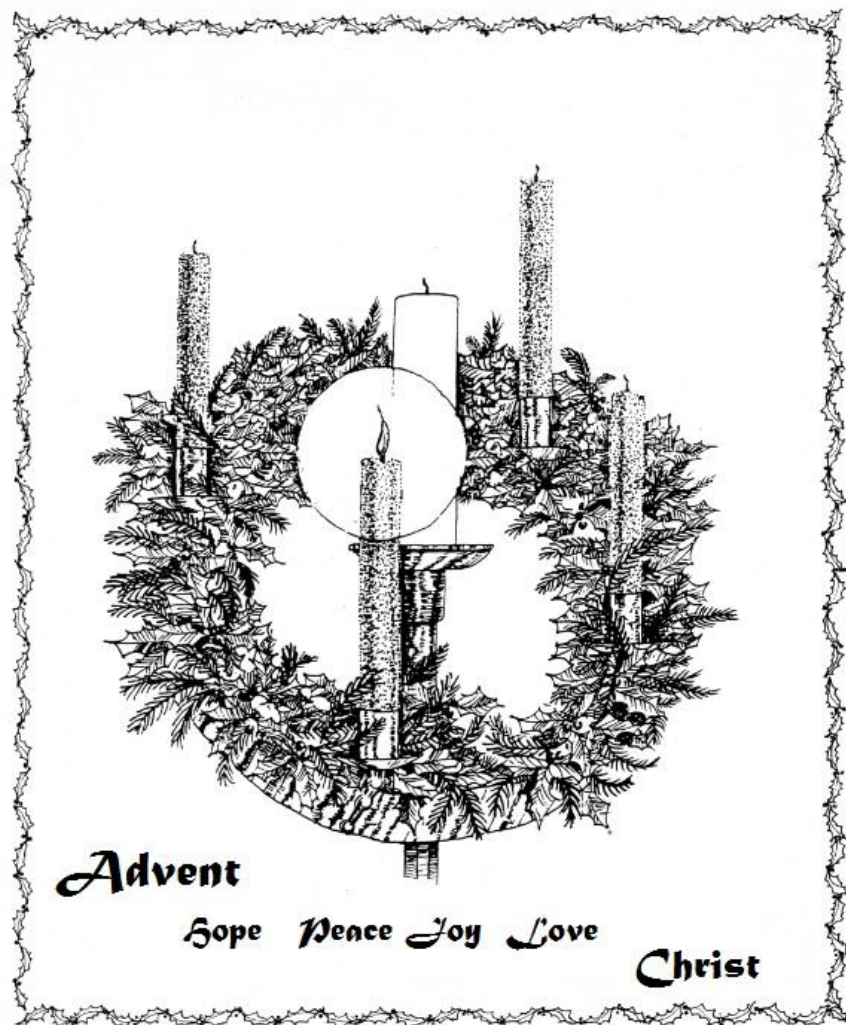
### \*GLORIA PATRI

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.

### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      Isaiah 64: 1 - 9      Page 694  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CENTSABILITY OFFERING

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

\*HYMN      *"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"*      No. 94

GOSPEL LESSON      Mark 13: 24 - 37      Page 50  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION      *"Stay Tuned"*      Patrick Dennis

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19*  
**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY      *"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"*      Raney

\*DOXOLOGY      No. 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...of the universal church and the heavenly choir:*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C F/A Am Bb C Dm  
pow - er and the might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*As we share this joyful feast.*

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.  
(G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
Bb C Dm Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F  
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Ecumenical*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN           *"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"*   No. 192

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE           *"The Heavens Are Telling"*       Haydn

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

**Today's Worship Leaders** are Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Hal Breitenberg; *Parish Associate*; Sarah Dennis, *Director of Christian Formation*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*; KMD Bells; Kathy Bauer, *Lay Reader*; Baker Mahoney, *Acolyte*

**We are pleased to have you worship with us and sincerely hope our service inspires and challenges you.** Join us in Duntreath Hall after the service for refreshments and a chance for us to get to know you better. 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** Barbie Keatts to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones missed at this holiday season. **Nursery helpers** are Jessica Lurey, Becky Groves, Heather DeBolt and Kyle Smith. **The after church Fellowship Time is hosted by** Pat Miller and Jane Werner.

**Pastoral Care Concerns:**

**Hospitalized or recovering:** Al Honkala, Flossie Quensen, and Jan Stevens

**Ushers for the month of December** are Tom Adair, Brad Burnett, Randy Campbell, Ross DeBolt, Ray Hoge, Bill Stallings and Emily Theuer.

**During the Moments with Children, we will collect the monthly CentsAbility Offering.** This important monthly offering, based on "two cents per meal", is a way for all of us to give to the hungry in our community.

**Next Sunday, please bring your non-perishable food donations for Lamb's Basket and place them in the Resource Center collection bin.** Especially during the winter months there is great need in our community!

**Our Advent Workshop is this afternoon, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Duntreath Hall!** This event is a multi-generational time for all to come together and prepare their hearts for the Advent Season with fun crafts and projects!

**The Angel Tree project still has five available angels for you to pick from today.** Won't you give the gift of Christmas to one of these children whose parent is incarcerated and cannot be with them for Christmas? The Angel Tree is displayed in Duntreath Hall again this morning so that you can take home an angel of your choice. If you picked out an angel for our Ministry of Prison Fellowship "Angel Tree" Project please be sure to return your wrapped gifts by December 10th. Contact Pam Burch at 364-5203 or [vaburch@comcast.net](mailto:vaburch@comcast.net) with questions.

**Tuesday morning prayer continues every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the church parlor for a weekly time of prayer.** After a time of study, we spend time in prayer for our congregation, community and our world. All are welcome!

**This Wednesday is the last Wednesday Night Supper of 2017.** Join your church family for a time of fellowship and good food. The meal is "pot-luck", so bring a dish for your family and

**enough to share.** Our guest speaker is Dr. Patricia L. Vesely. Tricia is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA (Ph.D., Th.M.) and Calvin College and Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI (M.T.S., B.A.). She currently teaches Hebrew at UPSem and Religious Studies courses at Virginia Commonwealth University. Tricia traveled with Union's Charlotte campus to Europe on a Reformation Tour in 2013 and is eager to share her experiences on this special 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Please register on the friendship pad today or use the event block on the church home page so we will know how many to set up for.

**A Hanover Christmas...Join us as we journey together through the nativity story.** More than "just another live nativity," you will experience musical performances, dramatic re-enactments and fellowship with others while leisurely strolling a candlelit, wooded path at Camp Hanover. If you have not ever participated in this event it is a wonderful event to add to your Advent Season. And what better way to experience it than with your church family! **We will meet at Tuckahoe at 5:15 pm on Saturday, December 9th to caravan out to Camp Hanover, walk through the nativity together and enjoy hot cider, music and cookies in Wise Lodge afterward. All ages and abilities are welcome!** If you would like to join us, please contact Sarah Dennis at [sdennis@tuckahoe-pres.org](mailto:sdennis@tuckahoe-pres.org) or 282-2860 so we can plan for the number of attendees.

**Please plan to worship with us on Sunday, December 17 at our 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Chancel Choir will perform the Christmas Cantata, "Go Tell It!", joined by orchestration and a special piece with the children's choir.**

**After worship on the 17th stay around for our traditional "Cookie Sunday" Fellowship Time and the first "Christmas Decoration Exchange".** Plan to bring your favorite family cookies to share and a Christmas decoration you no longer use for a decoration exchange. Even if you don't bring an ornament...stop

by, grab a cookie and see what just might need to go home with you!? [All unclaimed decorations will be donated to Goodwill.]

**Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for our December 17<sup>th</sup> Choral Cantata and Christmas Eve services are included in today's bulletin. Please note the early order deadline of December 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**Registration is open for Camp Hanover's Winter Camp.** This 3-day program is for youth currently in grades 5-12 and is filled with fun, faith, and fellowship. Winter Camp is for camp veterans and newcomers alike. Like summer camp, campers are in small groups of 10-12 campers with 2 counselors. We'll do as many of our camp activities as the weather allows! To register, visit [www.camphanover.org/winter-camp/](http://www.camphanover.org/winter-camp/). For questions, call the camp office at (804) 779-2811.

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**LECTIONARY TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8  
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## THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

### Sunday, December 3

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
- 12:30 PM Fellowship Committee - Room 108
- 12:30 PM Officer Training - Room 106
- 2:00 PM Advent Workshop - Duntreath Hall

### Monday, December 4 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

- 7:00 PM Women's Study Group at the home of Ruth Anna Langdon

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

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer Group - Church Parlor
- 7:00 PM Administration & Personnel Committee - Room 108

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

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom
- 10:30 AM Meals on Wheels
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 PM KMD Bells/Chime Choir - Room 210
- 7:00 PM Adult Handbell - Bell Room

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

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - Room 108
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Room 210

### Friday, December 8 *Office Closed*

- 10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

### Sunday, December 10

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- After Worship Fellowship Time- Duntreath Hall
- 12:30 PM Officer Training - Room 106
- 12:30 PM Blood Pressure Screening - Duntreath Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Group - Duntreath Hall