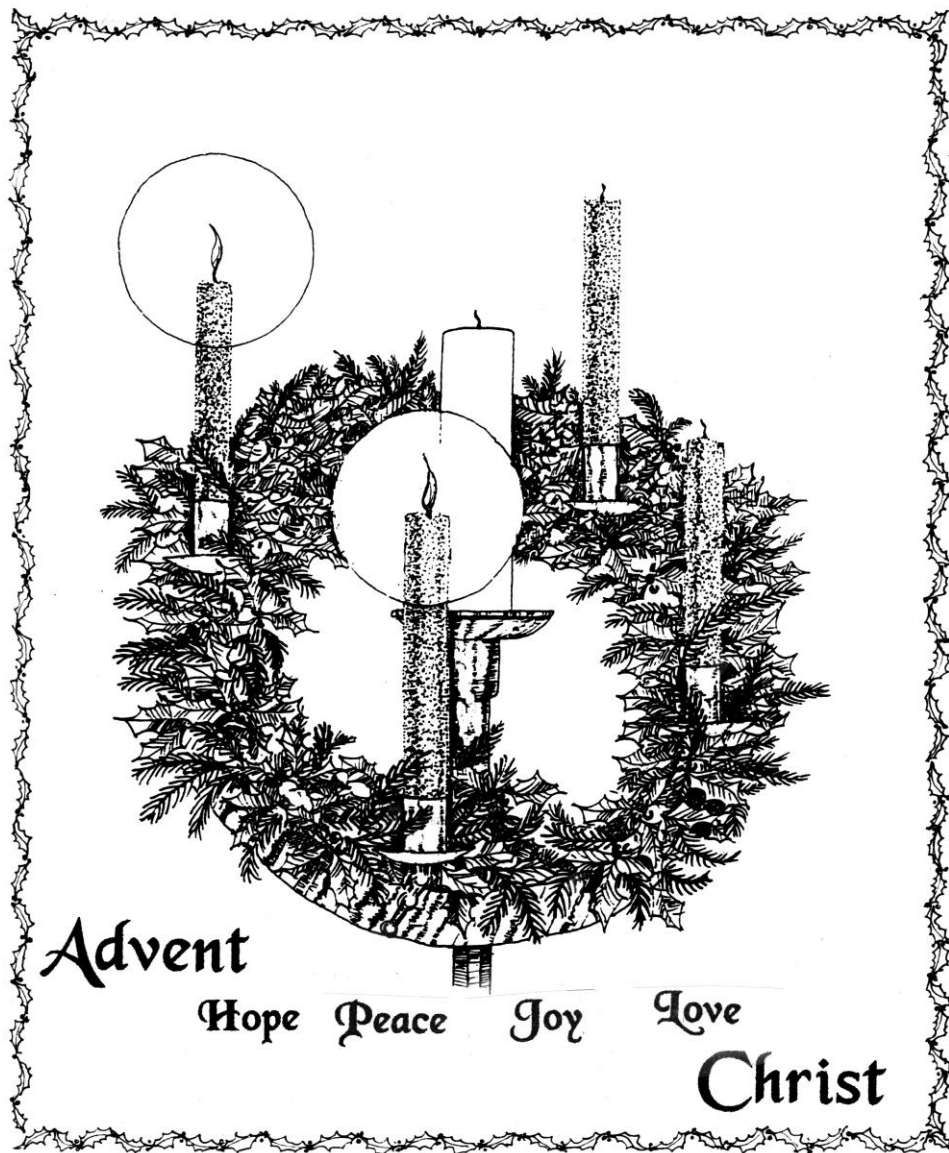


TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*
arr. Kinyon

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Blakely Family

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*
No. 93

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the peace that only you can, the humility of John the Baptist, and the comfort of your Holy Spirit, that we may discover the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA REFRAIN

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

No. 113

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40: 1 - 11 Page 667
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 85: 1 - 2, 8 - 13 Page 543
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"Celtic Advent Carol"* Barrett

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"* No. 87

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1: 1 - 8 Page 34
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"Preparation in the Chaos"* Bruce McVey

*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 *"An English Advent"* Wagner

*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

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation. Amen.

*HYMN *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"* No. 106

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Bruce McVey, *Seminary Intern*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*; Tintinnabulation; Terry Brady, *Lay Reader*; Tate Wilson, *Acolyte*

CHRISTMAS EVE AT TUCKAHOE



- 11:00 a.m. Children's Pageant
- 7:30 p.m. Festive Service of Candlelight and Communion
- 11:00 p.m. Contemplative Service with Candlelight and Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

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 Mary and Meagan McGee to the Glory of God and in celebration of Ann Darden's 94th birthday on December 13th. **Nursery helpers** are Meg Packard, Ben Wilson and Camellia Wroniewicz. **The after church Fellowship Time is hosted by** the Fellowship Committee.

Pastoral Care Concerns:

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

Our Christian sympathies and prayers for God's comfort are extended to Gloria Morton and Kathy Comess and their families on the death of their son and brother, Richard Morton, on Monday, December 4th. A memorial service and reception were held here yesterday.

Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for our December 17th Choral Cantata and Christmas Eve

services are included in today's bulletin. Tomorrow is the last day for orders to be received in the church office!

If you failed to pick up your soup order from the November orders, please do so TODAY! See Terry Brady to coordinate pick-up and be sure we have our records straight.

This morning we are collecting your non-perishable food donations for Lamb's Basket. Place them in the Resource Center collection bin. There is great need in our community, especially during the winter months

If you picked out an angel for our Ministry of Prison Fellowship "Angel Tree" Project please be sure to return your wrapped gifts are due back today! Contact Pam Burch at 364-5203 or vaburch@comcast.net with questions.

Join us tomorrow, Monday, December 11th, for *Java with Jesus*, at 10:00 a.m. at Café Caturra, 5811 Grove Avenue and *Theology on Tap*, at 6:00 p.m. at Travinia Italian Kitchen in Willow Lawn. Psalm 51 is inspired by the transgression of King David's sexual violation of Bathsheba. Men of our day are being called out by women who have found courage to speak out against such violations. What should be our response to the victims and the aggressors as the Church? We invite you to come and dialogue about the important topic, "*Faithfully Responding to Sexual Violence.*"

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!

Next Sunday the Chancel Choir will lead us in worship with the Christmas Cantata, "*Go Tell It!*" joined by orchestration and a special piece with the children's choir. Please plan to

worship with us on Sunday, December 17 at our 11:00 a.m. service to enjoy this special music program with narration.

And our fellowship time next Sunday is 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.]

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/. For questions, call the camp office at (804) 779-2811.

The last business day of 2017 for Tuckahoe will be Saturday, December 30. Any contributions with a USPS date of December 30 or earlier received in the mail will be treated as 2017 contributions. Please clearly designate on the check memo line that the contribution is for 2017. Any contributions with a USPS date of January 1 or later, regardless of the date of the check, will be treated as a 2018 gift. If you would like to provide a gift for 2018 before the end of 2017, please clearly designate that intent on the memo line of the check. The last day to receive these checks in 2017 is December 30 in the office or by mail with a USPS date of December 30.

On January 28, 2018, Tuckahoe will be sponsoring a kitchen shower to benefit our members from Hawkins House. We will be collecting items used in the kitchen or dining room. These

items can be new or gently used. We will collect these items from now through January 28th when we will go to Hawkins House to celebrate with the residents there. We will have cake and ice cream. Anyone who wants to share in the celebration is welcome! **You may bring your wrapped gift and leave it on the table in Duntreath marked for Hawkins House or join us on the 28th to deliver and celebrate the gifts!** Please won't you be the heart, voice, hands and feet of Christ to these men?! Any questions? Contact Stacey Orcutt at Slo.piglet@gmail.com. Some items needed are: Pots and pans, Dinnerware, Cooking Utensils, Coffee Maker, Cleaning products, Kitchen linens, Food storage and wraps. A more complete list can be found on the Sign-up Genius created for the event. To sign up to gift something for this shower, go to the link below: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0C44ABAC2EABF94-hawkins.

The church office will be closed Friday, December 22—Monday, January 1.

Office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

LECTIONARY TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Or Luke 1:46b-55, Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28



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THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

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

Monday, December 11 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

10:00 AM Java with Jesus - Café Caturra, Grove Avenue
1:00 PM FeedMore Volunteers
6:00 PM Theology on Tap - Travinia Restaurant,
Willow Lawn
7:00 PM Outreach Committee - Room 108

Tuesday, December 12 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

9:00 AM Morning Prayer Group - Church Parlor
5:30 PM Emergency Shelter Meal
5:45 PM Endowment Committee - Room 108
7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Committee -
Workroom

Wednesday, December 13 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

9:30 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom
7:00 PM Joint Deacon/Session Meeting - Duntreath
Hall

Thursday, December 14 *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 15 *Office Closed*

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

Sunday, December 17

9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship and Christmas Cantata
After Worship "Cookie Sunday" - Duntreath Hall