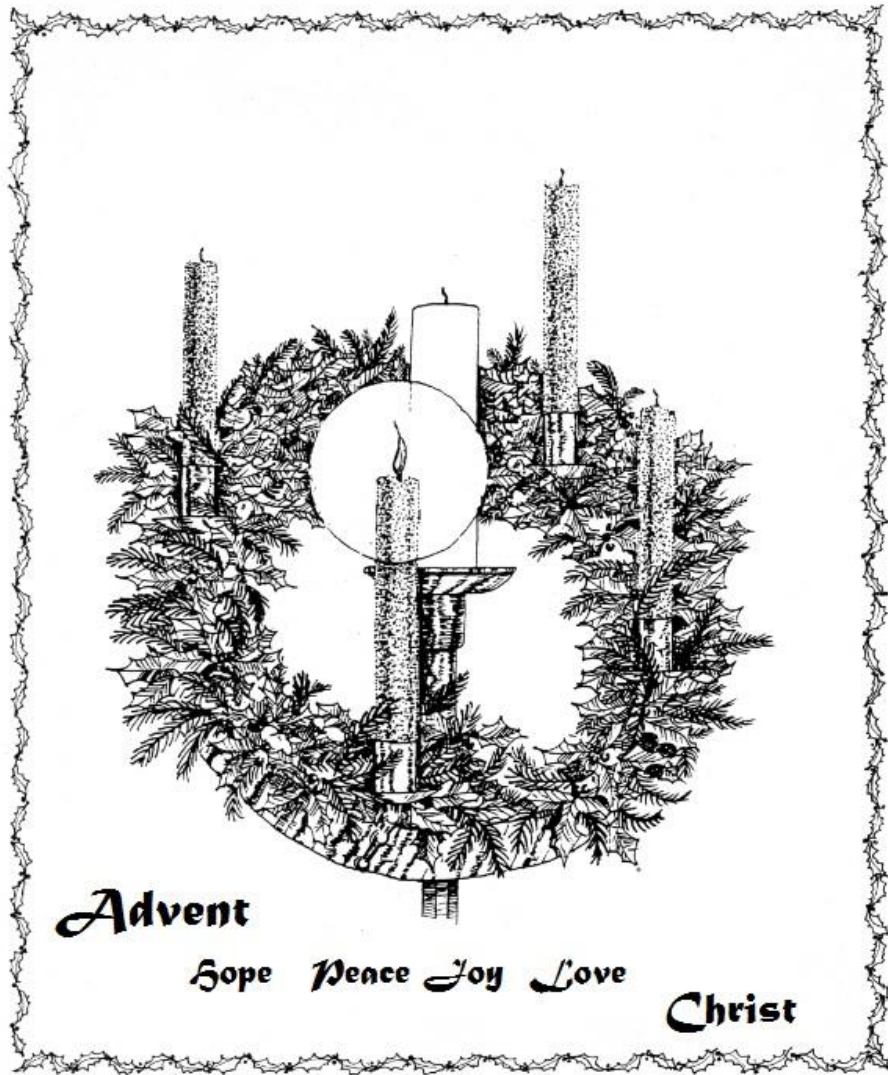


# TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*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 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** Hal and Susan Breitenberg  
As we light our first Advent candle,  
**we pray for the holy hope of God.**  
Come now, O Child of Mary.  
Come now, O Prince of Hope.

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who embodies the good news and for the sake of all the world. 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!**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Hymnal, page 35*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into  
Christ's church to share with us in his ministry; for we  
are all one in Christ.**

**\*HYMN**      *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*      No. 306  
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**EPISTLE LESSON**      Philippians 4: 4 - 7      Page 198  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CENTSABILITY OFFERING

**MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN**      Sarah Dennis

**GOSPEL LESSON**      Luke 3: 7 - 18      Page 60  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**      *"Making Room for the New"*  
Patrick Dennis

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY**      *"Advent Processional"*      Greig

## \*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

## 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:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven  
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna  
in the highest.**

*....as we share this joyful feast:*

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the  
saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.**

**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**      *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*      No. 102

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*"Allegro"*

Vivaldi

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Director of Christian Formation*;  
Linda Kurtz, *Seminary Intern*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*;  
Becky Groves, *Lay Reader* and Boyd Robinson, *Acolyte*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

We are pleased to have you worship with us and sincerely hope our service inspires and challenges you. Join us during the fellowship time after worship for refreshments and a chance to get to know you! 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.

**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.

**The flowers are given by Hal and Susan Breitenberg to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hal's parents, Eugene and Norma Breitenberg. Nursery Helpers are Melissa Mascher, Christie Wilson and Alison Blevins. The After Church Fellowship time is hosted by Sherry Flournoy's Care Share Group. The sound technician is William Adair.**

### Pastoral Care Concerns:

**Hospitalized** – Gloria Morton

The new "Hope" banner has been designed and created by Tuckahoe's talented banner committee.

Ushers for the month of December are Dave and Kathy Bauer, Bill Carter, Tom Coleman, Jim Cooke, Chris Stevenson and Gary Wilkinson.

This morning, at a Called Session meeting, the Session received into the membership of Tuckahoe Al and Julie Kent and Craig Kerns. Please take a minute at the Fellowship Time to welcome them into our family of faith.

This morning, during the Time with Children, we will collect our monthly CentsAbility Offering. Remember the hungry in our community during this time of year!

**Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation.** The coming of Jesus invites us to slow down and anticipate the season. Join us as we together read through Walter Brueggemann's advent devotion, *Celebrating Abundance*. Through his book, we will "train our eyes to see through the rough stable, the adolescent mother, and the anxious escape to Egypt, so we can see in that poverty and powerlessness the wonder of God's abundant life and grace coming down to dwell among us." Sermons, Tuesday Prayer Group and Sunday School classes, if they choose, will use this book to prepare for Christmas. **We want all of Tuckahoe to celebrate Abundance with us, so we will provide copies of the book so you can read along with us, see through different eyes and celebrate the joyful and abundant life Christ gives to us. The books are in the Resource Center between the narthex and Duntreath Hall.**

**During the Fellowship Time today there will be a Family Advent Workshop.** Plan to stay with the whole family for fellowship, food and a wonderful time to prepare our hearts for Advent. There will be advent wreaths to make, crafts for all ages and other fun things to do!

There are still a few Angels on the Angel Tree that need to be “adopted”. Please pick your angel(s) from the tree and return your gift(s) no later than next Sunday, December 9th. Tuckahoe has sponsored the Ministry of Prison Fellowship's "Angel Tree" project for many years. This year we are again sponsoring 25 children who will each receive two gifts (one toy and one clothing item). We need your help in purchasing and wrapping gifts and also need assistance with delivering the gifts to the children the week before Christmas. Be sure to write down your information to let us know which gift you're sponsoring. Please contact Melissa Mascher at 804-814-4633 or at [MelissaMascher@gmail.com](mailto:MelissaMascher@gmail.com) with any questions or to sign-up to help.

The Women’s Study Group meets this Monday, December 3, at Ruth Anna Langdon’s home at 6:00 p.m. for a Salad Supper. Bring a salad to share! Then, at 7:15 p.m. or so, we’ll begin this month’s lesson (Week 3 in your book). Feel free to come and join us at the regular time if you’re too pushed to come to supper. Hope to see you all there!

Join us this Wednesday night for our mid-week meal and programming. The meal begins at 6:00 p.m. in Duntreath Hall. Cooking Team #4 will prepare a meal of stuffed shells, baked Vidalia onions, salad, bread and dessert. The program this week will be Part 1 on the theme of “Transitions”. Changes come in many forms—job changes or losses, children growing up, new babies born, illness, moving to a care-giver role, or death of a loved one. As we transition into change our footing is sometimes lost and we feel as if we are floundering. Where is God in the midst of these changes? And how can we faithfully respond as we navigate unknown territory? The KMD children’s handbell group will rehearse at 6:30 in the Bell Room. Please sign up for dinner on the friendship pad this morning or on the event block on the home page of our web site: [www.tuckahoeepres.org](http://www.tuckahoeepres.org).

We hope you remembered your cookbooks and Christmas decorations that you no longer want. You can place them on the tables in Duntreath Hall and they will be left in place through next Sunday, December 9, giving everyone time to start holiday decorating. Feel free to bring things you no longer care to use, put them out with everything else, and if you see something you like, take it!

Camp Hanover is hosting it's annual "Hanover Christmas" event on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th. The event runs from 6-9 pm both evenings. Come enjoy a candlelit stroll through the woods and meet characters from the greatest story ever told. Appropriate for all ages and abilities. Afterwards, enjoy some refreshments and fellowship.

Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for our December 16<sup>th</sup> Choral Cantata and Christmas Eve services are included in today’s bulletin. Please note the early order deadline of December 10<sup>th</sup>!

#### LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6



#### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Saturday, December 8	6-9:00 p.m.	A Hanover Christmas
Sunday, December 16	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Cantata and Cookie Sale
Sunday, December 23	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Christmas Pageant
Monday, December 24	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve – Candlelight & Carols
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve – Contemplative

## THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

### Sunday, December 2

9:00 AM Called Session Meeting – Church Parlor

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship & Communion

**After Worship** After Worship Fellowship & Advent  
Workshop in

Duntreath Hall

12:30 PM Nominating Committee - Workroom

4:30 PM Youth Group meet at the Church to go to  
Doorways

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

12:00 PM Men's Lunchtime Bible Study – Room 108

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

### Tuesday, December 4 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

9:30 AM Morning Prayer Group – Church Parlor

### Wednesday, December 5 *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 – Duntreath Hall

6:30 PM KMD Bells – Bell Room

7:00 PM Adult Handbells – Bell Room

7:00 PM Administration & Personnel Committee –  
Room 108

### Thursday, December 6 *Church Office Closed*

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 210

### Friday, December 7 *Church Office Closed*

### Sunday, December 9

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

**After Worship** Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall

12:30 PM Christian Formation Committee – Room 106

5:30 PM Youth Group – Duntreath Hall

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charitable organization to receive funding directly from  
Amazon.**

**[You can still use your Prime account!]**