

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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*\*Indicates please stand if you are able;  
For hymns, please stand with the choir.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION "Meditation on 'Jesous Ahatonhia'" Arr. Lash

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The nights are fair drawing in as shadows lengthen,  
the light of Advent shines.

**We are counting down the days, looking forward in anticipation.  
The clock is ticking, and we want to be ready.**

What are we waiting for?

**God in the flesh is coming among us.**

**The time is surely coming.**

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,

Not a day goes by when you do not invite us to be peacemakers  
and advocates, listeners and good Samaritans.

Not a day goes by when we are not asked to be a friend to a  
stranger and a neighbor to those in need.

Not a day goes by when we are not asked to be the people you  
call us to be, and yet, day after day, we lose sight of your hope  
for this world.

Forgive us for walking a different path,  
and grant us the strength to prepare a new way – Your way –  
here.

Gratefully we pray, Amen. *(Silent Confession...)*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS



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

**\*RESPONSE**      *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" v.2*      No. 83  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

**\*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 11: 1 - 10      Page 640  
Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands  
forever.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALTER LESSON**      Psalm 72: 1 - 7, 18 - 19      Page 533  
Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands  
forever.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**      *"Come, O Rose"*      Greig

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**\*HYMN**      *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*      No. 129

**GOSPEL LESSON**      Matthew 3: 1 - 12      Page 2  
Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands  
forever.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      *"Stumping for Jesus"*      Martin  
Pinckney

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18*

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom  
God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and  
faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the  
nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through  
prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses  
called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God  
faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses  
proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God  
in whom God's purpose would be realized.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**      *"Celtic Advent Carol"*      Barrett

**\*DOXOLOGY**      *To the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*  
**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. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
come to thee, O Israel.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN**      *"People, Look East"*      No. 105

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"*      Walther

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### *Liturgy Resources:*

Sanctified Art, "What Can't Wait?" Advent bundle 2019, <https://sanctifiedart.org>  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/call-to-worship-publication/download-call-to-worship-vol-52/>

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Covenant Pastor*;  
Martin Pinckney, *Seminary Intern*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*;  
Dot Smith, *Lay Reader*; and Aubrey Pool, *Acolyte*; Jason, Marielle, Aubrey and Margaret Pool and Don Virgin, *Advent Candlelighters*

## 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 a pastor in the narthex to receive a gift.

**The flowers are given by** Barbie Keatts to the Glory of God and in thanks for the many memories of loved ones being missed at this time of year. **Nursery helpers** are William Adair, Hilary Robinson, & Nancy Fabian. **The sound technician** is Matthew Mahoney. **The Fellowship Hour is hosted by** Cindy Barrow and Sherry Flournoy.

**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. Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up are encouraged to remain in worship. Parents are responsible for picking up children from childcare at the conclusion of the service.

## Pastoral Care Concerns

### **Hospitalized and Recovering:** Sibbie England

**This morning, we collect our monthly contributions of non-perishable food items for the local food pantry, Lamb's Basket.** Please place your donations in the pull-out bin located in the lower, left side of the cabinets in the Resource Center between the narthex and Duntreath Hall. If you didn't bring your donations today, you may place them in the bin at any time during the month!

### **There are Sign-Up Calendars in the Resource Center for both Flower Dedications as well as Fellowship Hour Hosts for 2020.**

Flowers can be dedicated in memory or honor of someone special in your life. The average flower dedication is \$35 - \$40. Please stop by & sign up to dedicate flowers on any given Sunday. The Flower Committee handles purchasing and arranging of the flowers each Sunday. You can also grab some friends or family and plan a time to host our wonderful time of connection for an After Worship Fellowship Time. Questions? Contact the office: [office@tuckahoepres.org](mailto:office@tuckahoepres.org).

**For the season of Advent, we invite you to join our Tuesday morning study group as Sarah and Patrick lead an exploration of the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, as well as spend some time in prayer for our congregation and our community. Contact John Canada with questions ([jbcanadajr@aol.com](mailto:jbcanadajr@aol.com)).**

**Our mid-week meal and programming continues this week with our Wednesday Night Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Duntreath Hall.** This week, Team 3 will provide a traditional Christmas meal of roast, potatoes, and vegetables, rolls, and dessert. The program will be part two of our three-week Advent study. TPC Bells will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. in the bell room behind the chancel. Please sign up for dinner on the friendship pad this morning or on the event block on our web site: [www.tuckahoepres.org](http://www.tuckahoepres.org).

**Camp Hanover's "Hanover Christmas" is coming next weekend, December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>!** You'll experience musical performances, dramatic re-enactments and fellowship with others while leisurely strolling through an illuminated wooded path hearing the story telling of Christ's birth. You end back at the Lodge for cider and cookies. It is a free event, with donations to the Annual Fund for Camp Hanover appreciated. Anyone interested in meeting at church to carpool should contact Mary Chris Werner at [mcwerner@me.com](mailto:mcwerner@me.com).

**Next Sunday, December 15, is our Christmas Cantata and Cookie Sunday at 10 a.m.!** Plan to attend this very special worship service and invite family, friends, and neighbors. The Tuckahoe Chancel Choir will be accompanied by an orchestra as they perform "*Everlasting Light: The Promise of Christmas*". Following the Cantata, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Cookie Sunday. Bring your favorite holiday cookie to share!

**Every Christmas the congregation and friends of Tuckahoe are invited to contribute a red or white poinsettia, in memory or in honor of someone, to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.** We purchase the plants in bulk and the Flower Committee decorates the sanctuary for Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. The deadline for Christmas poinsettia orders is NEXT Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The poinsettias are \$14 each. Please see the order form in the bulletin.

**The Session expresses its heart-felt gratitude to Dick Mateer who concludes his service as Church Treasurer at the end of this year. Dick's 12 years of service have been a demonstration of the highest level of commitment to our ministry. In the words of scripture, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23).**

**As you consider your year-end tax planning and financial commitments, please remember your remaining pledge to Tuckahoe and any additional contributions you would like to**

**make toward our ministry and mission. Contributions must be postmarked by December 31.**

**As you shop on Amazon this holiday season, remember that you can go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) through any web browser (not the app) and designate Tuckahoe as your charitable organization to receive funding directly from Amazon. [You can still use your Prime account!]**



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

<b>Tuesdays, Dec. 10 &amp; 17</b>	9:30 a.m.	Advent Study & Prayer - Parlor
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Cantata and Cookie Sunday Fellowship
<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday, December 24</b>	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve - Children's Christmas Pageant
	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service
<b>Monday, December 29</b>	10:00 a.m.	Lessons and Carols

### LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 146: 5-10;  
James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

# THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

## Sunday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 AM Worship
- After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
- 11:00 AM Chancel Choir Cantata Rehearsal- Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Committee - Room 108
- 11:30 AM Confirmation Parent Meeting - Room 106
- 11:30 AM Scholarship Committee - Workroom
- 4:00 PM Youth Group (Short Pump)

## Monday, December 9 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Room 106
- 1:00 PM FeedMore Donation Volunteers
- 7:00 PM Outreach Committee -Room 106

## Tuesday, December 10 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 9:30 AM Prayer & Advent Study Group - Church Parlor
- 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Committee -Room 106

## Wednesday, December 11 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom
- 10:30 AM Meals on Wheels
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Duntreath
- 6:30 PM TPC Bells
- 7:00 PM Property Committee - Wroniewicz home
- 7:00 PM Worship Committee -Room 108

## Thursday, December 12 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 210

## Friday, December 13 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

## Saturday, December 14

- 10:00 AM Chancel Choir: Cantata Rehearsal
- 4:00 PM Parent's Night Out (hosted by Youth)

## Sunday, December 15

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 AM **CANTATA**
- After Worship Fellowship Time: Cookie Sunday - Duntreath
- 5:30 PM Youth Group (White Elephant)



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