



A Service of Lessons and Carols

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***Bolded** text is spoken in unison*

GATHERING MUSIC & CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"Infant Holy; Still, Still"

arr. Holden

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Mary Chris and Addie Araujo, Pam and Rachel Burch

One: Today, we light the third candle and name it Joy.

All: This candle reminds us that God wants us to rejoice.

The Lord delights in good news.

One: Hope still shines, peace still glows, and now joy joins the chorus of light.

**All: Their glow reminds us that Christ is coming,
filling our hearts with a delight no darkness can quench.**

One: We light this candle for all of God's people

Waiting to dance and sing,

Ready to shout out for joy.

All: God, as we wait for your coming

Give light, give hope, give joy.

After Lighting of the Candle

O Giver of life, you turn mourning into dancing. You surprise us with beauty in unlikely places. Joy is your gift and an invitation to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, to give thanks in all things. May we carry this joy like a lantern, shining steadily through the waiting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung)

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Breath of Heaven"

arr. Larson

Mary Chris Araujo, Pam Burch, and Rachel Burch; Trio

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jillian Gatewood

We invite the children to return to the pews with their families to join in Lessons and Carols. We will also livestream the service in The Commons, and the Nursery is available for ages 0-4.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.

***SENDING CAROL**

"Joy to The World" vs. 1, 2 & 4

No. 134

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Noelle"

Daquin

During the postlude, we invite you to move to Duntreath Hall to join us for fellowship time.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*; Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Susan Wilkinson, *Acolyte*; Claire Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

*The flowers are given by Mary McGee to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother,
Ann Johnson Darden.*

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church! We're glad you're with us today. If you want to learn more about our church and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor card in the pew cardholder. Place the completed card in the offering plate in the foyer or hand it to an usher. We invite you to join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a time to get to know each other!

Childcare is available for children 4 and under in the nursery (ushers can guide you if needed). We also have **children's bulletins** and crayons in the hallway.

Livestream during the service can be found in *The Commons* down the main hall if the need arises. Ushers can guide you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

We invite you to sign in using the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew. This is optional; however, it is a helpful way for us to know how many people attend each week. Please fill out as much or as little information as you would like and pass the pad down your row.

If you have **prayer requests**, you can list them on the prayer cards tucked in the cover of the friendship pads. Please place the completed card in the prayer box in the Narthex. You can also email prayer requests directly to Pastor Keli at kcooper@tuckahoepres.org.

The Offering plates will be located at the entrances to the Sanctuary, in the Narthex. As you enter or exit the Sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plate. Thank you for your faithful giving.

Last day for Christmas Upcycle Sundays! Shop the tables today for anything you would like for your home or for a friend! Anything left after Fellowship today will be donated.

The **Deadline is tomorrow, Monday, December 15th, for Christmas Poinsettia Dedications.** Order forms can be found in the Resource Center, the Office counter, or on our [website](#). *You may pick up your plant following the Christmas Eve service.*

There are Sign-Up Calendars for Flower Dedications as well as Fellowship Hour Hosts for 2026 available online. You can find the links on our main website page at the bottom of the event blocks section. Questions? Contact the office: office@tuckahoepres.org.

Children's Christmas Pageant – Participants' note - If you were unable to attend the practice this morning, don't worry—we'll have a run-through and extra costumes to hand out on **Sunday, December 21**, before the service. If that is the case for your child or grandchild, please email **Jillian Gatewood** at JGatewood@tuckahoepres.org **TODAY** so she can have costumes ready. We hope you'll join us for this joyful and meaningful part of our Advent and Christmas celebration!

Online Viewing for the Children's Pageant ~ If you plan to join us online, please note that the Pageant will use a *different* livestream link than our regular Sunday worship and will **not** be accessible through our website. For privacy and because of the number of children participating, the Pageant will be available only through a private link that we will email on **December 21**. That morning's reminder text will also include the correct link. (*To receive texts, text "start" to 87447.*) We look forward to celebrating this joyful tradition with our children and youth as they lead us in worship and share the good news of Christ's birth. Join us in person or online!

Join in the delightful and tasty fun at the annual Christmas Cookie Exchange! Next Sunday, December 21st, After Worship Fellowship in Duntreath Hall will be transformed into a festive Christmas Cookie Headquarters where you can bring your cookies and take home cookies!! **Please bring 2 dozen or more homemade or store-bought cookies to share. If your cookies contain nuts or are gluten-free, please mark them as such.**

December 28 will be a Christmas Carol Sing. Join us as we continue the 12-day Christmas season with a worship service filled with favorite Christmas carols to sing and a Christmas message from Pastor Keli.

Thank you to all who have dedicated your time, talents, and financial support to Tuckahoe. We are grateful for your faithful contributions throughout 2025. As of November 30th, we continue to face a shortfall between income and expenses for the year. You will have received a YTD giving statement via email to help you compare your giving records with ours. If you have not completed your pledge for 2025, please consider completing that commitment prior to December 31. *Even if you did not make a pledge, you can still make a tax-deductible contribution to support Tuckahoe. Online giving or mailed payments must be postmarked/dated no later than December 31 to be recorded as a 2025 gift.* Did you know you can make direct gifts of stock or designate your IRA withdrawals to be sent directly to Tuckahoe? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary McGee, our Financial Administrator, at mmcgee@tuckahoepres.org. Through the generous financial support of Tuckahoe members and friends, we can expand our reach and meet the needs of our members and their families. Thank you once again, and Merry Christmas!

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for Elders and Deacons at Tuckahoe. Please prayerfully consider yourself or others and make your nominations to any member of the Nominating Committee. Please see the forms in the Resource Center through Christmas. You can also click on the link in the Friday e-newsletter to send nomination names via email. *Nominating Committee Members are: Anne Anderson, Kerry Barksdale, Jeb Cooke, John Flournoy, Camellia Wroniewicz, and ex-officio member Rev. Keli Cooper.*

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