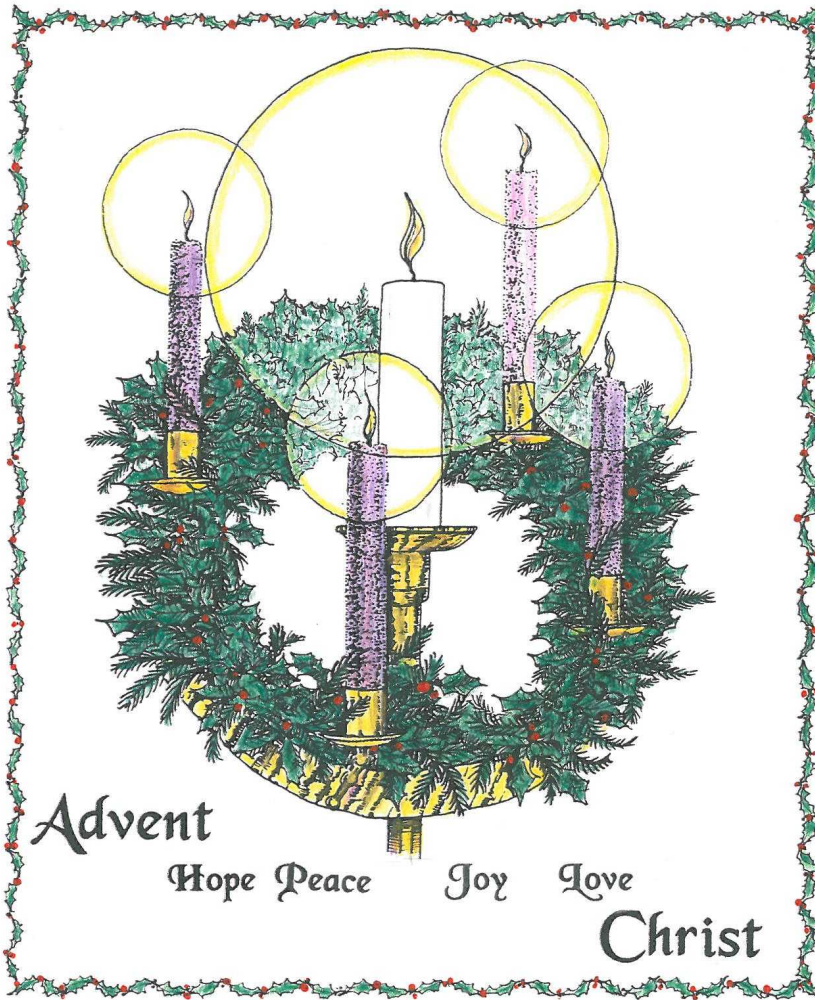


TUCKAHOE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE 2025

5:30 PM



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

A CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

CHRISTMAS EVE 2025

5:30 P.M.

"" Indicates please stand if you are able.*

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

ORGAN CHRISTMAS MUSIC BEGINNING AT 5:00 PM

"Everlasting Light: The Promise of Christmas" (McDonald)

"Where Are You, Christmas?" (Horner)

"Shepherds and Angels" (Larson)

"Somewhere In My Memory" (Snyder)

Excerpts from The Messiah (Handel)

"Overture"

"And the Glory of the Lord"

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

"For Unto Us a Child is Born"

"Christmas Carols with Oboe, Harpsichord and Glockenspiel" (arr. Stauff)

"What Child Is This?/Child of the Poor" (Soper)

"Variations on Adeste Fideles" (Taylor)

"This Child of Light" (McDonald)

"Joyful Christmas Medley" (arr. Owenby)

"Carol of the Bells" (Ukrainian Carol)

CHIMES AND CHOIR PROCESSION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"Away in a Manger"

arr. Lewis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

He was to be registered, and she was expecting a child. The time came for Mary to give birth, so she delivered her child, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.

All: And the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all." Let us worship God- let us sing songs of praise!

*CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

CALL TO CONFESSION

Harold Cothern

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Loving Christ, when the shepherds heard that you were born, they dropped their things and ran. They believed that your love existed for them. We wish that we were more like that. Instead, somewhere between the angels' song and the manger, we tend to lose our way. We doubt that love could know our names.

All: Remind us that your love is personal and specific. Remind us that the good news of this day is for us. With hope, we sing, and we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA REFRAIN

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

ANTHEM

"In a Manger"

arr. McDonald

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Jillian Gatewood

We invite the children to come forward for a children's lesson and then return to the pews with their families. If needed, we also livestream the service in The Commons, and the nursery is available for ages 0-4. Ushers can guide you to either location.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—we are leaning forward. We always long for you, but on this day, on this holy Christmas Eve, we long for you to feel as close as possible.

All: As we prepare to hear this ancient story once again, we ask that you awaken something new in us. Awaken in us your love, which is bigger than the sky, and as close as our very breath. We are listening. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

BIRTH IN BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:1-7

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*CAROL

"What Child Is This"

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ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2:8-20

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

"O Holy Night"
Jeb and Jessie Cooke

Adam

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that on a night like this one, a baby was born and placed in a manger. We believe that baby was God's love in the flesh, who grew up to love the outcast and change the world. We believe that Jesus' love was so big and so personal that the world will never be the same. So, despite the mystery, we believe that a star shone, that the shepherds ran, that the angels sang, and that love was born. Glory to God in the highest heaven. We believe.

Now is a good time to gather your children from the nursery if you would like them to participate in Communion or the Lighting of the candles,

GATHERING OUR GIFTS | PASSING THE PLATES

OFFERTORY

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman"

arr. Lewis

*DOXOLOGY

to the tune of The First Nowell, No. 147

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. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We pray that we are good stewards of these resources. Guide us as we usher in this new year, being mindful of you in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.**

The liturgy continues... therefore, we praise you, joining with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing the glory of your name. Now we join in singing Holy, Holy, Holy.

SANCTUS (*seated*)

No. 595

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you, you are holy Lord!

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMENDATION OF JUDITH “JUDY” SAMUELS PALKOVICS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *Angie and Mollie Meadows*

All: The Light flooded over the waters of creation, sparkling, dancing!

One: From the cries of the people, God offered the lights of Hope.

All: Those lights beckoned people to God's presence.

One: In the most unlikely of places,
to the most unlikely of people,
God's light was born in a child.

All: The true light, which enlightens everyone,
is coming into our world.

SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

All: A candle burns, the sign of Immanuel. God among us, born as one of us. May we live in the light of your presence, the Light who gives life to all people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5

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*CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

lyrics on back page

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“For Unto Us a Child Is Born”

Handel

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*; Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation*; Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music*;
Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*; Craig and Matthew Moore, *Brass*;
Harold Cothorn, *Liturgist*; Mollie Meadows, *Acolyte*;
Boyd Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

TPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad you are here this evening! If you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out a visitor card in the pew back and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so we can thank you for joining us today. We worship on Sundays @ 10:30 am both online and in-person. If you would like to learn more about our church, ask an usher for a calendar or small groups flyer, explore our website, www.tuckahoeepres.org, or contact the church office @ office@tuckahoeepres.org or Pastor Keli @ KCooper@tuckahoeepres.org.

We welcome you to have your infants and children sit with you for this special service. **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. Parents, if you need to leave with a child during the service, we invite you to utilize *The Commons*, where there is seating, children's toys, and the service is livestreamed. An usher can guide you if needed.

Today, you have the opportunity to contribute to the *Christmas Joy Special Offering*, a special offering of our denomination. 50% of the offering is for students in Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color; the other 50% assists current and retired church workers and their families. Give generously so all may be fulfilled. **We are passing the offering plates for the general and special offerings this evening.**

In the new year, we are hosting a three-week series to help inform people of all ages as they prepare and plan for the later season of life, whether for themselves or a loved one. Please join us for one, two, or all three sessions. The sessions stand on their own but also build off of one another. *Lunch is provided, and childcare (0-5 years old) is available.* Scan the QR code for more information and registration. Please register by Friday, January 16th* *Planning Team: Anne Anderson, Keli Cooper, Marcus Cooper, Jillian Gatewood, Diane Prevary, Leslie Shimer, Ginger Spence, and Heather Stevenson*

More details about each session: (11:45 am -1:15 pm)

Sunday, January 25th: "Legal and Financial Implications" *facilitated by the Endowment Committee. Guest Speaker: Amanda Foster, Attorney and Partner at*



Kimberly A. Pinchbeck, P.C.

Sunday, February 1st: "Finding the Next, Right Place to Live" *facilitated by Anne Anderson. Guest Speakers: Katie Hamaan- Next Chapter Solutions; Lisa Hollier, Choice Connections; Cathy Saunders- Senior Real Estate Agent*

Sunday, February 8th: "Planning for Funerals and Memorial Services" *with 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@tuckahoe.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 Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. The Church Administrator will be working from home on Friday, January 2, and the office will reopen on Monday, January 5. Church staff will be checking mail, e-mail, and voicemail periodically. In the case of an emergency, please call the pastoral Emergency Line at 804-282-2860 x.9, which will ring to Pastor Keli's cell phone.

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.

Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church 7000 Park Ave. Richmond, VA 23229 www.TuckahoePres.org

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

(Please note - we are closed for the Holidays through Jan. 2)

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Pastor Emergency Line: 804-282-2860 x. 9 (will ring to the pastor's cell phone for emergencies)

Silent Night, Holy Night!

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin, mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born."

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4 Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.

Please place your candles in the baskets as you are leaving.

*Merry Christmas! We pray you experience Christ's
LOVE and PEACE this Christmas Season.*

TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2025



Anonymous givers:

In honor of our Tuckahoe Church Family

In honor of the Christopher Ryans

In honor of the Robert Wincklers

In honor of Cori Williams

Anne Anderson in honor of all the special people in Care Share Group #1

Paul and Anne Anderson in loving memory of Anne's parents Dr. and Mrs.

Gordon Birdsong

Marlene Austin in loving memory of Ron Austin

Greg and Alison Blevins in loving memory of Jim and Shirley Black

Greg and Alison Blevins in loving memory of Rex and Betty Blevins

The Fabrie Family in honor of Patrick and Terry Brady

The Fabrie Family in honor of Robert and Mary Fabrie

Phil and Valerie Calhoun in loving memory of Henry W. Calhoun

Phil and Valerie Calhoun in loving memory of Katharine J. Calhoun

Martha Campbell in loving memory of her parents Stuart and Janet Campbell

Bill Carter in loving memory of Nelda Carter

Frances and Rowan Cooke in loving memory of our Pawpaw, Nannie and

PopPop

Frances and Rowan Cooke in honor of their Memaw, Granny and Grandpop

Jim and Karen Cooke in honor of Sandy Richardson

Jim and Karen Cooke in loving memory of Butch Richardson and Jim and Janice
Cooke

Marcus and Keli Cooper in honor of Annie, Mac and Papa Ship

Marcus and Keli Cooper in honor of the Tuckahoe Presbyterian Family

Marcus and Keli Cooper in loving memory of Ray Adkins, Keli's Godfather

Harold and Sarah Cothorn in loving memory of Dr. Donald and Doris Diggs
Harold and Sarah Cothorn in loving memory of Wallace and Marguerite Cothorn
Harold and Sarah Cothorn in loving memory of Laretta Michard
Harold and Sarah Cothorn in honor of Rebecca Groves, Fred Groves, Eric Gustaffson and Andrew Cothorn
Harold and Sarah Cothorn in honor of Jack and Sarh Grace Groves
Dee Daughtrey in honor of Nancy, Courtney, Karen, Josh and Rylee
Dee Daughtrey in honor of Keli, Cori, Jillian, Mary, Sarah and Michelle – the best staff ever!
Pam Dickerson in loving memory of the Wrenn and Dickerson Families that have gone before us
Pam Dickerson in honor of the TPC ladies who make Memorial Receptions happen
John Flournoy in loving memory of Sherry Flournoy
Chris and Jillian Gatewood in honor of their wonderful daughters Ava, Harper, Emma Pearl and Sage
Donna Hales, Holly Hales, the Juan Family and the Marcel Family in loving memory of James Hales, loving husband and father
Donna Hales, Holly Hales, the Juan Family and the Marcel Family in loving memory of Clyde and Virginia Anderson, Betty Anderson, and Samuel and Josephine Hales
Pattie and Jackson Harrill in loving memory of Charlotte and Steve Hart
Pattie and Jackson Harrill in loving memory of Ann and Jack Harrill
Walter Hogan in loving memory of Jenny Hogan
Walter Hogan in loving memory of Virginia and Raymond Hogan
Julie Hutchins in loving memory of Reverend Diane Olsen Hutchins
Julie Hutchins in honor of Ryn Hutchins Duncan and Kess Duncan
Julie Hutchins in honor of Reverend Keli Shipley Cooper
Julie Hutchins in honor of Jillian Gatewood
Anne Marie Juan and the Juan Family in loving memory of Yves Juan, loving husband and father
Anne Marie Juan and the Juan Family in loving memory of Francois and Anna Juan and Jean and Yvonne Juan

Barbie Keatts in honor of Laure, Scott, Michael and Holly

Barbie Keatts in honor of Ron

Barbie Keatts in honor of “Barbie’s Angels” for prayers, cards, meals, and visits
which got her through a tough time

Ruth Anna Langdon in loving memory of William C. Langdon

Ruth Anna Langdon in loving memory of Tom Thurmond

Ruth Anna Langdon in loving memory of Patrick Joseph Martin

James and Marsha Lockett in honor of their grandchildren Graham, Margot and
Evelyn

Pat Macaulay in loving memory of Helen and Wilkes Macaulay

Pat Macaulay in honor of the Tuckahoe Staff

Pat Macaulay in honor of Burt, Katie and Arden Teachey, and Alex Teachey

Matthew and Lea Mahoney in honor of Ruth Anna Langdon

Matthew and Lea Mahoney in honor of Robert Patrick Mahoney

Mary and Meagan McGee in loving memory of beloved husband and father, Bob
McGee

Mary and Meagan McGee in loving memory of parents/grandparents, Budder
and Papa B

Alex and Oliver Miller in honor of Robbie Miller

Alex, Robbie, and Oliver Miller in loving memory of David Jones

Paul and Pat Miller in honor of Alex, Robbie, Oliver, Alison, Jeff, Ella, and
Aubrey

Gail Miller, David, Carolyn, and family in loving memory of Bob Miller

Randy, May, Libbie, and Whitaker Reed in loving memory of Nancy Jo and Ed
Reed

Kimberly Richardson in loving memory of her dear father, Butch Richardson

Kimberly Richardson in loving memory of her beloved grandparents Mr. and
Mrs. B Gary Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mills

Sandy Richardson in loving memory of her cherished husband, Butch

Will, Hilary, Boyd and Claire Robinson in loving memory of William Randolph
Robinson (Granddaddy)

Will, Hilary, Boyd and Claire Robinson in loving memory of J Graham Knox (G-
dad)

Chuck and Leslie Shimer in honor of William, Kathleen, Ellie, Claire, and Sarah Shimer

Chuck and Leslie Shimer in honor of the TPC Staff

Tom Shipley in honor of Annie and Mac Cooper

Tom Shipley in honor of his great-grandchildren

Walter and Dot Smith in loving memory of Owen Suter and Dot Suter

Howard and Walter and Iva Smith

Walter and Dot Smith in honor of Rachel, Ethan, Wyatt, and Emory Sherman

Walter and Dot Smith in honor of Annie, Jay, Evie, and Riv Wolfe

John Stratton in honor of his wife, Nan Stratton, and in loving memory of his parents, Marea and Bob Stratton and his sister, Robin Hinrichs

The Tenorio and Van Rompay families in loving memory of Margaret Bauer and Burt Knandel

The Tenorio and Van Rompay families in honor of David and Kathy Bauer

The TPC Flower Committee in loving memory of Judy Palkovics

Marty and Pam Turpin in loving memory of Gladys and Jim Firebaugh

Lucky and Camellia Wroniewicz in loving memory of Patty Withrow

Lucky and Camellia Wroniewicz in honor of Josh and Anne Wroniewicz, Jack and Natalie

Lucky and Camellia Wroniewicz in honor of Brandi Wroniewicz, Jim Keller and Laney