

**Morning Worship**

**December 4, 2016—The Second Sunday of Advent**

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. \*Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

**PRELUDE** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. G. M. Martin

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** "Peace"

**The Jones Family: Laura, Mike, Elliott, Virginia, and Emma**

**Leader:** Last Sunday we lit the First Advent Candle signifying our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of David. Jesus will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations. *(The First Candle, the Candle of Hope is lit)* Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". Jesus said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. We light this candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through Him peace is found.

*(The Second Candle is lit, the Candle of Peace)*

**Let us pray:** Lord Jesus, Light of the World. Give peace in our hearts this season. We ask that as we wait for You to come again, that You would remain present with us in Your Spirit. Help us today, and every day, to worship You, to hear Your word, and to do Your will by sharing Your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the One Who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**LEADER:** Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

**PEOPLE:** *He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David as He said through His holy prophets of long ago.*

**LEADER:** Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

**PEOPLE:** *to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember His holy covenant,*

**LEADER:** the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies

**PEOPLE:** *and to enable us to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.*

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

*Compared with your will, O God, our ways are crooked and not straight; our desires are selfish and not generous, our devotion is shallow and not deep. We have used your name without seriousness and have lived without gratitude for all your gifts. Forgive us, we ask, and turn our hearts to true repentance. Let the spirit of Christ convert and dwell in us, that we may honor you with our entire beings. For the sake of the King who is coming.*

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

<b>Praise God for Last Sunday:</b>	
Saturday Feeding	Not Recorded
Sunday School Attendance	42
Worship Attendance	98
Tithes & Offerings	\$4023.51

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**Leader:** The coming of Christmas is a reminder of God's desire for all humanity.

**People:** *God in Christ came to earth to save sinners.*

**Leader:** God really cares about us and forgives our sins.

**People:** *God answers our prayers and saves us from ourselves.*

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God!*

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS:**

**Offering in Music:** "The First Noel" arr. Marilyn Ham

**Doxology 591** OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Jackson Weller

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

**ANTHEM:** "Awaken and Prepare Us" arr. Hayes/Frombach

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

*God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*

**LESSON** (page 682/718) Matthew 3:1-12

**SERMON** "Replaced by Rocks" Rev. Thompson

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14) 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*

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! Amen."

**POSTLUDE** "A Russian Triptych" arr. Rick Parks

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**—Kevin Bailey, Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Anne Grier, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Malcolm Mallery, Larry Mann, Carol Ingram McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Lee Norman, Greg Nunley, Ken Obye, Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Linda Terriberry, Nultie Wiseman.

**ON THE MEND**—(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Ann Banks, Kelvin Gunn, Paul Johnson, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver, Jean White

There will be a **congregational meeting** after worship on Dec. 11 for the purpose of electing officers for Class of 2019.

On Monday, Dec. 5 the **Evening Circle** will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Sandra Strange, 285 W. Main Street. Please plan to attend.



**The Angel Tree Party** will be held **Saturday, Dec. 17** from 2-4 in the fellowship hall. We would love your presence and help! Contact Marie-Louise Crane for more information.



**Clothing Drive:** The deacons will be giving away clothes at the Saturday Lunch Ministry on **Dec. 10**. Please bring your used clothes donation to the church and leave them in the fellowship hall at the stage.



**Family Night Supper** will be held **Wednesday, Dec. 7**. Team 2 will host. Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Assorted Cookies. Program will be led by Rev. Thompson and Session.



**The annual Christmas breakfast** for the congregation will be **Dec. 11 at 9 a.m.** Sponsored by the Outlook **Sunday School Class, this free breakfast is a time of fellowship for the Advent Season.**



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To know Christ and make Him known

**THIS WEEK AT**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**MONDAY, December 5**

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 9:15 a.m. Prayer Group
- Staff Meeting
- 10 a.m. PW Coordinating Council
- 12:30 p.m. Day Circle
- 7 p.m. Evening Circle

**TUESDAY, December 6**

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 6 p.m. Deacons
- 6:15 p.m. Handbells
- 7 p.m. Property Committee

**WEDNESDAY, December 7**

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Chapel Service
- 6 p.m. Wednesday Nigh Supper
- Youth

**THURSDAY, December 8**

- 9 a.m. Day School
- 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**FRIDAY, December 9**

All Day Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY, December 10**

- 10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
- 11:15 p.m. Lunch Ministry

**SUNDAY, December 11**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Mid & High School, Rm 112
- Outlook Class, Rm 322
- Seekers, Rm 109
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
- After Worship Congregational Meeting

**Serving Today**

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Nursery/Sunday School           | Leigh Blount, Marissa Meadors                                |
| Children's Sunday School        | Karan Johnson, Gwen Baucom, Kathy Machado, Carolyn Baker     |
| Elders at Front Door            | C. B. Strange  |
| Friendship Period               | David Parris, Marie-Louise Crane, Joan Reynolds, CAKE SUNDAY |
| Deacon to Receive Offering      | David Swann  |
| Officers to Count Offering      | Kile/Barrett   |
| Church School Superintendent    | Gail Davis   |
| Liturgist                       | Jackson Weller   |
| Time for Young Disciples        | Jackson Weller   |
| Sound System                    | David Parris   |
| Ushers                          | Team 1   |
| Flower Ministry                 | Elders   |
| Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 10 | Barry Cutright   |