

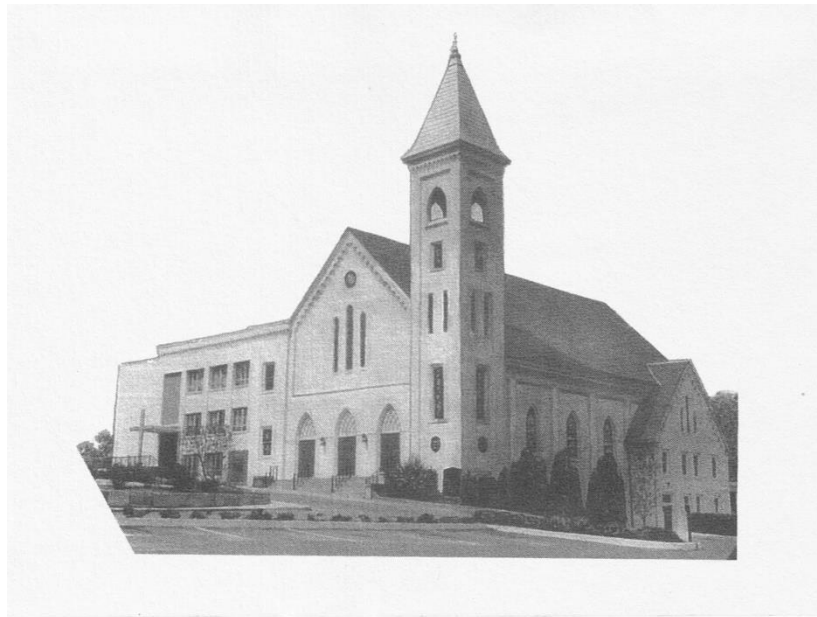
DECEMBER 24, 2017



SECOND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seeking, Sharing, Serving



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The Rev. Evan R. Smith

Pastor

DECEMBER 24, 2017

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to the house of the Lord! May God's grace and peace fill you.

PRELUDE

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Gennie and Andy Easley

OPENING MUSIC

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord of Hosts journeys with us. God shall assign a place for us.

P: The Lord has no need of cedar, no house built by human hands.

L: God has spoken through shepherds: through David and those who worshipped the holy child.

P: God's chosen servant will rule as long as the heavens endure.

L: The promises of God can never fail! God's mercy is sure from generation to generation.

P: This child is the Son of the Most High! Born of a woman! The Son of God!

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

CH 245

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of humble beginnings, we confess we have failed to trust you to lift us out of our lowly state. We have been guided by a spirit of pride and one-upmanship, exalting ourselves at the expense of your children. Forgive us for our many sins and restore us to an attitude of humility, gratitude, and loving faith, that we may be found without fault when we meet the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Jesus Christ is the light of life, coming to us in the Christ Child.

P: The good news of this season is forgiveness of sin and new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Holy Child of Bethlehem”

“Holy Child of Bethlehem,
 come down to us we pray;
 Forgive our sin, and enter in;
 Be born in us today. A - men.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology:

*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***ANTHEM**

“Christmas Grace”

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

NT Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Insert

SERMON

“Slow Cooked”

Rev. Smith

HYMN

“The First Noel” (vs 1, 2, 6)

CH 265

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**CLOSING**

“May the Light of Christ”

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERNS

Beth Ramsey – fractured pelvis

Ernie Nuckols – heart problems – (Pickle's grandfather)

Jean Flower

Leatrice Gibson

Linda Armstrong

MEMBER IN CARE FACILITIES

Jane Roby (Ritenour)

Brannock & Patsy Easley (Brookdale) Room 421 & 422

BIRTHDAYS

24 Linda Fry

24 Martha Wilkerson

29 Sherill Robinson

31 Michelle Snyder Nuckols

31 Judah Fisher Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

None

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice

Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer

Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller

Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

ADDRESS for Scott Dice and the address has to look like the following:

PV2 Scott Dice
937th Clearance Company
Bagram Airfield, AFGN
APO AE 09354

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE

TODAY

9:30 AM Bible Study – Lucille Sanger’s room

10:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

10:30 AM Worship

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Greeters & Ushers: James Mader, (Head Usher), Kay Mader, Jason Mader and **1 more needed**

Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader

TUESDAY

11:00 AM **NO** Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study – Lucille Sanger’s room

10:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: Chuck Blackley, (Head Usher), Pat Blackley, Jerry Fry and Linda Fry

Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS

Sign-up sheet is on the back table for the month of **January**.

The service tonight at **7 PM** and will be a service of lessons and carols and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

THANKS

Thank You to Pam, Allen, the Chancel and Hand Bell Choirs, and all who participated in this year's Cantata. What a lovely way to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. Your faithful dedication to the music ministry of Second Church is greatly appreciated.

The CE/Worship Committee

Dear Christian Family,

May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance from the heart of Jesus Christ and ours. Thanks to you all for the words of love and encouragement you have sent to us since my stroke in January. I am trying very hard to recover. Therapy has helped, exercise and medicine---but the love and prayers have given me strength. Pastor Evan and Linda have been a blessing with visits and communion. Thank you! I am still unsteady on my feet and only get out for doctor appointments but I am trying with the Lord and Earls' help.

God bless and keep you all, and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love,

Earl and Jean Flower

The Salvation Army extends their thanks to the members of Second Church who worked to pack up the Toy Warehouse this past Monday. Your work is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

1. Matthew Ramsey
2. Mary Rainey
3. Andy Easley
4. Pam Snyder
5. Substitute
6. Woodie Wimer

Preparation: Mary Rainey
Nancy Swisher



There will be no Thursday practices for the Chancel and Handbell Choirs until early February as the choirs take a well-deserved break.

Please notify the church office if you have a special notice you want to go in the bulletin.



THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Andy Easley
Sue Gochenour
Linda Lickliter
Pam Snyder

Class of 2018

Jo Fields
Darlene Mason
Mary Rainey
Matthew Ramsey

Class of 2019

Bob Ridle
Dick Robinson
Nancy Swisher
Woodie Wimer

Evan R. Smith, Moderator

Nancy Swisher, Clerk

TRUSTEES

Class of 2017

Paul Wolfe

Class of 2018

Ralph Weller

Class of 2019

Dick Hippeard

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator..... Mary Rainey
Vice-ModeratorBeth Ramsey
SecretaryTalitha Hippeard
Treasurer..... Sue Gochenour
Historian..... Kay Mader

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education/Worship..... Mary Rainey
Membership, Outreach, & Community Service Linda Lickliter
Mission..... Sue Gochenour
Stewardship and Finance..... Darlene Mason
Property..... Andy Easley
Personnel Pam Snyder

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan R. Smith
Secretary Kay Waitier
Music Director Pam Snyder
Organist..... Allen Archer