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# SECOND

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Seeking, Sharing, Serving**



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***Pastor***

November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent  
Final Sunday Offering

10:30 AM

## GREETING

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is faithful! Come together and wait for the advent of the Lord.

**P: We lack nothing for the vigil. We keep watch and wait.**

L: Stay awake! For you do not know when the Lord will return.

**P: With signs in the heavens, with power and glory, Christ will come.**

L: Take heart! By the grace of God you have been blessed.

**P: We will endure to the end, that we may be found blameless when Jesus Christ comes again.**

L: Let us worship God!

## HYMN

**We Walk By Faith & Not By Sight**

**Riverside Choir**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you are the great artisan, shaping us like clay pots, fulfilling your purpose in us. Yet we resist your will, refusing to take the shape which you intend for us. We are stubborn when we should surrender to your design, and we are passive when we should take righteous action. Forgive our disobedience, and strengthen us in faith. Refresh us for the task of waiting on you and for you. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: Open your eyes to see; unplug your ears to hear; unveil your hearts to receive the good news.

**P: The steadfast love and mercy of the Lord endure forever.**

L: God will single-handedly bind up where wickedness has injured, will seek and bring back those who have strayed, will strengthen the weak and feed the hungry.

**P: In the kingdom of God, Christ rules with mercy.**

L: Know that you are forgiven, live with one another in love, and be at peace in your hearts.

### **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**

### **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.

### **ANTHEM**

**Give Me Faith**

**Elevation Worship**

### **NT LESSON**

**John 20:24-29**

### **SERMON**

**Missed Opportunities**

**The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith**

### **HYMN**

**Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

**Ellen Haygood**

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

# PRAYERS

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Kincheloe  
Kay Mader  
Martha Wilkerson  
Nita Wimer  
Earl Flower  
Amanda Harris  
The Dull Family  
Michelle Nuckols

## SHUT-INS

Brannock Easley  
Tim Clemmer  
Earl & Jean Flower - Legacy

## BIRTHDAYS

30 Kriston Snyder

## ANNIVERSARIES

6 Martha & Mike Gangloff

## IN THE MILITARY

Cole A Smiley, Army - Grandson of Nita & Woodie Wimer  
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

## QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.