

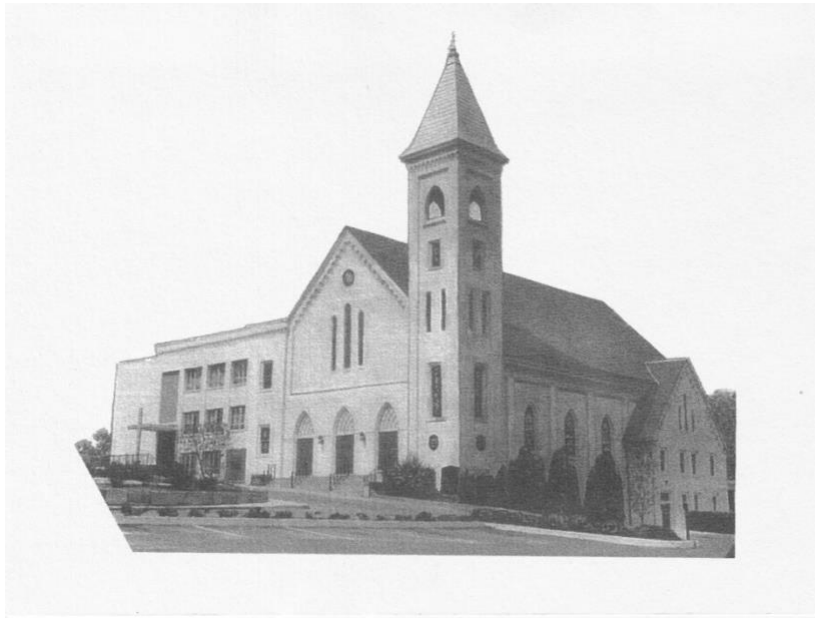
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seeking, Sharing, Serving



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Pastor

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

CHRISTMAS JOY MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sue Gochenour

INTROIT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Jerry & Kayla Siford

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Surely God is our salvation! The Lord is our strength and our might!

P: We will trust in the Lord. We will not be afraid.

L: Give thanks to the Lord! Call upon the holy name of God!

P: We will tell the nations of the works of God! We will exalt God's holy name!

L: Sing praises for all God's glorious deeds! Make them known to all the earth!

P: We will shout aloud and sing for joy! For the Great and Holy One of Israel is in our midst!

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

Prepare the Way

PH 13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, we confess that we have not produced fruits worthy of repentance, but we have filled our lives with chaff and dust. We are sinners in need of your holy baptism, not just of water, but of your Holy Spirit and purifying fire. We turn to you now, for you are our only hope of bearing good fruit and doing justice. Forgive us, O Lord, and fill us with your grace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

L: The One who has begun a good work in you will surely bring it to completion! Trust that the grace of the Lord greets you each time you turn around to seek your God!

P: Now may love overflow in us, and pour forth from us—love for the One who will raise us up, pure and blameless, in the day of Jesus Christ.

L: Know that you are saved by Christ through your repentance and by the forgiveness of your sins.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**Hear Our Prayer, O Lord**

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord
 Incline Thine ear to us And grant us Thy peace. 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

Give Thanks

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**While We Are Waiting****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:**James 5:7-11****SERMON****A Kenyan Christmas****The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith****HYMN****Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus****PH 2****CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****CLOSING****Amen****Chancel Choir****POSTLUDE**

PRAYERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

D. W. Sensabaugh	Charlotte Dale
Martha Wilkerson	Nita Wimer
Linda Queen	Linda Lickliter
Nedra Keenan, Brenda & Jim Wright's niece, cancer	

SHUT-INS

Charlotte Dale – Baldwin Park
Tim Clemmer
Jean Flower - Legacy

BIRTHDAYS

14 Frank Brown
17 Matthew Ramsey
18 Kemper Snyder

ANNIVERSARIES

None

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY DECEMBER 12

10:30 AM Worship
Chancel Choir & Session meeting immediately following
worship
Greeters & Ushers: Pat & Chuck Blackley and Jerry &
Linda Fry

MONDAY DECEMBER 13

10 AM Faithful Followers Circle meets in the parlor

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14

10 AM Friendship Circle meets

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16

5 PM Handbell Practice

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18

10 AM Handbell Practice in the sanctuary
11 AM Chancel Choir Practice in the choir room

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

10:30 AM Worship
Chancel Choir immediately following worship
Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETERS & USHERS

The sign-up **sheet** for greeters and ushers for the month of **December** is on the table in back of the sanctuary. Thanks so much for your help.

THE SESSION

Class of 2021

Andy Easley
Jo Fields
Matthew Ramsey
Joe Witcofsky

Class of 2022

Mark Robertson
Nancy Swisher
Paul Wolfe

Class of 2023

Frank Brown
Mary Rainey
Debbie Sedr
Jerry Siford

Evan R. Smith, Moderator

Nancy Swisher, Clerk

TRUSTEES

Class of 2021

Ralph Weller

Class of 2022

Dick Hippeard

Class of 2023

Betty Clemmer

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator.....Mary Rainey
Vice-Moderator.....Pat Blackley
Secretary.....Talitha Hippeard
Treasurer.....Sue Gochenour

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education/Worship.....Mary Rainey & Joe Witcofsky
Membership & Outreach.....Debbie Sedr & Linda Queen
Mission & Community Service.....Frank Brown & Jo Fields
Stewardship and Finance.....Mark Robertson & Jerry Siford
Property.....Matt Ramsey & Paul Wolfe
Personnel.....Pam Snyder

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith
Secretary.....Kay Waitier
Music Director.....Pam Snyder