

DECEMBER 19, 2021



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 19, 2021

10:30 AM

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

PRELUDE **O Come, O Come Emmanuel; O Sanctissima—**
JuBELLation Handbell Choir

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

INTROIT **Angels from the Realms of Glory**
Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Betty Clemmer & Betty Landes

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather to prepare for the Lord's coming.

P: **We gather to watch, wait, and prepare**

L: Let us join in praising the God who comes to us in the Christ child.

P: **For God's love is from everlasting to everlasting.**

L: As we watch, wait, and prepare, let us praise the Lord!

HYMN **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee** **CH 89**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of grace, You come to us in surprising ways. You call upon us to live in unexpected ways and do that which can only be done by faith. We confess that we do not always welcome your surprises or greet Your unexpected calling with joy. Forgive us, O God, when we resist Your call and refuse to go where You would have us to go and do what You would have us to do. May we obediently give ourselves to Your purpose. For we pray in Your name, Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.

P: **Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.**

L: Thanks be to the Advent God who comes among us,

P: **The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.**

L: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**JuBELLation Handbell Choir**

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**Peace, Peace****Chancel Choir****OT LESSON****Jeremiah 29:11-13 and 32:17-19****NT LESSON:****John 14:1 -6 and Acts 1: 6-11****SERMON****And The Story Goes On****Ramona J. Bosserman****HYMN****While We Are We Waiting, Come****CH 760****CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (vs. 1 &3****CH 774****CLOSING****Holy Child of Bethlehem****Chancel Choir****POSTLUDE****Arise, Shine**

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

24 Linda Fry
24 Martha Wilkerson

ANNIVERSARIES

23 Nita & Woodie Wimer

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 19

10:30 AM Worship

Chancel Choir immediately following worship

Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: Rick & Dara Myrah and 2 more
needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome **Ramona J. Bosserman** to our pulpit this morning. Ramona, Elder Emerita, is a member of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church and has served 40 years as an educator, has volunteered at UVA and Augusta Dialysis for 20 years and has been a certified Lay Pastor for 25+ years.

GREETERS & USHERS

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAYLA SIFORD!!

Kayla is graduating from JMU with a masters degree in physician assistant studies. This program will prepare her for a career as a physician assistant. She is interested in women's medicine and primary care. Kayla has an interview next week with Augusta Health. Jerry and Kayla hope to stay in the area. We hope they can, too. Your church family wishes you the very best Kayla and Jerry!

THE SESSION

Class of 2021

Andy Easley
Jo Fields
Matthew Ramsey
Joe Witcofsky

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Nancy Swisher, Clerk

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Moderator.....Mary Rainey
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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

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