

DECEMBER 5, 2021



SECOND

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

INTROIT

Blessed Savior

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Jim & Linda Sasrgent

CALL TO WORSHIP

L We share in the grace of God together.

P: **Let us prepare for a harvest of righteousness, and choose the ways of God, who refines us as pure silver.**

L: We share in the tender mercies of our loving God.

P: **Let us overflow with love for the Lord and for all those whom God has called to repentance.**

L: We share in the righteous work of worshiping our God.

P: **Let us serve the Lord our Savior without fear, our God who guides us in the way of peace.**

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

PH 8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Peace, through your servant John, you have called us to be a penitent people and to make way for your coming into our dry, desolate lives. Yet we forestall repentance, stubbornly refusing to change our ways, which are not your ways. We ask not only your abiding grace and mercy, already given in Jesus Christ, but we also ask the courage to practice the deep peace of turning to you, treasuring your very own Spirit within our hearts, so that we might serve you faithfully as have the saints before us. 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

Still, Still, Still

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

Bethlehem Lullaby

Talitha Hippeard, Soprano and Pam Snyder, Alto

OT LESSON:

Malachi 3:1-4

SERMON

Advent Purity

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HYMN

Lord, How Shall I Meet You? (vs. 1 & 3)

PH 11

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING

Holy Child of Bethlehem

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

8 Betty Clemmer
11 James Wright
11 Linda Sargent

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Martha & Mike Gangloff

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 5

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 6

10 AM PW Coordinating Team meets in Sunday School Room

THURSDAY DECEMBER 9

5 PM Handbell Practice

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 13

10 AM Faithful Followers Circle meets in the parlor

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.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Presbyterian Women extend a huge thank you to everyone for your generous contribution of \$395 to the THANK OFFERING. We also thank you for the 16 bags of canned goods which were delivered to the Valley Mission. The lives of many will be improved because you cared and shared.

MARY RAINEY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Chandler Snyder and Katie Anderson on the birth of their daughter, Kingsley Audrey Anne Snyder, born November 28, 2021. Kingsley weighed in at 7 lb. 1 oz. and 19.5 inches long. Kingsley is the granddaughter of Heather and Joe Kimble and Steve Spitler, and the great-granddaughter of Pam Snyder. Welcome baby Snyder!

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