

JANUARY 2, 2022



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

Joyful!

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

INTROIT

Love Has Come!

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing aloud with gladness! Shout for the chief of nations! Proclaim, give praise, and say,

P: **"Save, O Lord, your chosen people! May our mourning be turned into joy!"**

L: The Lord shall gather them all together: the blind, the lame, and those in labor.

P: **"Save, O Lord, your chosen people! May our mourning be turned into joy!"**

L: A great company shall return to the Lord. God will shepherd them with great consolation.

P: **O women, rejoice with dancing! O men, make merry in your hearts! For the Lord has blessed us abundantly!**

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

CH 290

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace and Truth, you shine your eternal light into the darkness of our fallen world, and yet we often fail to comprehend it. Your eternal Word speaks to us every day, yet we fail to accept Christ fully. Therefore, we humble ourselves before you, praying that you would free us once again from sin, raise us up into the radiant beams of your glory, and gather us into closer fellowship with Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: The Lord has paid the ransom for captive Israel, and Christ Jesus has paid the ransom for you!

P: **God promises to lead in a straight path all those who are willing to follow. To all who accept this testimony of grace and truth, embodied in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, God gives the power to be children of God, born of the very Spirit of God.**

L: Accept this Word. Accept this grace. Accept your new birth and begin your life anew this day!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Into My Heart

Into my heart, into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

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

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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

We Three Kings

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:

John 1: 1-5, 10-14

SERMON

The Children of God

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HYMN

Another Year Is Dawning

CH 811

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING

May the Light of Christ

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain!

PRAYERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

D. W. Sensabaugh

Martha Wilkerson

Linda Lickliter

Nedra Keenan, Brenda & Jim Wright's niece, cancer

Charlotte Dale

Nita Wimer

SHUT-INS

Charlotte Dale – Baldwin Park

Tim Clemmer

Jean Flower - Legacy

BIRTHDAYS

8 Jerry Fry

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 JANUARY 2

10:30 AM Worship

NO Chancel Choir Practice

Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 9

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: Frank & Carolyn Brown and 2
more needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETERS & USHERS

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

No handbell practices on Thursdays until further notice.

The PW Coordinating Team will not meet in January.

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
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