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# 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**

**Jesus, the Light of the World**

**STRIKING THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

**INTROIT**

**Love Has Come!**

**Chancel Choir**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** The voice of the Lord is over the waters. The God of glory thunders with power and majesty!

**P:** **Give glory to God! Worship the Lord of glory and strength!**

**L:** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars. The voice of God makes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare!

**P:** **Give glory to God! Let all in the temple of the Lord cry, "Glory!"**

**L:** The voice of the Lord flashes with fire! The voice of God shakes the wilderness!

**P:** **O God of glory, O God of strength, bless us with your peace!**

**L:** Let us worship God!

**HYMN**

**Amazing Grace**

**CH 343**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator God, though you yourself have created us, we confess that we have failed to trust in you as we should. We fear, though you have told us we should not. We doubt, when you would have us believe. We hide, when you would gather us to yourself in love. We hoard, when you would have us share. Redeem us, Lord. Call us each by name, that we might return to you in joy and fall at your feet once again. 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

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

## Baptized in Water

## 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:

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

## SERMON

## New Life

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

## ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

**L:** There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**P:** **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

**L:** God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**P:** **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

**L:** Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.



# ***PRAYERS***

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

D. W. Sensabaugh  
Martha Wilkerson  
Linda Licklitter  
Tim Snyder (liver transplant)  
Nedra Keenan, Brenda & Jim Wright's niece, cancer

Charlotte Dale  
Nita Wimer  
Kingsley Snyder (UVA)

## **SHUT-INS**

Charlotte Dale – Baldwin Park  
Tim Clemmer- The Legacy  
Jean Flower – The Legacy

## **BIRTHDAYS**

12 Harry Dice, III

## **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 9**

10:30 AM Worship  
No Chancel Choir Practice following Worship today!  
Greeters & Ushers: Betty Clemmer, Frank & Carolyn  
Brown and 1 more needed

### **MONDAY JANUARY 10**

10 AM Faithful Followers in the Parlor

### **TUESDAY JANUARY 11**

10 AM Friendship Circle in the Parlor

### **NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 16**

10:30 AM Worship  
Greeters & Ushers: Jerry & Kayla Siford 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.**

**Tim Clemmer** has moved to The Legacy, Room 1023, 1410A N. Augusta St. Staunton VA. He would love to hear from his friends at Second Church. He prefers the printing instead of cursive. Thanks,

*Betty Clemmer*

## ***MASSANETTA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!***

Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, located in Harrisonburg, is looking for help with the Afghan Refugees staying at Massanetta. There are open spots in the coming days and they need help serving meals. Please consider signing up for a meal or more. I have done this several times with Kemper, and am willing to add more days if anyone would like to ride to Harrisonburg with me. It involves approximately 2.5 hours of your time as we help ensure the buffet line is filled with food and beverages and we help put food away and sanitize the tables following the meal. Please consider volunteering for this worthy opportunity to help those who have been displaced. More information is available at the Massanetta website at <http://massanettasprings.org/blogarchive/refugeewelcome>. You can reach me at 540-480-3029 or [pamsnyder1063@gmail.com](mailto:pamsnyder1063@gmail.com)

*Pam Snyder*

## ***STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING***

We are now in the budget process and discerning how we approach our “giving or offerings” for 2022. Like 2021, we did not send out a stewardship letter and request Pledges from the congregation. Your financial support covered most of our expenses for 2021, but we did have to draw from investments in order to make necessary property repairs.

For 2022, we ask that you consider that “tithing,” like prayer, is a kind of communication with God. Tithing is an action – a physical decisive action that one takes out of the goodness of their hearts. By tithing, we can remember God in our weekly activities, and thus remember all He has done for us.

We are grateful for your continued financial support of the mission and programs at Second Presbyterian Church. Without you our mission to spread God’s word and support the church and the community would be impossible!

***The Finance Committee***

# ***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