

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

Pastor

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

10:30 AM

Final Sunday Offering; First Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE

Comfort, Comfort You My

People

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Amanda Harris

INTROIT

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Make us to know your paths, O Lord,

P: Teach us your ways.

L: Teach us to walk by faith in you,

P: For you are the God who saves us.

L: We wait for you eagerly day by day,

P: because of your goodness, O Lord.

L: Let us in this Advent Season worship God and prepare ourselves to receive Christ anew.

HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

PH

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Matt. 3:2-3

A voice is crying out in the wilderness:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of today and of the future, we confess that too often we do not trust that in the fullness of time you will come in power to bring all nations under your rule. Forgive us for not being attentive every day to living in ways that honor your justice and peace. In your

mercy grant us the wisdom to face your truth and the will and courage to seek your way of life that will endure until Christ comes again. Through Christ we pray.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom

P: **The people of God will celebrate with joy and singing.**

L: Because Christ came among us and promised us forgiveness, let us with gladness accept his mercy.

P: **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* PH 579

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
Is

The King of Love My Shepherd

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

I Come With Joy

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OT LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-5

NT LESSON

Matthew 24: 36-44

SERMON

Comfort/Discomfort

Rev. Roxanna Atwood

HYMN

Be Known to Us In Braking Bread PH 505

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks,
Creator and Ruler of the universe.

(The minister continues the rest of the prayer)

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Cup

(Please hold until all are served)

Communion of the People (Please hold until all are served)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (Please us "debts")

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.

HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

BENEDECTION RESPONSE

Go With Us, Lord

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Soon & Very Soon

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns

Linda Lickliter

Roger Harris

Martha Wilkerson

Nita Wimer

Mary Jo Ramsey-Smith

Shut-Ins

Charlotte Dale – Brightview Senior Living

Tim Clemmer – The Legacy

Jean Flower – The Legacy

Birthdays

28 Dara Myrah

28 Kingsley Snyder

30 Kriston Snyder

Anniversaries

27 Brenda & Jim Wright

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 the late Ralph and 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

November 27

10:30 AM

Worship

Chancel Choir practice immediately following worship

Greeters & Ushers: Dara Myrah and 3 more needed

Thursday

December 1

5:15 PM

JuBELLation Handbell Choir practice

Next Sunday

December 4

10:30 AM

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.

Get ready for our Christmas musical celebration! Mark your calendars for **December 11th at 5 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a covered dish supper. Please bring a food item to share. Beverages will be provided. The evening will be filled with fun and fellowship! Special music will include the Heavenly Handbell Choir, some jolly choristers and singing some familiar tunes and Christmas carols. You won't want to miss this evening of special music as we are finally able to gather for a meal together.

Articles are needed for the December newsletter.

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Mark Robertson
Nancy Swisher
Paul Wolfe

Class of 2023

Frank Brown
Mary Rainey
Debbie Sedr
Jerry Siford

Class of 2024

Amanda Harris
Jim McKenna
Rick Myrah
Sherrill Robinson

Evan R. Smith, Moderator

Nancy Swisher, Clerk

TRUSTEES

Class of 2022

Dick Hippeard

Class of 2023

Betty Clemmer

Class of 2024

Caroline Woebke

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education/Worship.....Mary Rainey & Jim McKenna
Membership & Outreach..... Debbie Sedr & Sherrill Robinson
Mission & Community Service.....Frank Brown & Amanda Harris
Stewardship and Finance.....Mark Robertson
Property.....Paul Wolfe & Rick Myrah
Personnel.....Pam Snyder

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith
Secretary.....Kay Waitier
Music Director.....Pam Snyder
Organist.....Mary Jo Ramsey-Smith