

DECEMBER 18, 2022



SECOND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

Pastor

DECEMBER 18, 2022

10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE *Bell Peal on "How Great Our Joy";*
Joy to the World— JuBELLation Handbell
Choir

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Debbie Sedr & Mary Rainey

INTROIT *Rise Up!* Chancel
Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Turn to the Lord, the Most High God, enthroned on
the wings of heaven's angels.

P: Hear us, holy Shepherd. Come and lead your flock.

L: Call upon the Lord, the God of hosts, whose strength
has saved us from sin and shame.

**P: Restore us, redeeming God. Let your face shine
that we may be saved!**

L: Call upon the name of the Lord, who gives us life and
eternal salvation!

**P: Regard us, everlasting God. Show us your glory
and we will not turn away!**

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

PH 9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, who has set us apart from the world to bear the light of Christ within it, we confess that we have failed to live obedient lives. We frequently turn from you, fail to call out to you, and fear to ask for or receive the wondrous signs of your presence and the righteous blessings that you so freely give. Forgive us, O Lord, and do not let the darkness overwhelm us. But shine upon, within, and among us! Let your saving light be seen in the midst of your people, for the sake of the nations, and for the glory of your name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: Salvation is near, nearer now than it has ever been.

P: Judgment is coming, but those who make good use of the time will be spared of judgment if they keep faith in the One who has been judged and deemed worthy, Christ Jesus, our gracious Savior.

L: Turn and receive the innumerable blessings of Christ this day, and know that in Christ you are forgiven.

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.

OFFERTORY
Born

For Unto Us a Child is

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

Sing Noel

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.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

HYMN *People Look East* (vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5) **PH**
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Holy Child of Bethlehem
Choir

Chancel

POSTLUDE

Noel

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today **December 18**

10:30 AM Worship

NO Chancel Choir practice until January

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

Thursday **December 22**

NO handbell practices for several weeks

Saturday **December 24 – Christmas Eve**

6 PM Candlelight Communion Service

Next Sunday **December 25 - Christmas**

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns

Linda Lickliter

Roger Harris

Nita Wimer

Mary Jo Ramsey-Smith

Shut-Ins

Charlotte Dale – Brightview Senior Living

Tim Clemmer – The Legacy

Jean Flower – The Legacy

Birthdays

18 Kemper Snyder

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 Willis Clemmer

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETERS & USHERS

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

Communion Servers for Christmas Eve

- 1 and 2 Frank Brown
- 3 Jim Mckenna or Jim Sargent
- 4 Mary Rainey
- 5 Mark Robertson
- 6 Jerry Siford

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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PROCESSIONAL

Judah Smith, piano

Away in a Manger

Silent Night

POETRY READING

Lincoln Nuckols

Baby Jesus, Child of Love by Marcia A. Newton

SIMPLY CHRISTMAS

by Sharon Kay Chatwell

Mary.Selena Nuckols

Joseph.Lincoln Nuckols

Angels.Emmalyn Cook
Korbyn Snyder

Shepherds.Asher Smith
Micah Smith

Sheep. Justus Cassell
Evangeline Smith

Wise Men Mary Kate Nuckols
Kennedy Snyder
Ocean Snyder

Stars. Jeremih Cassell
Adeline McKenna

Narrator. Judah Smith

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Silent Night*, v. 1-2
PH 60



Special thanks to Bliss and Pickle Nuckols, the session of Second Presbyterian Church, and all of the families involved for their engagement and support in putting this program together. We pray that it blesses you today.

Merry Christmas!

Love, the children of Second Presbyterian Church