

DECEMBER 4, 2022



SECOND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

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DECEMBER 4, 2022

10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love

Begotten

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Amanda Harris

INTROIT *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* Chancel
Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let the earth be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.
Let us praise God together, with one voice.

**P: As the waters cover the depths of the sea, so let our
hearts be filled with love. For we have seen God's
mercy in our Lord Jesus Christ!**

L: Let all people repent, fear the Lord, and prosper. May
all nations turn to God, that the earth may be filled
with peace.

**P: We await the coming of our righteous King. For
the Son of God shall lead us in the ways of truth.**

L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who alone
does wondrous things!

**P: Blessed be the glorious name of God forever. May
the glory of the Lord fill the whole earth.**

L: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we are told that your kingdom has come near. We confess this confuses us, for we all too rarely perceive it. We are dismayed at the sin we see in the world and we tremble to name the sin that dwells in our hearts. We are told to repent, yet sometimes we lack even the desire to change. Forgive us, O God. Have mercy on us and transform us, that we may with joy look forward to your coming. Draw us into your silent, loving, merciful grace, in the name of Jesus. 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
Gilead

There Is a Balm in

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 *My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout*
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.

NO CHILDREN'S SERMON

NT LESSON

Mark 4:35 – Mark 5:20

SERMON Looking for the Gadarene Clint Webb

HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*
(vs. 1, 4, 5) PH 426

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Nobis

Dona

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

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

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 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

December 4

10:30 AM Worship

“Hanging of the Greens” immediately after worship followed by
pizza lunch

Chancel Choir practice immediately following service

Greeters & Ushers: Rick & Dara Myrah and 2 more needed

Thursday

December 8

5:15 PM Handbell Practice

Next Sunday

December 11

10:30 AM Worship
Greeters & Ushers: Chuck & Pat Blackley and
 Jerry & Linda Fry

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.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4	“Hanging of the Greens” immediately after worship followed by pizza lunch
December 11	Session Meeting following worship service Church Family Night at 5 PM
December 13	Friendship Circle Meeting in Parlor at 10 AM followed by lunch at Red Lobster
December 24	6 PM Candlelight Communion Service (note change of time)
December 25	Worship at 10:30 AM (no nursery)



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION

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. Fried chicken and 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. We will also collect a *Joy Gift* Offering at this time. *Joy Gift* envelopes will be available for use that

night and will also be in the Sunday bulletins. You won't want to miss this evening of special music as we are finally able to gather for a meal together.

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