

December 13, 2009

Service of Worship
The Third Sunday in Advent

11:00 A.M.

WELCOME! Many Chrismons on our Tree are “Christ monograms,” centered on letter combinations built on the name of Jesus and his work of salvation. Other Chrismons are symbols that convey much the same message. They remind us of the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus we celebrate at Christmas! *We extend a special welcome to our guests and request that they fill out the information card in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate.*

PRELUDE

JuBELLation

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

OPENING MUSIC

“Let's Worship and Adore Him”

Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP – CHRISMON INTERPRETATION

L: The season of Advent is well underway, and our preparation for the celebration of Christmas continues.

P: May our hearts and minds be led toward the true meaning of Christmas.

L: To help us on this journey, we continue to interpret the meaning of the ornaments on our Chrismon tree.

L: One symbol is the fish, which was used by the early Christian Church as a secret sign for a worship location, recognized by believers but not by those who opposed the church. The Greek word for fish, *ichthus*, forms an acrostic on the first letters of the phrase, “Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior.”

P: The Apostle John writes, “We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.”

L: Another symbol is the Crown. This Chrismon speaks to the glory of the one who was born “King of kings.” Jesus triumphed over sin and death, and is now seated at the right hand of God. God’s Christmas gift to us is that, by faith, we share in Jesus’ triumph and crowning glory.

P: Peter writes, “when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful" CB 282

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 29, 31, 32*
Insert

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

New Testament: Romans 15:4-13 *Pew Bible p. 988*

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10 *Pew Bible p. 595*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

OFFERING

Offertory *JuBellation*

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN** "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" CB 267

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

CHOIR SPECIAL "Love Has Come!" *Adult Choir*

SHARING IN PRAYER

Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*use "debts"*)

SERMON "Rooting for Jesus" Dr. Williams

***HYMN** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" CB 255

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "What Can I Give Him?" CB 263

POSTLUDE

* Congregation please stand, if able

CB – *The Celebration Hymnal*; **PH** – *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday in Advent

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Classes
10:30 AM Adult Choir rehearsal- Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship
Chrismons: Snyder/Tyree children
Greeters: Jerry Fry & Barbara Daugherty
Ushers: Chuck Blackley (*Head Usher*), Pat Blackley,
Barbara Daugherty & Jerry Fry
Flower Coordinator: Darlene Mason
6:00 PM Church Night - Covered Dish Supper, Program by the Youth, and the
2009 Joy Gift Offering - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 15

- 6:30 PM Circle 5 - Red Lobster

Thursday, December 10

- 5:45 PM JuBELLation - Handbell Room
6:45 PM Adult Choir - Choir Room

Saturday, December 19

- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

Next Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday in Advent

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Classes
10:30 AM Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship
Chrismons: Snyder/Tyree children
Greeters: Linda Fry & Barbara Daugherty
Ushers: Chuck Blackley (*Head Usher*), Pat Blackley, Linda Fry &
Barbara Daugherty
Flower Coordinator: Darlene Mason

Attendance last Sunday: 40

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 2,205.00

Total Deposit: \$ 3,442.00

LARGE PRINT BULLETIN As an aid to people who have trouble reading the regular sized type on the Sunday worship bulletin, a large print version is available. Simply request one from any usher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Joy Church Night



Join us this evening, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish item to share with all. The Mission Committee will interpret and receive the **2009 Christmas Joy Offering**. A program will be presented by members of the Youth and Adult choirs, with audience participation!

The Adult Choir will present the Christmas Cantata, "Rise Up! A New Light A'Comin'," by Lloyd Larsen and Pamela Martin next Sunday, December 20, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



Christmas Cantata

More Upcoming Events:

December 14, Monday, 7:00 p.m. - Benefit Concert for SACRA, Memorial Baptist Church (Prelude music at 6:30 p.m.)

December 21, Monday, 6:00 p.m. - Christmas Caroling, followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall

December 24, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - Annual Christmas Eve Communion Service



2010
Offering
Envelopes

Please Note: 2010 Offering Envelopes have been placed on the table in the vestibule. Please let us know if you are unable to locate your envelopes.

December Display

Be sure to stop by the Display Cabinet in Fellowship Hall this month to see Beckie Sherwood's display of cross stitched Christmas Tree Ornaments. She made these over a period of a couple years while living on the Sherwood Farm outside of Millboro.

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 29, 31, 32

- L: Why is the Son of God called JESUS, which means SAVIOR?
- P: **Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation is to be sought or found in no other.**
- L: Why is he called CHRIST, that is, the ANOINTED ONE?
- P: **Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.**
- L: But why are you called a Christian?
- P: **Because through faith I share in Christ and thus in his anointing, so that I may confess his name, offer myself a living sacrifice of gratitude to him, and fight against sin and the devil with a free and good conscience throughout this life and hereafter rule with him in eternity over all creatures.**

*Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 29, 31, 32
The Book of Confessions
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

CONTACTING PASTOR DAN WILLIAMS

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PRAYER CONCERNS



- Health concerns:
 - Evelyn Cain: recent fall (at home)
 - Bill Robertson: recent cataract surgery
 - Marshall Ramsey, Kay Mader, Teri King, Virginia Brand, Geneva Smiley.
- Church concerns:
 - Remembering our members in care facilities: Jane Roby (Ritenour); Joanna Sheets (Summit Square); Virginia Craig (Augusta Rehab); Ruby Knibbs (Loyalton); Mabel Young (Loyalton)
 - A meaningful Advent/Christmas season
 - Adult Choir: preparations for Christmas cantata
 - Our college students, at semester's end: Pickle Nuckols (Bridgewater), Courtney Moyer (Shippensburg), Jon Williams (Mary Washington).
- Celebrating a birthday this week: Randy Armstrong (13); Frank Brown (14); Matthew Ramsey (17); Maxine Robertson (18); Marshall Ramsey (18); Kemper Snyder (18).
- Celebrating an anniversary this week: Chris and Megan Kincheloe (18).
- Persons connected to Second Church in the military:
 - Ian Hippeard (grandson of Talitha and Dick Hippeard)
 - Nathan Wade (grandson of Anita and Bill Haessly)
 - Ty Manson – Navy SEAL (Linda Licklitter's niece's husband)
 - Nick Dubyk – Army: Fort Bragg, NC (grandson of Betty/Willis Clemmer)
 - Heath Minnick: USAF, Sacramento, CA (son of Brenda Cason).
 - Wilmer Carl Varner III (Navy) – grandson of Betty Casiday
 - Chris Goodrow (Army, 173rd Airborne: Fort Benning, GA) – grandson of Ken and Lois Sensabaugh
 - Kevin Goodrow (Army Recruiter, Martinsburg, WV) – grandson of Ken and Lois Sensabaugh
 - Ben Carter (Coast Guard) – grand-nephew of Gennivee Carey
 - Patrick W. Brown (Air Force) – grandson of (the late) Marie Wiseman
 - Christopher Todd (USAF) – grandson of Ruth and Ralph Weller



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.