

**December 27, 2009**

**Service of Worship**

**11:00 A.M.**

**First Sunday in Christmas**

**Hunger/Staple Foods Offerings**

What a joy it is to start this new year with all of you. May we rededicate our lives for service to God. *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**

**STRIKING THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

**OPENING MUSIC**

“The Birthday of a King”

*Adult Choir*

**CALL TO WORSHIP – CHRISMON INTERPRETATION**

L: This is the season of Christmas, and our celebration continues.

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

L: To help us on this journey, we are interpreting the meaning of the ornaments on our Chrismon tree.

L: Many Chrismons are initials representing biblical names or early church slogans, like the monogram INRI. This stands for “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” The four nouns in this phrase, in their original Latin spelling, begin with the letters INRI. As John tells us, this inscription was placed on Jesus' cross by Pilate, intended as both a charge and an insult. But God, who turns ‘no’ into ‘yes,’ turned Pilate's sign into a Christmas affirmation: Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

**P: Writing to the Galatians, Paul said, “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

L: Another monogram is the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. In the Bible, whenever two extremes are mentioned, such as the beginning and the end of the alphabet, not only are these two points meant, but also everything in between. The Alpha and Omega Chrismon reminds us that Jesus was born to be our Lord and Savior, and that every aspect of life is subject to his Lordship.

**P: Jesus says, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.”**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

CB 249

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Westminster Confession  
Chapter 8: Of Christ the Mediator*

*Insert*

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

*Pew Bible p. 641*

New Testament: Luke 2:21-40

*Pew Bible p. 889*

**OFFERING**

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*HYMN**

“Away in a Manger”

CB 261

**CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN**

**CHOIR SPECIAL**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Adult Choir*

**SHARING IN PRAYER**

Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*use “debts”*)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 2:21-40

*Pew Bible p. 889*

**SERMON**

“Believing Is Seeing”

Dr. Williams

**\*HYMN**

“What Child Is This?”

CB 281

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Holy Child of Bethlehem”

*Adult Choir*

**POSTLUDE**

\* Congregation please stand, if able

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

## THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

### Sunday, December 27

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

### Friday, January 1, New Year's Day

Office Closed

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### Next Sunday, January 3

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Classes  
10:30 AM Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship  
**Lay Reader, Greeters, Ushers:** TBA  
**Flower Coordinator:** Betty Clemmer

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**Attendance December 13: 58**

**Offering December 13: \$ 2,390.00**

**Joy Gift: \$ 333.00**

**Total Deposit: \$ 3,176.00**

### CONTACTING PASTOR DAN WILLIAMS

	Means	Use this	Comments
<b>Office Phone</b>	540.885.8159	Press #2 for the Pastor's voice mail.	
<b>Cell Phone</b>	540.280.5850	Voice mail is now unlimited time	
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:dsw-office@sec-stn.org">dsw-office@sec-stn.org</a> or <a href="mailto:dsw2pbn@comcast.net">dsw2pbn@comcast.net</a>		
<b>Snail Mail</b>	68 Meadowdale Drive, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Just a  
Reminder...*

There will be no Handbell or Adult Choir practice on Thursdays again until February 4, 2010.

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The 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Baja Mission Trip** will be July 25-31, 2010. This is one week later than the past two years. Most participants travel on the Saturday before (July 24) and the Sunday following (August 1). Registrations are due by Friday, January 15, to Rhonda Richie. The required forms are available on the Shenandoah Presbytery web site, on the Highland Augusta Mission Community (HAMC) page. (<http://www.shenpres.org/mc/mce1.html>) Despite what the one form says, no registration payment is required, as that payment is made by HAMC. See the pastor for more details or for the registration forms, if you cannot access them on the internet.



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**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.



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## December Display

If you missed it be sure to stop by the Display Cabinet in Fellowship Hall 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.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### Westminster Confession, Chapter 8: Of Christ the Mediator

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

The Lord Jesus in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell: to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father; who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.

*The Book of Confessions  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*



The Stonewall Brigade Band Christmas Concert (snowed out on December 21) has been rescheduled for Monday, January 4, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The 85-piece Concert Band will be joined by the 30-voice Ovation Singers for "Christmas Around the World." So, on the eleventh day of Christmas, instead of eleven pipers piping we offer you 85 volunteer instrumentalists and 30 professional singers in a delightful evening of music of the season. Admission is free. An offering will be received to help the homeless at Valley Mission. The church is at 2000 Shutterlee Mill Rd., Staunton - just off the VA 262 "Loop Road."

## PRAYER CONCERNS



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- Health concerns:
  - Bob Ridle: MCL strain in knee
  - Evelyn Cain; Marshall Ramsey, Kay Mader, Geneva Smiley.
- Church concerns: joy and success in the New Year
- Traveling mercies to all who will travel during the upcoming holiday weekend.
- Celebrating a birthday this week: Sherrill Robinson (29); Michelle Snyder Nuckols (31).
- Celebrating an anniversary this week: Kelly and Robert Ridle (30).
- 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.

