

December 26, 2010

**Service of Worship
First Sunday in Christmas**

11:00 A.M.

On this Sunday after Christmas, we kneel before our newborn King with awe and honor. *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

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

P: Here we have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.

L: Come, people of God. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the wondrous gifts given to us.

P: Here in our worship, we look to the future as we are filled with the gifts of Christmas: love, hope, peace, joy!

L: Now we again sing the joyous carols of Christmas and witness to our Savior's birth.

*** HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

CB 271

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

O God, Holy Creator, Joy of the world! Hope of tomorrow! Light of heaven! You are the Creator of everything; through your Word the world and everything in it exists. You are the maker of carols to be sung, of gifts given and received, of children born, of blessed rest everlasting, of everything which is beautiful, which is lovely, which is good. Be with us, Holy Lord of heaven and earth, live among us, let us feel your presence, as we celebrate the birth of your Son, your gift, your love, who came to live, grow, and teach among us. May our hearts always be young in your love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Isn’t He?” (Christmas setting) CB 254
Isn’t He beautiful? Beautiful, isn’t He?
Prince of Peace, Son of God, isn’t He?
Isn’t He wonderful? Wonderful, isn’t He?
Counselor, Almighty God, Isn’t He? (x4)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles’ Creed *PH, p. 14*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 148 *Pew Bible p. 546*

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” CB 251

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM “Go Tell It on the Mountain” *Chancel Choir*

SHARING IN PRAYER

Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 2:10-18 *Pew Bible p. 1045*

SERMON “Why in Tarnation the Incarnation?” Dr. Williams

***HYMN** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” CB 277

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “Emmanuel” CB 243
w/congregation

POSTLUDE

* Congregation please stand, if able

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

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

Sunday, December 26

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Classes
10:30 AM Adult Choir rehearsal- Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship

Lay Reader: Pat Blackley

Greeters & Ushers: James Mader (*Head Usher*), Kay Mader,
Jason Mader, & Bob Lightner

Flower Coordinator: Jean Flower

Next Sunday, January 2

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Classes
10:30 AM Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship

Lay Reader: Kay Mader

Greeters & Ushers: TBA- Ushers Needed!

Flower Coordinator: Pat Blackley

Attendance last Sunday: 102

Offering last Sunday: \$2,172.50

Total Deposit: \$2,856.00

CONTACTING PASTOR DAN WILLIAMS

Means	Use this	Comment
Office Phone	540.885.8159	Press #2 for the Pastor's voice mail.
Cell Phone	540.280.5850	Voice mail is now unlimited time
Email	dsw-office@sec-stn.org or dsw2pbn@comcast.net	
Snail Mail	68 Meadowdale Drive, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship and Music has placed a calendar on one of the back tables in order to sign up ushers and lay readers needed for the month of **January**. **We still have many spots to fill for both ushers and lay readers so please help us to fill one of these spots.**



Thank you so much for the surprise visit on a cold winter night and for singing Christmas carols. You put a warm spot in my heart. Happy New Year to all!

Virginia Brand

December Display

Nativities from the Clemmer home . . . We always had several in different locations to help us remember the real reason for Christmas. The nativity that appears worn was touched and played with as our four children grew up. The mahogany hand carved Madonna and Child, was purchased during a visit to Kenya. There is one from Peru and another purchased from an antique shop long ago. The Christ Child alone was made by daughter, Martha, many years ago.



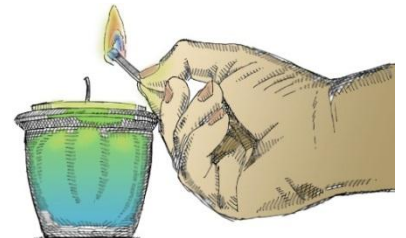
Dear Church Friends,
Thank you all so much for remembering me on my 98th birthday. The giant-sized card was very special with all your names. It was wonderful to be with you at worship on December 12. I enjoy the church bulletin each week.

Love to everyone,
Joanna Sheets

Please Note: Some 2011 Offering Envelopes still remain on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. Please let us know if you are unable to locate your envelopes.



The fifth installment of Christmas devotions is available this morning on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary. The devotions are also available online on the church's web site, www.sec-stn.org.



Devotions Available



According to legend, three trees grew near Jesus' manger: an olive tree, a palm tree and the fir. The olive offered its fruit to the newborn king, and the palm tree gave its dates.

The poor fir, having nothing to give but worship, raised its boughs in adoration, and the angels hung stars on its branches. So the fir became the first Christmas tree.

- *The Newsletter Newsletter*

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.



PRAYER CONCERNS

- Health concerns: Ruby Knibbs; Geneva Smiley; Bobby Dale; Harry Fulk, Pat Fulk, Florence Pfeiffer; Scott Holsinger.
- Church concerns:
 - Preparations for Session's budget meeting on January 5
 - Traveling mercies for those headed on visits over the holidays
- Neighboring congregations on their pastors' final Sunday prior to retirement: Joe Brandon (Olivet); Bob von Oeyen (Bethany).
- 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 - Afghanistan, (grandson of Talitha and Dick Hippeard)
 - Nathan Wade (grandson of Anita and Bill Haessly)
 - 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 MP, Fort Stewart, GA) – 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
 - Nathan Hartley; Brannock and Patsy Easley's grandson
 - Capt. Sam Fitzpatrick (Army, Green Beret, Iraq) - son-in-law of Eve Thomas



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.