

November 27, 2011	Service of Worship	11:00 A.M.
The First Sunday in Advent	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Hunger/Staple Foods Offerings	Hanging of the Greens	

Happy New Year in the life of the church! We're delighted you're here as we enter the season of Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ.

PRELUDE

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

OPENING MUSIC "Prepare the Way, O Zion" *Chancel Choir*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hope has come; let the people rejoice!

P: We come with songs of praise to worship the Savior who has come to earth.

L: Come with shouts of joy to honor the God who took on flesh.

P: We lift up our voices to the King who forever reigns on high.

L: Hope has come; let the people rejoice!

***HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" CB 245

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: This morning we light the first Advent candle, the candle of hope that Christmas brings.

P: We are reminded of the hope that comes from God's promise of Jesus' birth, foretold by prophets through the ages.

L: (Reads Isaiah 11:1-3, 5, 10)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of grace, you are ever faithful to your promises; therefore we have hope. We give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ. Prepare our hearts to once again receive the message of his coming. May we rejoice in hope which you caused to be born into the world; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

OT LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9

Pew Bible p. 643

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN**

“Arise, Shine”
(Sing twice)

CB 241

ANTHEM

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Chancel Choir

OT LESSON: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Pew Bible p. 510

SERMON “Season of Hope” Dr. Williams

***HYMN**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
(Verses 1-2)

PH 5

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

PH, p. 14

Breaking the Bread

Communion of the People *(Please hold until all are served)*

Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer *(Please use “debts”)*

***HYMN**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
(Verses 3-4)

PH 5

***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, November 27

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Class

10:30 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

11:00 AM Worship

Lay Reader: Kay Mader

Greeters & Ushers: Earl Flower (*Head Usher*), Jean Flower, Pat Blackley, & Mary Rainey

Flower Coordinator: PW

12:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch & Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, November 29

10:00 AM Presbytery Council, Presbytery Office, Harrisonburg

7:00 PM Bible Study – Lucille Sanger Classroom

Wednesday, November 30

11:00 AM Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Mission Committee – Room 20

6:30 PM Membership & Outreach – Fellowship Annex

6:30 PM Property Committee – Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Worship & Music – Youth Room

7:00 PM Session – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 1

5:45 PM JuBELLation – Bell Choir Room

6:45 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Next Sunday, December 4

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Classes

10:30 AM Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

11:00 AM Worship

Lay Reader: TBA

Greeters & Ushers: TBA

Flower Coordinator: TBA

4:00 PM Staunton Choral Society Christmas Concert – Sanctuary

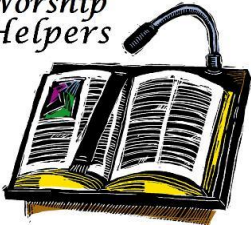


Attendance and Offering

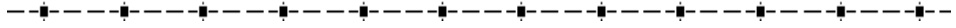
Attendance last Sunday:	65
Offering last Sunday:	\$1,734.00
Total Deposit	\$1,796.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship
Helpers



We need **December Lay Readers and Ushers**. The sign-up sheet has been placed on a table at the back of the Sanctuary. Thanks so much for your help!



Many thanks to the volunteers who will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Kroger in Staunton on December 10. Please see Chuck Blackley for your time assignment.



First Sunday of Advent

Advent — the first season of the liturgical year — includes the four Sundays and weeks prior to December 25. Advent dates from the fourth century, when it lasted 40 days and included fasting and solemnity, much like Lent.

Advent is from *Adventus*, Latin for “coming,” referring to Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem and also his second coming. The traditional colors of Advent are purple for penitence or blue for hope.

Observing Advent is a meaningful, adventurous way to prepare for Christmas. Buy or make an Advent wreath and use candles of your choice: four blue, four purple, or three blue or purple and one pink. If you have a fifth spot, add one white Christ candle. During meals or devotions, light only one candle the first week. Add another for each new week (the pink candle traditionally marks the third week), concluding with the white candle (if you have one) on Christmas. The increasing light reminds us we’re getting closer to celebrating Christ’s light coming into the world.

- *The Newsletter Newsletter*



“Thank You, Soldier” Collection

From November 27th – December 18th , Presbyterian Women will again be collecting items for care packages to send to soldiers overseas. We will be sending items to Joe Wallace’s grandson and, possibly, Talitha and Dick Hippeard’s grandson (if an address is available).

For suggestions, see the list below. A box will be placed in the Church Parlor for items. See Sue Gochenour if you have questions. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

The following items are suggested:

Pocket tissues

Baby wipes

Chap Stick

Pocket toilet paper

Band aids

Playing cards

Ink pens, retractable pencils

Kool Aid

Body lotion

Dental floss

Foot powder, spray

Shoe inner soles(large size & they can cut down)

Greeting cards to send home

(no Purell or anything in a gel- remember security issues)

Salsa and chips

You can also write personal notes to enclose in the boxes

Candy and gum

DVD’s

Salty snacks in sturdy packaging

Puzzle books (crosswords, Sudoku, etc.)

Note pads, sticky notes

Music Cd’s

Batteries (AA and AAA, especially)

Books – new or used

Paperbacks, magazines

Money for postage is also needed!

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Health concerns:
 - Bobby Dale: now at Envoy in Staunton
 - Evan Arbogast, Dan Tyree, Libby Davies, Marcette Routt, Joanna Sheets, Hazel Cason, Florence Pfeiffer; Tad Grisham (and wife).
- Church concerns:
 - The Season of Advent, and our preparations for Christmas
 - Hanging of the Greens lunch and church decorating, today
 - Ministries supported by our Hunger Offerings: Presbyterian Hunger Program, SACRA, Water for Life (Haiti), Heifer International, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Meals on Wheels
- Shenandoah Presbytery's General Presbytery Search Committee: Ken McNulty, Kimberley Kline, Mary Strickler, Lisa Webb, John Bethard, Charles Reed.
- Celebrating a birthday this week: Kriston Snyder (30)
- Celebrating an anniversary this week: Brenda and Jim Wright (27)
- Persons connected to Second Church in the military:
 - Ian Hippeard – Iraq (grandson of Talitha and Dick Hippeard); Nathan Wade – (grandson of Anita and Bill Haessly); Nick Dubyk – Army: Belgium (grandson of Betty/Willis Clemmer); Heath Minnick, USAF, Sacramento, CA – (son of Brenda Cason); Wilmer Carl Varner III – Navy – (grandson of Betty Casiday); Kevin Goodrow , Army MP, Fort Stewart, GA – (grandson of Ken and Lois Sensabaugh); Patrick W. Brown – Air Force – (grandson of (the late) Marie Wiseman); Christopher Todd – USAF – (grandson of Ruth and Ralph Weller); Heather Williams – National Guard: Kosovo – (granddaughter of Darlene Mason) ; Forrest Lee Wallace –Afghanistan, (grandson of Joe Wallace); Nathan Hartley (grandson of Patsy and Bannock Easley)



Prayer Requests



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.
