

December 11, 2011 Service of Worship
The Third Sunday in Advent

11:00 A.M.

On this third Sunday of Advent, we're glad you've joined us to prepare for Christ's coming — at Christmas, at the end of time and as we gather here today. Welcome!

PRELUDE

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

OPENING MUSIC “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Chancel Choir*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Advent calls us to joyful anticipation of the Messiah, but sometimes joy is lacking.

P: **Restore us, O God, when our delight is overshadowed by worry and fear, and disappointments mount and disillusionment descends.**

L: Joy to the world! The light of the world is coming!

P: **Restore to us, O God, the joy of your salvation!**

L: Let us worship God.

***HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

CB 271

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: Two candles already burn on our Advent wreath, representing the hope that comes from Jesus and the peace that only he can bring. This morning we light the third Advent Candle, the pink candle of joy.

P: **Christmas Day is drawing nearer and nearer, as the excitement and joy of the season builds within us.**

L: Soon our songs of anticipation and preparation will turn into carols of joy for the birth of Jesus.

P: **He is Immanuel, God with us, the bearer of truth and peace.**

L: (Reads Isaiah 12:2-6)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, our heavenly Father, with joy may we draw from the wells of salvation that flow forth from Jesus. In this season of joy, continue to reveal yourself to us through word, image, and song as we revisit the familiar story of Jesus' birth. Welcome us as we come, not just to peer curiously into a manger, but to offer ourselves in adoration and joyful service; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Joy Gift Offering

Bob Ridle

NT LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Pew Bible p. 1031

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN**

“Love Has Come!”

CB 256

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*Please use “debts”*)

ANTHEM

“People, Look East”

Chancel Choir

OT LESSON: Psalm 126

Pew Bible p. 537

SERMON

“Shouts of Joy”

Dr. Williams

***HYMN**

“How Great Our Joy”

CB 269

***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 11

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Class
10:30 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship

Lay Reader: Nancy Swisher

Greeters & Ushers: James Mader (*Head Usher*), Kay Mader, Lois Sensabaugh, & Beth Ramsey

Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader

Monday, December 12

- 6:30 PM Circle 5 – Red Lobster

Tuesday, December 13

- 10:00 AM Morning Circle – Lucille Sanger Classroom
10:00 AM Circle 4 – Church Parlor
Both circle meetings will be followed by Christmas gatherings

Thursday, December 15

- 5:45 PM JuBELLation – Bell Choir Room
6:45 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
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Next Sunday, December 18

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

Lay Reader: Bob Ridle

Greeters & Ushers: James Mader (*Head Usher*), Kay Mader, Maxine Roberson, & Betty Clemmer

Flower Coordinator: Kay Mader

Attendance last Sunday: 56

Offering last Sunday: \$3,160.00

Total Deposit: \$3,727.00

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Please note: There will be no Adult Sunday Bible Study class on December 25th, Christmas Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to all those who rang the bell for the Salvation Army this past Saturday and to those who helped set up their Toy Store this past Monday.

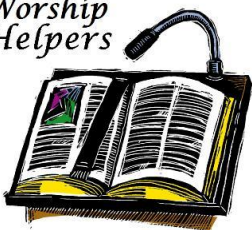


We have one more project for the Salvation Army this Christmas - filling Angel Tree Toy Bags starting this Monday and continuing every day through Friday at the Salvation Army Toy Store located below the Armed Forces Recruiting Office next to the Hess Gas Station on Richmond Road - in the old New Directions Thrift Store location.

We need four Second Church volunteers for part of each day. Workers will be at the Toy Store all day starting at 9AM until 5PM - so, stop by as you have time and chip in. We now have volunteers for Monday, but need them for Tuesday through Friday.

Any time you can devote to putting bags together will be greatly appreciated. Please see Chuck Blackley or call him at 885-7329 (CELL 540-292-2602) for more details. Thanks in advance for your support of this mission.

*Worship
Helpers*



The sign-up sheet for **January 2012 Lay Readers and Ushers** has been placed on a table at the back of the Sanctuary. Thanks so much for your help!

The annual Christmas Joy Offering Church Night covered dish supper and program is this evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Mission Committee, our hosts for the evening, will interpret and receive the 2011 Christmas Joy Offering, and our JuBELLation and Chancel Choirs, joined by several special guests, will present music of the season. Please bring a food item to share with all on this special evening. (Table service and beverages will be provided.)



What a warm and helpful congregation we have at Second Presbyterian Church. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the individuals who helped make the Staunton Choral Society's concert such a success. Bob and Andy worked tirelessly in making sure the audio was great; Mary and her helpers (Maxine and Linda) did a final readiness check Saturday morning, Darlene who readied the balcony prior to the concert, my ushers (Linda, Jerry, Pat, Chuck), Paul who wore a number of hats both at practice and the day of the concert, the ladies who cleaned the nursery and **THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD AND DRINK**. I apologize if I left anyone out as it was not intentional. The members of the choral society were so appreciative of the effort by our church to make the concert the best it could be and you have **EVERY RIGHT TO BE PROUD** to be a member of this congregation.

– Jo Fields

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday, December 18: Christmas Cantata
- The Ovation Singers and Orchestra will present Handel's **Messiah** on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3:00 p.m. in Lee High School auditorium. This is the 23rd annual **Messiah** concert by the Ovation Singers and will include three of the original soloists from the 1989 concert - Soprano, Anne Wick, Tenor, Brian Holsopple and Bass, Robert Link in addition to Alto, Marcia Pecor. The concert is free and all are invited to share in this monumental celebration of the Christmas season.
- Tuesday, December 20: Christmas Caroling (6:00 p.m.; meet in Fellowship Hall)
- Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day worship!

2012 Offering Envelopes have been placed on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary. Please let us know if you are unable to find yours.



PRAYER CONCERNS

- Health concerns:
 - Marcette Routt: now at Augusta Rehab
 - Joe Wallace, Evan Arbogast, Dan Tyree, Libby Davies, Joanna Sheets, Hazel Cason, Florence Pfeiffer; Tad Grisham (and wife).
- Christian sympathy is extended to Charlotte Dale and her family on the death of Bobby Dale this past Thursday.
- Church concerns:
 - Christmas Joy Church Night, tonight
 - Circle Christmas gatherings upcoming this week
 - Next Sunday's Christmas cantata
- Shenandoah Presbytery's General Presbytery Search Committee.
- Celebrating a birthday this week: James Wright (11); Frank Brown (14); Matthew Ramsey (17).
- 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)



Poinsettias: Please note today is the last day to submit your orders for poinsettias. The order will be placed tomorrow and they will be delivered on Friday. Proof sheets for already submitted orders are in the back of the Sanctuary on the tables so please mark them if you find corrections need to be made.