

**December 25, 2011**  
**Christmas Day**

**Service of Worship**

**11:00 A.M.**

**Hunger/Staple Foods Offerings**

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory” (John 1:14, NKJV). Lord Jesus, we’re filled with wonder and praise at the miracle of your birth.

**PRELUDE**

**STRIKING THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

**OPENING MUSIC** “Let’s Worship and Adore Him” *Chancel Choir*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** We come to celebrate the good news of a great joy!

**P:** **Glory to God in the highest!**

**L:** Unto us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**P:** **Glory to God in the highest!**

**L:** A multitude of the heavenly host appeared, praising God:

**P:** **Glory to God in the highest! Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN**

“Joy to the World”

CB 270

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**Mighty Creator, Glorious Redeemer, Gracious Sustainer, we come before you with awe and thanksgiving for the revelation of yourself in the babe in a manger. In Jesus, you were born of flesh that we might be born of spirit. In him, you gave us One to share our humanity and reveal your will. In him, you gave us a model of complete trust in you, even in times of testing, rejection, suffering and death. In him, you gave us a companion on the human journey, so we might experience salvation hope. May our lives reflect our gratitude to you for this incredible gift. We pray in the name of our Savior and Helper, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 1:18-25 *Pew Bible p. 835*

**OFFERING**

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*HYMN** "What Child Is This?" CB 281

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

**ANTHEM** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *Chancel Choir*

**NT LESSON:** John 1:1-14 *Pew Bible p. 922*

**\*HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" CB 278

**SERMON** "Adding Up the Cost of Christmas" Dr. Williams

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

**\*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 25

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

**Lay Reader:** Jerry Fry

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

**Flower Coordinator:** Kay Mader

### Tuesday, December 27

Office Closed

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### Next Sunday, January 1

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

**Lay Reader:** (*volunteers needed*)

**Greeters & Ushers:** (*volunteers needed*)

**Flower Coordinator:** Darlene Mason

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Attendance and Offering

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| <b>Attendance last Sunday:</b> | 80         |
| <b>Offering last Sunday:</b>   | \$2,645.00 |
| <b>Total Deposit:</b>          | \$3,183.00 |

**E-mail Addresses:** [pastor@sec-stn.org](mailto:pastor@sec-stn.org) - Dan  
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# FYI:

- The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Betty Ramsey's new address is: New Life Retirement Home, P O Box 297, Fishersville, VA 22939
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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday on New Year's Day. The following ruling elders are scheduled to serve: Paul Wolfe (1), James Wright (2), Caroline Woebke (3), Chuck Blackley (4), Debby Bibens (5), Frank Brown (6). Preparation: P. Wolfe/C. Woebke. [NOTE: This list does not include any 'trades' which may have been made.]

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With New Year's Day falling on a Sunday, we must close our financial records for the year prior to recording that day's offering. Please make any intended contributions for 2011 prior to January 1. Thank you!



Closing Out 2011!

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## The Christmas Heart

“Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost 2,000 years ... underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart.” - George Matthew Adams

*The Newsletter Newsletter*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- Health concerns: William Jack, Joe Wallace, Evan Arbogast, Libby Davies, Hazel Cason, Florence Pfeiffer; Tad Grisham (and wife).
- Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Dan Tyree, who died on December 19.
- Church concerns:
  - New Year's Day worship, with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, next Sunday.
  - Our older members, in their homes: Libby Davies, Florence Pfeiffer, Evelyn Cain, Virginia Brand, Hazel Cason, Mike Herold.
- Shenandoah Presbytery's General Presbytery Search Committee.
- Celebrating a birthday this week: Michelle Nuckols (31).
- 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); 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)



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.