



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 24, 2019

GATHERING

WELCOME

Dr. Jay Howell

INTROIT (8:30)

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Charles Stanford

Breyon Ewing, tenor

PRELUDE (11:00)

Volta

Michael Praetorius

U.T. Faculty Brasswind Quintet

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* HYMN #551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Rachel Hamburger

**Almighty and Merciful God,
you have gathered us as your redeemed people,
and given us more reasons to be thankful than we can possibly count.
Forgive our ingratitude for who you are.
Forgive our forgetfulness of all you have given.
Grant that we may be renewed by your Holy Spirit and
may come at last to that heavenly country
where your people hunger and thirst no more and
the tears are wiped away from every eye,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

* SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* ACT OF PRAISE #579 (Congregation sings.)

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

* PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

(The congregation will sing as the family comes forward.)

Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water, God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

(Following the Baptism, children ages four through first grade meet their greeters for Children & Worship. Children should be picked up below the Sanctuary after the service.)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(8:30) Alex Ewell

(11:00) Katie Martin

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

Pew Bible, p. 501

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (8:30)

Blessed Assurance

arr. William Cutter

Breyon Ewing, tenor

ANTHEM (11:00)

We Gather Together

arr. John Ness Beck

SHPC Chancel Choir and U.T. Faculty Brasswind Quintet

SERMON SCRIPTURE Revelation 7:9-8:1

Pew Bible, p. 249

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Thirst: Springs Eternal

Dr. Jay Howell

PRAYER from Augustine's *Confessions*, I.1 (*in unison*)

Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power, and of your wisdom there is no end. And we, being a part of your creation, desire to praise you — we, who bear about with us our mortality, the witness of our sin, even the witness that you 'resist the proud' — yet we, this part of your creation, desire to praise you. You move us to delight in praising you; for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Amen.

HYMN #322 (seated)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mark Lampley

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

*Attendance registers are in the pews, next to the center aisle.
Please sign and pass them on to the person sitting next to you.*

OFFERTORY (8:30)

Give Thanks
Eunsuk Jung, piano

arr. David Angell

(11:00)

Thanksgiving Medley
SHPC Chancel Choir and U.T. Faculty Brasswind Quintet

arr. Cindy Berry

* DOXOLOGY (*Congregation sings.*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN #555

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE (8:30)

Now Thank We All Our God

Dorothy Wells

(11:00)

Über den Fluss und durch den Wald
U.T. Faculty Brasswind Quintet

Keith Snell

Prayer is available after worship at the front of the Sanctuary and in the Chapel.

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals, and assisted-listening devices
(Bluetooth and t-coil compatible) are available upon request.*

Lightweight shawls are hanging on the coat rack for anyone who would like a little extra warmth.

Ushers are available to assist you with these items. Please let us know how we can further assist you.

*If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a pastor
following the Service or contact one this week at the church.*

May applause resound in our hearts as we ascribe to the Lord the glory of His Name.

** Please stand if you are able.*

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
 - Introduction to Confirmation (Barron Hall)
- 10:15 A.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
 - Yoga Class (The Loft)
- 2:00 P.M. - Monday Movie Matinee (Media Room)

TUESDAY

- 5:30 P.M. - Local Missions Meeting (Reception Room)
- 6:45 P.M. - Board of Deacons Meeting (Room 322)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room)
- 12:00 P.M. - Church Office Closed

THURSDAY – FRIDAY Church Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU A VISITOR WITH US TODAY? We are delighted that you are here. If you would like more information about Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, please speak to an usher or visit our website at www.sequoyahchurch.org.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God in gratitude for our wonderful staff from a grateful parishioner.

INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH: During the 11:00 Service today, **Zoe Jean Purnell**, daughter of Carson and Samantha Purnell, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Elder John Luttrell will represent the Session.

WE WELCOME THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE FACULTY BRASSWIND QUINTET to the 11:00 Service this morning: Cathy Leach, trumpet; Justin Aponte, trumpet; Katie Johnson, horn; Alex van Duuren, trombone; and Alex Lapins, tuba.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As John Compton shared on Commitment Sunday, "What difference can a difference make?" 204 pledges have been received totaling \$1,521,400, nearly half of which are new or increased pledges over last year. Thank you and praise God! We are already ahead of last year's pace. If you have not yet pledged for 2020, please prayerfully discern how God is leading you to commit to our church's ministry in the coming year. Pledge cards are available in the pews and in the back of the Sanctuary, in addition to a confidential online option on the church website. Thank you for your generosity!

THE MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE is tomorrow at 2:00 P.M. in the Media Room. "Yesterday" is about a struggling musician who realizes he's the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed. Refreshments provided. Bring a friend.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE for Thanksgiving at noon on Wednesday and reopen on Monday, December 2. If you have a need for pastoral care during this time, please call 522-9804 and choose extension 123 to leave a message for Pastor Rachel. She will check messages periodically.

TO DONATE A CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA/CHRISTMAS FLOWERS for the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call 522-9804 by Monday, December 9. The cost is \$25/each (checks made payable to SHPC, marked "Poinsettias").

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP resumes on December 4.

THE ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP is Sunday, December 1, in Barron Hall from noon until 2:00 P.M. Pizza and salad will be served followed by decorating the Barron Hall Christmas tree and other fun activities.

THE SEQUOYAH HILLS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING is at the Talahi Fountain on Sunday, December 1, at 6:00 P.M. The children's choirs will sing, hot chocolate and cookies provided, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT is Wednesday, December 4, at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The concert includes traditional carols, congregational hymns, and members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. If you are in need of a ride, contact the church office to arrange transportation using our JOY Fellowship transportation volunteers.

SHPC YOUTH WILL LIGHT UP LONSDALE on Wednesday, December, 4. Youth will meet in Barron Hall at 5:30 P.M. to caravan to Lonsdale. There will be hot chocolate and fellowship followed by decorating our location. The event will end with singing around the fire. Pickup is at Thrive, 1317 Connecticut Avenue, 37921, at 9:00 P.M.

SEQUOYAH ELEMENTARY'S FIRST GRADE GINGERBREAD PROGRAM is Friday, December 6, at 9:15 A.M. in Barron Hall. Everyone is invited.

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, Robert Burch will share in the Chapel's Bible Discovery Sunday School class some of how God has been using his family (wife, Rima, and four young children) to spread the good news in Israel as they serve through Operation Mobilization USA. Robert's father was the minister at Knoxville's Calvary Baptist Church for many years.

IT IS TIME TO ADOPT A ROSES CREEK FAMILY. Each gift should be wrapped, including the name of the family (first and last) on a tag on each gift, and returned to Barron Hall by Monday, December 16. If you, your Sunday School class, or Bible Study would like to adopt a family and/or help deliver the gifts to Roses Creek on Friday, December 20, contact Margaret Ritchie 567-2636 or mritchie1004@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HOLIDAY STORE: Help VMC recipients "earn" gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Place gifts (not wrapped but in original packaging) in

the marked boxes in the Spitzer Education Building lobby or on the stage in Barron Hall through Monday, November 25.

THE LOCAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE is mobilizing volunteers for serving all over. Due to political unrest for our mobile medical team initially scheduled to return to Haiti, we have had to relocate our team to Guatemala January 11-18, 2020. While this team is full, please watch for other opportunities to serve. See SequoyahChurch.org under Outreach for more details.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CONCERT is Wednesday, December 11, at 6:15 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

COBBLING TOGETHER 2.0, MEN'S HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP: For the second year, the men of the church will gather on Thursday, December 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at The Pavilion at Hunter Valley Farm, to ring in the holiday season by bringing together friends and fellows, old and new, to remember and renew faith, friendship, and fellowship over a bonfire BBQ in memory of Steve Cobble. This event is open to the members of Sequoyah, First, and Second Presbyterian Churches. RSVP to justinmartin@gmail.com by Sunday, December 8.

MAY WE PRAY FOR YOU? Do you or someone you know, or a situation you know about, need prayer? After worship, there is a Deacon both in the Chapel and at the front of the Sanctuary available to pray with you. All prayers are held in confidence. In our pews you'll also find a small "prayer request" form that you can place in the offering plate, to be shared with the prayer chain, the weekly prayer groups, or just with the pastors. *"Let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6*

WE EXTEND OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Richard Swan on the death of his mother, Berta Swan, on Monday, November 18.

FROM TIME TO TIME CHURCH MEMBERS who don't drive need a ride for an errand or to attend church services or programs. A team of volunteers (age 25 and older) is being assembled to serve in this much-needed and deeply appreciated way. Volunteers might be called on once a month to serve. If you have a heart for this ministry, please contact Laurette Beekman at lbeekman@sequoyahchurch.org or Pastor Rachel at rhamburger@sequoyahchurch.org or either by phone at 522-9804.

THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE encourages Sunday School class members to invite a friend to Sunday School from now through December. If you'd like to belong to a class or you'd like to reconnect with one, pew rack brochures give updates of offerings.

TRY A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. You are welcome to attend any class at any time: (1) Chapel – The Book of Acts, (2) Room 232 – Saints of Old and Modern Day, (3) Spitzer Room 317 – Message, Faith, and Spirit, (4) Spitzer Room 320 – The Book of James, and (5) Spitzer Room 322 – Adam Hamilton's *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*.

THIS SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Greeter – Meghan Diddle; Ushers – Ned Babb, Joe Bruner, Sandy Gillespie, Beau Hannifin, Lee Hyde, Vance Link, Jim Mitchell, Jerry Sinclair, Judd Spitzer, and Beth Sterchi. October Flowers – Helen Bruner, Kathryn Callaway, Cammy Glover, Florence Johnston, Cheryl Kershaw, Judy Luttrell, Adrienne McPeake, Linda Raulston, Tamara Warner, and Cathy Youmans.

IN THE NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED-LIVING CENTERS: Arbor Terrace – Donna Stevens; NHC Farragut – Barbara Patterson; Northshore Senior Living – Phyllis Marks and Margaret Rodgers; Park Place of West Knoxville – Jim Patteson; Westmoreland – Betty Benson and Pat Gray.



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