
ADVENT

Hope. Peace. Love. Joy.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 1, 2019

GATHERING

WELCOME

Dr. Jay Howell

INTROIT

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
Sarah-Clementine Mire, soprano (8:30)
SHPC Chancel Choir (11:00)

BASQUE CAROL

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF HOPE

8:30 A.M. Greg, Bonnie, Allie, and Lucy Marret

11:00 A.M. Mike and Avalyn Sepaniak

* HYMN #10

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Mark Lampley

**Almighty God,
you who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for returning empty-handed.
You who called forth light,
forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all.
Create in us clean and hopeful hearts, O God,
as we hear your promises and prepare for your glorious Coming,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

* SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* ACT OF PRAISE #9 (Congregation sings.)

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

* PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

(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 we will sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the family leaves the chancel.)

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

(Children are invited to come forward as we pass the peace. Following the Children's Time we will sing "Jesus Loves Me" as children ages four through first grade meet their greeters for Children & Worship. Children should be picked up below the Sanctuary after the service.)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(8:30) Bobbie Corden
(11:00) Bill Taylor

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 1:20-23

Pew Bible, p. 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (8:30)

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming
Sarah-Clementine Mire, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

ANTHEM (11:00)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
SHPC Chancel Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 7:1-14

Pew Bible, p. 636

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Hope: I Know It Was You, Fredo

Dr. Jay Howell

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

THE OFFERING

Rev. Rachel Hamburger

*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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Lani Smith

Eusuk Jung, organ and Andrew Skoog, piano

* 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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements (*Please hold the Bread and the Cup, that we might partake of them together as a family of faith.*)

Prayer of Commitment: **We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

* HYMN #8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Callahan

*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
- 10:15 A.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 P.M. - Advent Family Workshop (Barron Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. - Sequoyah Hills Tree Lighting (off site)

MONDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
 - Yoga Class (The Loft)
- 6:30 P.M. - Disciple II (The Loft)

TUESDAY

- 5:30 P.M. - International Missions (Fowler Conference Room)
- 6:00 P.M. - Disciple V (The Loft)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room)
- 4:30 P.M. - Joyful Praise Choir (Upper Conference Room)
 - Joyful Noise Choir (Children & Worship Room)
- 5:15 P.M. - Wednesday Night Fellowship (Barron Hall)
- 6:30 P.M. - Infant/Toddler Childcare (Room 204)
 - Preschool/Elementary Childcare (Media Room)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Yoga Class (The Loft)

FRIDAY

- 7:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Studies (various locations)
- 9:15 A.M. - Sequoyah Elementary Gingerbread Program (Barron Hall)
 - Beginner's Tai Chi (Barron Hall)

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 DOOR WREATHS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim and Louise Ellis from the Ellis family; **THE BALCONY GARLAND** is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ethel Morton and Jan Morton from Judy Morton; **THE CHRISMON TREE** is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Hays from Nancy, Kristy and Joshua Kazman, Marty and Danielle, Katie, and Kelley Hays; **THE NATIVITY SCENE** is donated to the glory of God from Don and Cathy Hasson.

INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH: During the 8:30 Service today, **Olivia James Copenhaver**, daughter of Chad and Natalie Copenhaver, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Elder Lee Hyde will represent the Session.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As John Compton shared on Commitment Sunday, "What difference can a difference make?" So far, 206 pledges have been received totaling \$1,535,140, of which 95 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!

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

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in the Narthex and church office.

THE ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP is today 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 tonight at 6:00. The children's choirs will sing, hot chocolate and cookies provided, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP is in Barron Hall from 5:15 to 6:00: Brown Bag. RSVP and prepayment required by Tuesday at noon. Youth/adults \$8, children/seniors \$5, and family \$25 maximum.

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. Childcare provided.

SHPC YOUTH WILL LIGHT UP LONSDALE on Wednesday, December, 4. 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.

FISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available in the church office (in the end table drawer beside the main door).

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.

POND GAP CHRISTMAS GIFTS: SHPC has adopted 15 Pond Gap students for Christmas. If you would like to purchase gifts for a student, email Cathy Henry at tootieorchid@comcast.net and a wish list will be emailed or messaged to you. Purchased gifts should be returned (unwrapped) in a black bag to the church office with the student's number on the bag. The presents should be dropped off by Wednesday, December 11.

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. A Carol Sing will begin at 6:00.

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.

JOY FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS are invited to a Christmas Open House at Pastor Rachel's new home (1302 Cherry Tree Lane, 37919) on Sunday, December 15, from 2:00 until 4:00 P.M. Come take a tour, taste some Christmas treats, and enjoy one another's company! RSVP to 522-9804 and let us know if you need transportation.

DON'T BE ALONE IN A NEED YOU HAVE: Do you or someone you know 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. You may also fill out the "prayer request" form found in our pews and place it in the offering plate. You will be prayed for!

Stephen Ministers and Deacons also stand ready to offer support in any way. Call Sis Mitchell (584-8447) for Stephen Ministry or Cathy Henry (898-9131) for Deacons.

If you have a joy or concern you would like to add to our prayer list that goes out to many "Pray-ers" in our congregation, please email Pam Fritts at fritts1971@gmail.com.

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 – Christmas studies from Matthew and Luke, (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: 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.



Rev. Dr. Jay Howell, Senior Pastor

Rev. Mark Lampley, Associate Pastor

Rev. Rachel Hamburger, Associate Pastor

Andrew Skoog, Director of Music

Dr. Eunsuk Jung, Organist/Pianist

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