



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

January 12, 2020

GATHERING

WELCOME

Dr. Jay Howell

INTROIT (8:30)

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

SCOTTISH PSALTER

Lindsey Fuson, soprano

(11:00)

I Was Glad

Alice Jordan

SHPC Chancel Choir

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

SHPC Women's Retreat

Chandra Becker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* HYMN #462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

(8:30) Rev. Rachel Hamburger

(11:00) Mary Emily Morris

**Gracious and Glorious God,
we confess before you the evil of our hearts;
we acknowledge that we are too inclined
toward anger, jealousy, and revenge,
to ambition and pride,
which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings
between others and us.
Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you,
O long-suffering Father.
Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing
you have promised those who live in love.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

* SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* ACT OF PRAISE (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

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

Joey White

(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.)

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) Amy Kerlin
(11:00) Caroline White

OLD TESTAMENT Leviticus 19:17-18

Pew Bible, p. 106

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (8:30)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
Lindsey Fuson, soprano

arr. K. Lee Scott

ANTHEM (11:00)

God Thou Art Love
SHPC Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

NEW TESTAMENT 1 John 2:7-11

Pew Bible, p. 239

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Real: Blinders

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Rachel Hamburger

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)

God Leads Us Along
Eunsuk Jung, piano

arr. Greg Howlett

(11:00)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
Lindsey Fuson, soprano

arr. K. Lee Scott

* 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

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Praise God!

arr. Lani Smith

*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
 - Congregational Life Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- 10:15 A.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- 10:15 A.M. - Yoga (The Loft)
- 6:30 P.M. - Disciple Two (The Loft)
- 7:30 P.M. - Youth Fellowship (off site)

TUESDAY

- 6:30 P.M. - Stated Session Meeting (Room 322)

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)
 - Worship Committee Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- 5:15 P.M. - Wednesday Night Fellowship (Barron Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. - Disciple Fast-Track Bible Study (Room 322)
 - Infant/Toddler Childcare (Room 204)
 - Preschool/Elementary Childcare (Media Room)
 - Youth Small Groups (The Loft)
- 6:15 P.M. - Bible Studies:

1st-5th Grade (Kingdom)
Women with Younger Children (Fowler Conf. Room)
Women 45+ (Reception Room)

7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY

8:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Study (off site)

10:15 A.M. - Yoga (The Loft)

5:30 P.M. - Prayer Committee Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)

FRIDAY

7:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Studies (various locations)

9:00 A.M. - 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN? There will be a visitors class offered Sunday, January 19, in the Fowler Conference Room between worship services. The class is not required, but it is encouraged.

SHPC'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is on Sunday, January 26, at 11:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of presenting the 2020 budget, approving changes in the pastors' terms of call, electing officers for the class of 2022-2023, and electing four at-large members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

DURING OUR JANUARY SERMON SERIES, WE INVITE "OFFERINGS" UP TO GOD in the form of written responses, in addition to financial and prayerful responses. Following the theme of each week's sermon, worshipers will be able to use pew rack inserts to "give up" something to God as a word or short phrase with no associated author name given. During the Offering, anonymous and confidential offerings may be given on weekly themes: sinfulness, hatred, weaknesses, and blessing respectively. Pastors, Deacons and our Prayer Groups will then pray for these specific offerings.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As John Compton shared on Commitment Sunday, "What difference can a difference make?" So far, 240 pledges have been received totaling \$1,790,220, of which 103 are new or increased pledges over last year. Thank you and praise God! Thirty-five households that pledged in 2019 have not yet pledged for 2020. 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!

PRAY FOR GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS THIS WEEK: Dan Cauble, Valerie Coleman, J. Corbitt, Amy Gray, Nancy Hays, Debbie Henson, Donna Kedrow, Pam and Katherine Kincaid, Jim Kirksey, Mark Lampley, Lisa Oglesby, Kate Pionke, Merrill White, and Sheila White. The team returns on January 18.

THE SHPC WOMEN'S RETREAT is one of the highlights of the year. The 2020 Retreat is February 28 – March 1 at the beautiful RT Lodge in Maryville with guest speaker Laura Strunk. Laura and her husband David live in Maryville with their three children ages 9, 6, and 3. Laura worked for 10 years with Young Life

in Denver before moving to Tennessee. She is currently going through training in Spiritual Direction, a practice which helps people grow in awareness of God's presence in their everyday lives and invites them to live deeply out of that awareness. Laura will be focusing on how we as women can be rooted through Christ in the transitions of life. Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on the church website.

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP is Monday night this month. Join us for a National Championship Watch Party at the Cutters' (1629 Cove Creek Lane) on Monday, January 13 at 7:30 P.M. for dinner and the game.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP is in Barron Hall from 5:15 to 6:00: Buddy's BBQ. RSVP and prepayment required by Tuesday at noon. Youth/adults \$8, children/seniors \$5, and family \$25 maximum. Wednesday Bible studies offered after dinner are listed in the calendar section above.

WE EXTEND OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Taylor Forrester on the death of his father, T.D. Forrester, on December 29, and to Howard Grower on the death of his mother, Dorothy Grower, on December 31 in New York.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN in their 20s, 30s, and 40s meets on Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 A.M. in the Study Room at Chick-fil-A, 4944 Kingston Pike. Curriculum options will be discussed at first gathering. Interested? Contact Mark Lampley via text at 771-5044 or email MLampley@sequoyahchurch.org.

TRUE HEALTH COMES WHEN the body, mind, and spirit work together in harmony. In this new year, try something new: Beginning Tai Chi class starts on January 10 from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. The benefits of this gentle form of exercise include stretching deeply with full range of motion, engaging the whole body and its systems, strengthening the body, and calming the mind.

FISH DONATIONS: Every family is being asked to bring a specific item each month for FISH. In January, those who are able are asked to bring a 4-pack of toilet paper (double roll) to the church office. Thank you for your help with our FISH ministry.

SHPC YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN begins on January 24 at 8:00 P.M. in The Loft. Play all night. Sleep all day. Cost \$45. Brochures are available on Laura Cutter's office door or check out the link on our website.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK ALONE: Do you or someone you know need prayer? After worship, there is a Deacon in both the Chapel and at the front of the Sanctuary available to talk with you or 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, email Pam Fritts at fritts1971@gmail.com.

TRY A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. You are welcome to attend any class at any time: (1) Chapel – The Book of Job, (2) Room 232 – Ralph Hamburger, (3) Spitzer Room 317 – Message, Faith, and Spirit, (4) Spitzer Room 320 – Parenting, and (5) Spitzer Room 322 – Adam Hamilton's *The Journey*.

THIS SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Greeter – Joe Elmore; Ushers – Ned Babb, Joe Bruner, Sandy Gillespie, Beau Hannifin, Lee Hyde, Vance Link, Jim Mitchell, Jerry Sinclair, Judd Spitzer, and Beth Sterchi. December Flowers – Denise Anderson, Midge Ayres, Sunny Biden, Helen Bruner, Kathryn Callaway, Ellyn Cauble, Stephanie Daniel, Amelia Daniels, Peyton Drysdale, Casey Field, Cammy Glover, Gail Grossman, Marion Hannifin, Cathy Henry, Florence Johnston, Stevens Koella, Cheryl Kershaw, Judy Luttrell, Wendy Matthews, Adrienne McPeake, Jane Moyer, Linda Raulston, Karen Reed, Jennifer Sanger, Susan Schmid, Beth Sterchi, Peggy Tippens, Tamara Warner, and Cathy Youmans.

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



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

Mary Emily Morris, Director of Children's Ministries

Laura Cutter, Director of Youth Ministries

Laurette Beekman, Parish Nurse

Katie McHargue, Business Manager

Dr. William Barron, Pastor Emeritus

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