

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

*When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.*

**PRELUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Verse 1 Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations*

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (from the *Orgelbüchlein*) J. S. Bach

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

(9:00) Gary, Katherine, Kaitlyn and Nathan Harmon

(11:00) Dave Dupper and Ann Contole, Laura Dupper

**CALL TO WORSHIP** attr. St. Ambrose, 4<sup>th</sup> century

Leader: When we open our doors to all seekers and sojourners,

**People: When we open our hearts to truth and faith,**

Leader: When we put aside all judgmental thoughts and envy,

**People: When we put aside the selfishness that wounds and destroys,**

Leader: When we dare to envision all peoples as one and at peace,

**People: When we dare to trust the power of divine love,**

**ALL: The coming Messiah finds a welcome among us and our worship comes alive with joy!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

**\*HYMN NO. 13** (blue hymnal) Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, make this Advent season a time of holy growth. Forgive us when we assume that our faith can survive without the nourishment of study and reflection and prayer. Forgive us when we stifle our capacity for wonder. Forgive us when we forget that the Christ comes as the bearer of peace and as one who challenges all powers that rule unjustly. Forgive us when we cannot find peace in our lives because of the pace of our lives. Strengthen and enlighten us this Advent season. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

*(Congregation singing— music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Refrain from Hymn No. 116 (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High *Gloria*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 40:1-11

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in

Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1:1-8; 2 Peter 3:8-15

**SERMON** "What Kind of Persons Ought We To Be?" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 3** (blue hymnal) Comfort, Comfort You My People *Psalms 42*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

*If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

(9:00) Quem vidistis, pastores?

*Whom Have You Seen, Shepherds?*

Richard Dering

trans. Peter Van Eenam

Brass Choir

(11:00) O Come, Emmanuel Peter Paul Olejar  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the  
gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and  
quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

Latin antiphons, c. 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, and Henry Sloane Coffin

Katherine Harmon, Cindy Pearman, Cindy Serbin, and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) Tallis' Canon  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy  
Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

Hymn No. 107 (red hymnal) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Verse 1) Picardy

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing  
earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our  
full homage to demand.**

(Prayer continues)...We proclaim the mystery of faith.

Hymn No. 107 (red hymnal) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Verse 2) Picardy

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human  
vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for  
heavenly food.**

### **SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

*Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a  
morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Variation V (from *O Come, Emmanuel*) Daniel Pinkham

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** People, Look East French folk melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele Johann Ludwig Krebs

*O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful*

\*Indicates standing.

### **NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are John Salsbery and Anne Millett.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR THIS WEEK: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

### SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Ethan Partelow and Spencer Williams

**GREETERS** (11:00): Angela Shilling and Sam Smith

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Mark and Teresa Palmer

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Bonny Naugher and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Buz Johnson, Robin Greeson, Mary Lou Crow, Tom Byerley, Georgann Byerley

### From the Flower Guild

The blooming bulbs under the communion table are Star of Bethlehem.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is **today**. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$200. Your support is greatly appreciated!

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

MUCH OF THIS MORNING'S MUSIC comes to us in pairs. We begin with two settings of the German chorale "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland." Both J. S. Bach and Buttstedt spent their careers as organists and composers in Middle Germany, the latter a generation older than the former and both having been influenced by Johann Pachelbel. Peter Olejar is Director of Music at St. Paul's Christian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. He has composed choral works and hymns, as well as music for organ and many works for carillon. His setting of "Veni Emmanuel" is powerful in its haunting austerity and its partner this morning, Daniel Pinkham's short setting heard during communion, makes use of a repeated harmonic pattern to accompany a lovely variation of the chant melody, heard on a flute stop. The postlude is based on our second hymn. Johann Ludwig Krebs was one of J. S. Bach's more well-known students and organist at the castle church of the court at Altenburg.

OUR THANKS to Katherine Harmon, Cindy Pearman, Cindy Serbin, and Renee Wiesehuegel for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

WAMS AND SHOW meet this evening at WPC for dinner at 5:00, followed by shopping for Angel Tree gifts. Please bring a donation for this project, and we'll shop at the West Hills Walmart. We plan to return to church by 7:30 p.m.

#### Upcoming Youth Events:

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| Sunday, December 11   | 6:00 p.m. <i>A Charlie Brown Christmas</i>   |
| Saturday, December 17 | 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Salvation Army Bell Ringing at West Hills Sam's Club (We're putting together an instrumental ensemble!) |
| Sunday, December 18   | 3:00-7:00 p.m. Caroling and Christmas Party  |
| Thursday, December 22 | 6:00 p.m. End of School Celebration  |
| Saturday, December 24 | 5:00 p.m. Assisting with Christmas Eve Worship   |

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL materials are available in the Narthex. There are booklets for all ages and special activity calendars for children. As we continue to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, may your Advent be enriched in the sharing of these thoughts, prayers and activities.

THE REMAINING EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS, Organic Coffee, Tea and Cocoa Mix, will be available this Sunday in the Schilling Gallery.

FISH CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROJECT: This Christmas, help FISH Hospitality Pantries feed hungry families in our community by sending FISH Christmas Gift Cards to people on your Christmas list. Mail the order form in today's bulletin to FISH and they will do the rest.

MUSIC OF THE SEASON: You're cordially invited to a program of Christmas music presented by members of the Tuesday Morning Musical Club at 10:30 a.m. on December 13 in the sanctuary and to a reception afterwards in the Schilling Gallery. The program features the St. John's Cathedral Bellsingers, directed by Richard A. Sidey. Also performing are violinist Mary Ann Fennell, soprano Bettie Mason, organist Rebecca Kidd, and pianist Mary Lou Holt.

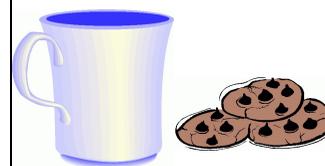
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Start your day off right with breakfast, fellowship and a short study session. On Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for a breakfast prepared by Don Byerly and a discussion-oriented lesson prepared by Phil Barnette. If you have not been to the Thursday fellowship breakfast, come join us. We would love to have you. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, just pick up a hard copy in the church office or ask the office to email the lesson to you. Everyone is welcome.

FISH delivery is Thursday, December 8. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall. The number of families receiving bags of groceries is **totally** dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Friday, 152 of our 238 potential giving units have pledged **\$587,269.50**.

Thank you for supporting our stewardship campaign!



PLEASE JOIN US for cider, cookies and donuts in the Schilling Gallery today following both services. This event is sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry Team.

**THE FLOWER DEDICATION CHART FOR 2012** is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please stop by and sign up for your flower dedications for next year. The cost is \$60, payable on the date of your dedication.

**THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** will be collected Sunday, December 18. Fifty percent of this offering supports racial ethnic education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, helping students develop their gifts and find their calling. The other fifty percent of the offering helps families of active and retired church workers meet unexpected needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Advent Study**

*From Longing to Receiving*

Writer Patricia Tull leads participants through the Old Testament and the Gospel lectionary texts, tracing important Advent themes of longing for God's help, anticipating God's presence among us, recognizing God's work among us and receiving God's new gifts to us. Materials for the first week are available in the office and the Narthex.

**McKinnon Room**

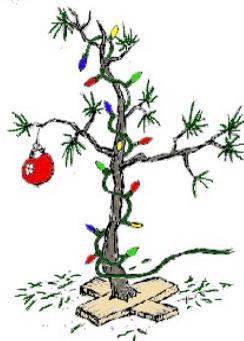
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**Elementary Sunday School Service Project**

The Elementary Sunday School classes are collecting items to be delivered to a family in need. The children are Elder (age 5, clothing size 7, shoe size child's 13) and Oscar (age 4, clothing size 5, shoe size child's 12). The children need new or like-new warm clothes, hats and mittens, shoes, robes and slippers, toys and books, blankets, twin sheets and pillowcases. The Elementary Sunday School classes will wrap any toys and books next Sunday.

Thank you so much for your help with this very special project!

***A Charlie Brown Christmas***  
 presented by WPC children and youth  
 Sunday, December 11 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Fellowship Hall



**DONATIONS** are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey* edition of December 21<sup>st</sup>. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 18.**



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

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**Mark Your Calendar for These December Events**

- Sunday, December 4 Cider and Cookies hosted by the Fellowship Ministry team, following both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services
- Sunday, December 11 6:00 p.m. Children's Play - *A Charlie Brown Christmas*
- Wednesday, December 14 5:45 p.m. Christmas Craft Night and Potluck Dinner
- Sunday, December 18 10:00 a.m. Christmas Brunch
- 3:45 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- Saturday, December 24 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
- 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
- Sunday, December 25 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship