

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 30, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are brought together by the call of God,
the One who has loved us from the beginning.
We are bound together by the presence of the Spirit,
the One who has challenged us to love more deeply.
We worship together in the name of Christ,
the One who was Love made flesh.

***HYMN**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 113

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are the light to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your Spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***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.



TUCKAHOE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Called by God
to be the heart, voice, hands and feet of
Christ where the Spirit leads us.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh—good news of great joy for all—so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON I Samuel 2: 18 - 20, 26 Page 246
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *“Born a Mighty King”* McDonald

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3: 12 - 17 Page 201
And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
Thanks be to God.

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *“Once in Royal David’s City”* No. 140

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 41 - 52 Page 59
And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Fearless”* Patrick Dennis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18*
God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses

called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God’s purpose would be realized. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

To you, O God of all glory, we offer the gifts of our lives as a way of bearing witness to the gift of your Word made flesh. Use the humble things we offer as signs of your grace and truth so that all may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* No. 132

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Linda Kurtz, *Seminary Intern*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*;
Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*;
Tim Estes, *Lay Reader*; and Courtney Fabian, *Acolyte*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

We are pleased to have you worship with us and sincerely hope our service inspires and challenges you. Join us in Duntreath Hall after the service for refreshments and a chance for us to get to know you better. Please sign the Friendship Pads when they are passed in the pews. If you are visiting Tuckahoe for the first time, please see an usher in the narthex to receive a gift.

The flowers are given by Gail Miller to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob...December 27th would have been their 60th wedding anniversary. **The sound technician is** William Adair.

Pastoral Care Concerns:

Hospitalized or recovering: Ann Darden, Jan Stevens, and Ginny Creech.

This morning we are again providing an opportunity for our members to contribute to the Joy Offering. This special offering embodies our commitment to our faith and compassion for others. It enables the Christian community to join together during the season of Advent and Christmas to deeply reflect not only on our great blessings, but on others' great needs. The offering is distributed equally to support the Assistance Program of our Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. There is an envelope in the bulletin for your use in making a contribution.

Tuesday morning prayer continues every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and will resume on January 8, 2019. The group meets in the church parlor for a weekly time of prayer. After a time of study, there is time for prayer for our congregation, community and our world. All are welcome!

The last business day of 2018 for Tuckahoe will be Monday, December 31. Any contributions with a USPS date of December 31 or earlier received in the mail will be treated as 2018 contributions. Please clearly designate on the check memo line that the contribution is for 2018. Any contributions with a USPS date of January 1 or later, regardless of the date of the check, will be treated as a 2019 gift. If you would like to provide a gift for 2019 before the end of 2018, please clearly designate that intent on the memo line of the check.

As you have heard, Mary McGee and Ginger Spence are retiring at the end of the year. Mary will be "semi-retiring" as she is leaving her position as the Office Administrator and taking on a very part-time position as the new Financial Administrator. Ginger will be "fully-retiring" as our Director of Visitation. **If you would like to make a contribution toward a monetary Gift of Gratitude for their service, please make a check out to the church, note on the memo line for which employee it is designated. Please submit by December 31. A time of celebration of their ministry is scheduled for January 6.** Please express to them your gratitude for their service.

The church office will be closed through Tuesday, January 1. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

You are invited to the Ordination Service of Sarah Dennis on Sunday, January 13 at 3:00 pm. The service will include the celebration of communion and led by Ministers and Elders from the Presbytery with a reception to follow.

Tuckahoe 10K training! Interested in participating in the Monument 10K in 2019? Would you like to walk or run with friends? Then join the Tuckahoe training team. Beginning in February, we will have a group meeting on Saturday mornings at Tuckahoe to train for the race. All levels of fitness are welcome, stroller, dogs, etc. We hope this will be a fun time of fellowship and fitness for our Tuckahoe family. Let Sarah Dennis know if you have any questions.

THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

Sunday, December 30

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall

Monday, December 31 OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 1 OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, January 2 Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 3 Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, January 4 OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, January 6

9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
12:30 PM Christian Fellowship Committee - Workroom
5:30 PM Youth Group - Duntreath Hall

LECTIONARY TEXT FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 6:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12



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