



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

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

DECEMBER 1, 2019

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Indicates please stand if you are able;
For hymns, please stand with the choir.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION *"Watchman, Tell Us"* Arr. Hopson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"* No. 274

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, You paint a picture of a better world –
But we turn our heads and close our eyes,
Afraid that you might want us to help.
You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent.
You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet.
You ask us to listen, and we assume we are the experts.
Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress. *(Silent Confession...)*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

...Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace. **Amen**

***RESPONSE** *"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* No. 83

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears as sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24: 36 - 44 Page 27
Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Thanks be to God.

CENTSAILITY OFFERING

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 2: 1 - 5
Page 631

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SERMON "High Hopes" 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" Arr. Hustad

*DOXOLOGY *To the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*
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. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"
Raney

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,
all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who
comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

.... : Come Lord Jesus!

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen,
Christ the Lord will come a - - gain.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

"Soon and Very Soon"

No. 384

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liturgy Resources:

Sanctified Art, "What Can't Wait?" Advent bundle 2019, <https://sanctifiedart.org>
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/call-to-worship-publication/download-call-to-worship-vol-52/>

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

Today's Worship Leaders are Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Covenant Pastor*; Martin Pinckey, *Seminary Intern*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries* Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*; Tim Beane, *Lay Reader*; and Mollie Meadows, *Acolyte*; Sherry Flournoy and Liz Creasman, *Advent CandleLighters*.

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 a pastor in the narthex to receive a gift.

The flowers are given by Carol Martin to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fred and Jeff Martin. **Nursery helpers** are Melissa Masher, Christie Wilson, and Pat Miller. **The sound technician** is Cara Fabrie. **The Fellowship Hour is hosted by** Debbie Coffey, Mary Jo Dennis, and Carol Martin.

Childcare is provided during the worship hour for children infant through first grade. The Nursery in Room 104 is designed for infants through 23 months. Two and three-year old's may be taken to Room 102. Children age 4 through 1st grades may be taken to Room 105 for childcare. Children 2nd grade and up are encouraged to remain in worship. Parents are responsible for picking up children from childcare at the conclusion of the service.

Pastoral Care Concerns

Hospitalized and Recovering: Bill Millsaps and Sibbie England

This morning, during the "Time With Young Disciples", we will collect the monthly CentsAbility Offering. This important monthly offering, based on "two cents per meal", is a way for all of us to give to the hungry in our community.

Ushers for the month of December are Bob Ramsey, Cindy Barrow, Greg Blevins, Curtis Carr, A.W. & Pam Dickerson, Butch Richardson, and Stan Sauer.

There are copies of "The Name of Jesus" Advent daily devotional available to you in the Resource Center. Please feel free to take one to further connect you with the Advent Season and what God is doing on the mission frontier. You can also access the 25-day devotional online and even sign up to receive the devotional emailed to you daily from the Frontier Fellowship blog: <https://frontierfellowship.com/media/advent-devotional/>.

There are still a few Angels on the Angel Tree that need to be “adopted”. Please pick up your angel(s) from the tree by today and return your wrapped gift(s) no later than next Sunday, December 8th. Be sure to write down your information to let us know which gifts you are sponsoring. We need many members of the congregation to purchase and gift wrap one gift each (approx. \$20-\$25). We also need people to assist with the delivery of the presents to the children the week before Christmas. Please contact Melissa Mascher at 804-814-4633 or at MelissaMascher@gmail.com with any questions or to sign-up to help. Thank you in advance for making a difference!

There is a new Flower Dedication Calendar for 2020 in the Resource Center. Flowers can be dedicated in memory or honor of someone special in your life.. The average flower dedication is \$35 - \$40. Please stop by & sign up to dedicate flowers on any given Sunday. The Flower Committee handles purchasing and arranging of the flowers each Sunday. Questions? Contact the office: office@tuckahoepres.org.

There is also a new sign-up calendar for hosting After Worship Fellowship Time for 2020 in the Resource Center! Grab some friends or family and plan a time to host our wonderful time of connection.

For the season of Advent, we invite you to join our Tuesday morning study group. Sarah and Patrick will lead an exploration of the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, as well as spend some time in prayer for our congregation and our community. Contact John Canada with questions (jbcanadajr@aol.com).

Our mid-week meal and programming continues this week with our Wednesday Night Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Duntreath Hall. This week, Team 2 will provide a catered meal from the Grapevine of fettucine alfredo, with or without chicken, bread, salad, and

dessert. The program will be the first of three Wednesday Night Advent Studies. TPC Bells will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. in the bell room behind the chancel. Please sign up for dinner on the friendship pad this morning or on the event block on our web site: www.tuckahoepres.org.

Christmas Decoration Take Away - *One person's discarded item is another person's treasured item!* Yesterday, the congregation was invited to drop off unwanted holiday decorations and leave them on designated tables in Duntreath Hall. Today during the After Worship Fellowship Time, everyone is invited to check out these decorations and take anything you would like to have. You didn't have to bring something to take something.

Camp Hanover's “Hanover Christmas” is coming December 13th & 14th! You'll experience musical performances, dramatic re-enactments and fellowship with others while leisurely strolling through an illuminated wooded path hearing the story telling of Christ's birth. You end back at the Lodge for cider and cookies. It is a free event, with donations to the Annual Fund for Camp Hanover appreciated. Anyone interested in meeting at church to carpool should contact Mary Chris Werner at mcwerner@me.com.

Every Christmas the congregation and friends of Tuckahoe are invited to contribute a red or white poinsettia, in memory or in honor of someone, to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We purchase the plants in bulk and the Flower Committee decorates the sanctuary for Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. Please see the order form in the bulletin. The deadline is Sunday, December 15th. The poinsettias are \$14 each.

As you consider your year-end tax planning and financial commitments, please remember your remaining pledge to Tuckahoe and any additional contributions you would like to make toward our ministry and mission. Contributions must be received in the office by December 31.

THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

Sunday, December 1

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:00 AM Worship
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
11:30 AM Christian Formation Committee -
Workroom

Monday, December 2 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Room 106
*6:00 PM Women's Study Group - home of Ruth
Anna Langdon (*special time with dinner first)

Tuesday, December 3 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 9:30 AM Prayer & Advent Study Group - Church
Parlor
9:30 AM MOPs

Wednesday, December 4 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting - Workroom
10:30 AM Meals on Wheels
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Duntreath
6:30 PM TPC Bells
7:00 PM Administration & Personnel Meeting -
Room 108

Thursday, December 5 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 210

Friday, December 6 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

Sunday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:00 AM Worship
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
11:30 AM Fellowship Committee - Room 108
11:30 AM Confirmation Parent Meeting - Room 106
11:30 AM Scholarship Committee - Workroom
11:30 AM Examination of the Officers - Parlor



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