



WHAT
CAN'T
WAIT

*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 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The nights are fair drawing in as shadows lengthen,
the light of Advent shines.

We are counting down the days, looking forward in anticipation.

The clock is ticking, and we want to be ready.

What are we waiting for?

God in the flesh is coming among us.

The time is surely coming.

***CAROL**

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

***OPENING PRAYER**

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

"Go, Tell It, Children!"

Arr. Schram

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"Everlasting Light; The Promise of Christmas"

Arranged by Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Joy Rouse, and Larry Shackley

OVERTURE AND EVERLASTING LIGHT

HE IS THE LIGHT

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

BETHLEHEM, O BETHLEHEM

SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

THIS CHILD OF LIGHT

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.

The flowers are given by Mary and Meagan McGee to the Glory of God and in loving memory of "Budder", Ann Darden. Nursery helpers are Meg Packard, Callie Fabrie, and Claire Smith. The sound technician is Tom Adair. The Fellowship Hour is Cookie Sunday!

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: Sibbie England

The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Sallie Donovan, born on December 9 to Connor and Emily Donovan, and proud grandmother Sallie Rhett.

Our Christian sympathies are extended to Ginny Creech on the death of her sister, Rose Truworthy, who died on December 1. A Memorial Service was held in Norfolk on Saturday, December 7.

Welcome to our annual Choral Cantata. We hope you enjoy this very special worship service where our Tuckahoe Chancel Choir will be accompanied by an orchestra and narration as they perform *"Everlasting Light: The Promise of Christmas"*. Following the Cantata, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Cookie Sunday. Come fellowship with our church family and enjoy various favorite holiday cookies.

Today is the deadline for Christmas poinsettia orders. The poinsettias are \$14 each. Please see the order form in the bulletin. You can drop your form and check in the offering plate or place in the Church Administrator's (Cori Williams) mailbox in the hallway anytime today.

Joy Offering - Today and again next Sunday, we are 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.

Give the gift of transportation this season. Caritas needs bus tickets for their residents. Each ticket costs \$1.75, and would be a wonderful gift in someone's name. You can pick up a bus ticket from the bulletin board in the hallway to give as a gift and you can write a check to Tuckahoe with memo "bus ticket".

Join us TUESDAY night, December 17th, at 6:00 p.m. for Theology on Tap and a timely discussion about your faith and how we can be faithful to Jesus' teaching and live in community with all. Come enjoy a beverage of your choice and some great conversation around the table, led by Sarah Dennis at 6:00 pm at the new location: Hardywood West Creek: *820 Sanctuary Trail Dr, Richmond, VA 23238.* **Note that we are meeting on Tuesday this month!**

For the season of Advent, we invite you to join our Tuesday morning study group as Patrick leads 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 jbcanaajr@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 is a Pot-Luck with Fellowship proving the main dish of pizza. Please bring a side or dessert to share. The program will be the conclusion of our three-week Advent study. 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.

There are Sign-Up Calendars in the Resource Center for both Flower Dedications as well as Fellowship Hour Hosts for 2020. 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. You can also grab some friends or family and plan a time to host our wonderful time of connection for an After Worship Fellowship Time. Questions? Contact the office: office@tuckahoepres.org.

The Session expresses its heart-felt gratitude to Dick Mateer who concludes his service as Church Treasurer at the end of this year. Dick's 12 years of service have been a demonstration of the highest level of commitment to our ministry. In the words of scripture, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23).

If you are shopping on Amazon this holiday season, remember that anyone can go to smile.amazon.com through any web browser (not the app) and designate Tuckahoe as your charitable organization to receive funding directly from Amazon. [You can still use your Prime account!]

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 postmarked by Tuesday, December 31 to be counted for 2019.

The church office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 - Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Please contact Pastors Patrick or Sarah Dennis or your Deacon, if you need assistance.

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19;

Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25

THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

Sunday, December 15

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:00 AM **CANTATA**
After Worship Fellowship Time: Cookie Sunday - Duntreath
5:30 PM Youth Group (White Elephant)

Monday, December 16 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Room 106

Tuesday, December 17 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 9:30 AM MOPs - Room 106
9:30 AM Prayer & Advent Study Group - Church Parlor
6:00 PM Theology on Tap - Hardywood West Creek
(*New location & date!*)

Wednesday, December 18 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting & Staff Luncheon - Workroom
10:30 AM Meals on Wheels
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Duntreath
6:30 PM TPC Bells
7:00 PM Session & Deacons Meeting - Duntreath

Thursday, December 19 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 210

Friday, December 20 *Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

- 10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

Sunday, December 22

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:00 AM Worship
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall



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THIS IS CHRIST THE KING

EVERLASTING LIGHT

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"The Nativity"* Arr. Sprunger

*DOXOLOGY *(to the tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel, No. 88)*
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

* CAROL *"Hark The Herald"* No. 119

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Noel"* Daquin

WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Sarah Dennis, *Covenant Pastor*;
Martin Pinckney, *Seminary Intern*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*;
Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*;
Boyd Robinson, *Acolyte*; Pat and Terry Brady,
Abe Mickle, and Steven Woody, *Candlelighters*

ORCHESTRA

Violins: Loretta McCray, Faith Hofma, Matthew Son & Miles McCray
Viola: Thomas Shaw
Cello: Madison Erskine
Flute: Susan Davis
Oboe: Jane Kiser
Clarinet / Alto Sax: Myrick Crampton
Trumpet: Jeff Erway

Welcome to Tuckahoe!

We are glad you are visiting us this Advent season. Please take a moment to fill out the Friendship Pad in the pew so we can send you a personal note of thanks for the gift of your presence with us. Also, please see a Pastor after the service so we can get to know you better.

We would love for you to consider continuing to worship with us and encourage you to check out our website to see all that Tuckahoe has to offer.

We pray you experience Christ's love and peace this Christmas.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sunday, December 15	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Cantata and Cookie Sunday Fellowship
Tuesday, December 17	9:30 a.m.	Advent Study & Prayer - Parlor
Sunday, December 22	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday, December 24	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve - Children's Christmas Pageant with Communion
	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service with Communion
Sunday, December 29	10:00 a.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols