

TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Service of Lessons and Carols *December 19, 2021*

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“” Indicates please stand if you are able;
Bolded text is spoken in unison*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE

“Carol of the Bells”

Ukrainian Carol

THE ADVENT WREATH: THE BLESSING OF HOME

Walter & Dot Smith,
Ethan, Rachel & Wyatt Sherman

Choir

“He Came Down”

No. 137

Congregational response

“He Came Down”

No. 137 (v.1)

He came down that we may have joy.

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He came down that we may have joy.

Hallelujah forevermore!

*GATHERING CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 133

*CALL TO CONFESSION

In our waiting and preparation, we come to rest, again, at the foot of the cross. Even in this season of anticipation, we see the fullness of God’s promised redemption in the waters of baptism. As those who are fully known and redeemed, we confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life. Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability. Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control. Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls. Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands. Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ's coming is certain. God's promise is true. Trust in the transformational power of God's forgiveness and receive the gift of God's love. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

"Gloria Refrain"

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

AN ANCIENT STORY RETOLD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 7: 14; 9: 6 - 7

Pages 636 and 638

CAROL

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
(seated)

No. 83

MARY'S ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1: 26 - 33, 46 - 50

Cara Fabrie

CHOIR CAROL

"Mary on a Mountain"

Carter

THE JOURNEY

Luke 2: 1 - 5

Callie Fabrie

***CAROL**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 121

THE INN

Luke 2: 6 - 7

Thomas Moore

CAROL

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
(seated)

No. 128

ANGELS IN THE HEAVENS & SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD

Luke 2: 8 - 15

Colin Hogg

***CAROL**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No. 119

THE BIRTH

Luke 2: 16 - 20

Matthew Moore

INSTRUMENTAL CAROL

"What Child Is This"

arr. Raney

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

CHOIR CAROL

"Christmas Is Coming"

arr. Raney

***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**

God of goodness and kindness, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, all that we have are gifts of your grace. As the heavenly host sang of your glory, accept what we bring this day as our offerings of praise. With the shepherds we have given witness to the birth of our Savior; our response now is in gratitude for the hope of new life we receive in Christ Jesus. Amen.

***SENDING CAROL**

"Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night"

No. 136

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the Christ, who, by his incarnation, gathered into one the things of heaven and earth, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Alleluia!

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

"Noel"

Daquin

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WORSHIP LEADERS

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., *Covenant Pastor*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*;
Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*;
Pat Macaulay, *Lay Reader*; Marshall Cooke, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

TPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad you are here today! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card in the pew back so we can thank you for joining us today. If you would like to learn more about our church, explore our website, www.tuckahoe.org.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, we ask that all worshippers remain masked while inside.

Childcare is available for children 4 and under. If you need to leave with a child during the service, we invite you to utilize *The Commons*, where there is seating and the service is livestreamed.

Today and again next Sunday, you have the opportunity to contribute to the *Christmas Joy Gift Special Offering*. There are special offering envelopes and inserts in your pew with more information.

The Poinsettia Dedications can be found in your pew and online. Thank you all for your dedications that enable us to beautifully adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

Join us in Duntreath Hall after service today for our Cookie Sunday!

We hope you will return to Tuckahoe this evening at 5:00PM for “Campfire and Caroling”. All ages are welcome. Bundle up and bring a flashlight. Those that wish to can carol with us at houses on the streets around the church, or you may stay around the campfire. Carolers will return to the campfire to warm our fingers and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and cookies.

Christmas Decoration Exchange items are on tables in the hallway between Duntreath Hall and The Commons through today for you to peruse and make your own.

As the end of 2021 approaches remember Tuckahoe in your year-end giving and mark your calendars to be sure any payments are received in the church office no later than Thursday, December 30th and are posted online no later than Tuesday, December 28th. If you would like to have an accounting of your giving to-date for your records, please contact our Financial Administrator, Mary McGee, at mmcgee@tuckahoepres.org. We are grateful for the continued financial support you have given and continue to give to Tuckahoe.

Nomination Forms for 2022 Officers can be found in the pews and online. The deadline to nominate is January 3, 2022.

In the early hours of December 11th, several tornadoes ripped through multiple U.S. states, resulting in extensive damage and significant loss of life. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with affected Presbyteries to coordinate resources and assistance. Please pray for these communities and consider giving financially through PDA. Information can be found at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/december-tornadoes/> or to give by phone, call 1-800-872-3283.



Advent & Christmas

December 19
Lessons and Carols Service 10:00AM
Cookie Sunday 11:00AM
Children's Pageant Rehearsal 11:15AM-1:00PM
Campfire & Caroling 5:00PM

December 24
Children's Pageant 4:00PM
Worship with Candlelight and Communion 7:30PM

December 26
Morning Prayer Service 10:00AM

All Services are in-person and livestreamed

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