

TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Service of Lessons and Carols *December 22, 2024*

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"" Indicates please stand if you are able*
Bolded text is spoken in unison

GATHERING MUSIC & CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
Piano/Flute Duet

arr. Hamilton

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Richardson and Cooke Family

One: Today we light the fourth candle and name it Love.

All: This candle reminds us that God's love shines in the darkness.

One: Love sings in the shadows. It will not cower and cannot be contained.

All: Love was the hope of the saints and the call of the prophets.

One: It was the fire in the belly of John the Baptist
and the courage of a young woman named Mary.

All: Lamp in the window, beacon on the hill, star in the night sky, Love still shines today.

LIGHTING PRAYER

Let us join in prayer:

All: A candle burns. The sign of your Love.

God of steadfast faithfulness, come to us again this Advent season.

May the light of your love be born anew in us. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung)

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you!

***CAROL** "Once in Royal David's City" No. 140
Jack Groves, Soloist
After the solo verse, the congregation is invited to sing verses 2 and 4

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Tim Beane
We invite children ages 4-11 to attend our "Little Lights" Bible study in Room 105 immediately following the Time with Young Disciples. We ask parents to please meet their children following worship. Our church nursery is located down the hall in Room 104 for children under four. Our ushers can guide you to either location if needed.

AN ANCIENT STORY RETOLD

LESSON 1 Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Page 3
God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

HANDBELLS CAROL "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Kinyon

LESSON 2 Genesis 22:15-18 Page 18
God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

CHOIR CAROL "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. Robertson

LESSON 3 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Page 638
The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL** "Hark! The Harold Angel Sing" vs. 1 & 3 No. 119

LESSON 4 Micah 5:2-5a Page 865
The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

CHOIR CAROL "Bethlehem Lullaby" arr. Gilpin

LESSON 5 Luke 1:26-35, 38 Page 56
The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

CAROL "Ave Maria" Angerman
Jessie Cooke & Michelle Tuck, Duet

LESSON 6 Luke 2:1-7 Page 58
Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

CHOIR CAROL "Away in a Manger" arr. Raney

LESSON 7 Luke 2:8-16 Page 58
The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL** "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs. 1 & 3 No. 113

LESSON 8 Matthew 2:1-11 Page 2
The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

CHOIR CAROL "Follow That Star" Lewis

LESSON 9 John 1:1-14 Page 91
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CHOIR AND HANDBELLS CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 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.

GATHERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY | PASSING THE PLATES

*DOXOLOGY

(to the tune of The First Nowell, No. 147)

**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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.

*SENDING CAROL

"Joy To The World" vs. 1, 2 & 4

No. 134

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

"In Dulci Jubilo"

Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*; Tim Beane, *Time with the Young Disciples*;
Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*; Faith John, *Flautist and Accompanist*; Mollie Meadows, *Acolyte*; Tate Wilson, *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 and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an Usher so we can thank you for joining us today. Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for cookies and a time to get to know each other! If you would like to learn more about our church, see someone with a purple ribbon on their nametag, and explore our website, www.tuckahoeepres.org.

Childcare is available for children 3 and under in the nursery. 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 live-streamed. Ushers can guide you to these spaces if needed.

Thank you for recording your attendance on the Friendship Pad in your pew. Please pass it down your row and note those sitting near you so we can greet each other by name. If you have **prayer requests**, those can also be included on the prayer cards tucked in the cover of the friendship pads. Please place those in the offering plate or the prayer box in the Narthex.

Get Connected - see our Flyer in the Resource Center and the Foyer for ways to get connected with others with similar interests, or to plug in to a Small Group.

Joy Offering - Today and again at our Christmas Eve Services, you have an opportunity to contribute to CHRISTMAS JOY - a special offering of our denomination. 50% of the offering is for students in Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color; the other 50% assists current and retired church workers and their families. Give generously so all may be fulfilled. We are passing the offering plates for the general and special offerings today.

On fifth Sundays, we have an opportunity to worship in a different way- and often in a different location! **Please join us in Duntreath Hall next Sunday, December 29, for a casual worship service** where we will sing Christmas Carols in lieu of a Sermon. This service will *not* be live-streamed. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to watch one of our previous services on our YouTube channel.

We are grateful for your faithful contributions throughout 2024! Thank you to all who have dedicated your time, talents, and financial support to Tuckahoe. *As of November 30th, we continue to face a shortfall between income and expenses for the year, and we ask that you prayerfully consider fulfilling your pledge to Tuckahoe. Even if you did not make a pledge, your tax-deductible contribution would be greatly appreciated before December 31st.* Did you know you can make direct gifts of stock or designate your IRA withdrawals to be sent directly to Tuckahoe? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary McGee, our Financial Administrator, at mmcgee@tuckahoe.org. Electronic payments must be received by December 31st, and mailed contributions must be postmarked by December 31st. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2025, there is still time to do so. It is through the support of Tuckahoe members and friends that we can expand our reach and meet the needs of our members and their families. Thank you once again, and Merry Christmas!

There are Sign-Up Calendars for Flower Dedications, Fellowship Hour Hosts, and Liturgists available online for 2025. You can find the links on our main website page at the bottom of the event blocks section. Questions? Contact the church office: office@tuckahoe.org.

The Church Office will be closed this Monday, December 23, through Wednesday, January 1. Staff will be working from home on Thursday, January 2. Church staff will be checking mail, e-mail, and voicemail periodically. In the case of an emergency, please call the pastoral Emergency Line at 804-282-2860 x.9 which will ring to the Pastor's cell phone.



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****Office is closed December 23 - January 2****

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