

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*
***Bold** text is read in unison.*

Friendship Pad | We invite everyone to sign in using the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew. Feel free to add as much information as you would like and pass the pad down your row. This is something everyone, including regulars, signs each week.

Visitors | If you're visiting and would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a **visitor card** in the pew cardholder. You can also sign up for our e-newsletter, which is the best way to stay current on ways to get involved. Once completed, place your card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Childcare for children four and under is available in the nursery, located in Room 104. You can ask an usher where to go. We also have **children's bulletins** and crayons in the hallway.

Livestream | If you need to step out, you can follow the service via **livestream in The Commons.** Ushers can guide you. There are also several toys for children to play with in this space.

Hearing Assistance | Our sound system lets you **connect your Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids** directly to it. Using the "**WaveCAST"** app, you can sync with the broadcast while connected to the "TuckahoeALS" Wi-Fi. Scan the QR Code for detailed instructions.

*There are **large print** versions of all the hymns located in the Narthex, and large print Bibles in most pews.*

*On **fifth Sundays** here at Tuckahoe, we try new things in worship, and we often move out of the Sanctuary, where we usually worship. Today, the first Sunday in Advent, we will begin in the Sanctuary and then move together to Duntreath Hall for our Advent Fair. Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

We Gather as God's People

Gathering Music and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

Prelude — "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" — arr. Hopson

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Ruth Anna Langdon and Patrick, Candace, Langdon, and Risher Martin

One: On this first Sunday in Advent, we light this candle and call it Hope.
All: Its glow whispers that despair is not the end.
Its warmth reminds us that God is near.
Its spark stirs courage as we wait.
One: We light this candle for all God's people,
Struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.

All: God, as we wait for your coming, give light, give hope.

After lighting of the Hope Candle

All: Holy One, we confess that waiting wears us down. Our patience thins, our vision clouds, and sometimes our hope is only a faint ember. Yet you do not despise small beginnings; you breathe on our weakness with your Spirit, kindling the flame of faith we thought was gone. Renew us, O Lord, as we learn to wait in you. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vv. 1-4 No. 88

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes again. Amen.

…continuing in Silent Prayer…

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORY TO GOD**

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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9 pg. 694

This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Mark 13:24-37 pg. 50

This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "People Look East" arr. Shephard

SERMONETTE "Keep Watch" Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

***The Offering plates** are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary, in the Narthex. As you enter or exit the Sanctuary, you may place your offering in the plate. You may also give online through the website using the QR code. Thank you for your faithful giving.*

***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**

We pray that we are good stewards of these resources. Guide us as we usher in this new church year, being mindful of you in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

And also with you!

***RECESSIONAL** "Thanks Be to God" Handel

During the recessional, we invite you to move to Duntreath Hall to join us for the Advent Fair.

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Liturgy adapted from the Book of Common Worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor;* Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation;*
Dr. Pamela James, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothern, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Sarah Grace Groves, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

The flowers are given by Pat Macaulay to the glory of God and in memory of Wilkes Macaulay, who would have been 100 years old this week.

The Season of Advent begins today, Sunday, November 29, as we move towards celebrating Christmas on December 25. It is a time when we anticipate the birth of Christ, which is an introspective, contemplative season, coupled with the shifting of the actual seasons here in Richmond. Each Sunday in Advent, we will have different people light the Advent Wreath, which has five candles representing hope, peace, joy, love, and Christ. We have a variety of unique worship experiences this season, beginning with the Intergenerational Advent Fair today. We invite you into this new season to notice the different colors and sounds!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Sign up to host Fellowship After Church one Sunday! The Fellowship Committee has made the process very simple, and you can use snacks from the pantry. Scan the QR code or sign up at the bottom of the homepage. Questions? Contact Jeanne Webster.

There are Sign-Up Calendars for Flower Dedications available online for 2027. You can find the link at the bottom of our website homepage. Questions? Contact the office: office@tuckahoepres.org.

As Tuckahoe prepares for its 75th anniversary celebration next year, this weekly feature provides a brief look at dates and facts related to the church's history. *Did you know that…* **Duntreath Hall was dedicated during the Sunday worship service on December 4, 1994, with special music provided by the Chancel Choir and the Proclamations?**

Join us tonight at 5:30pm for a simple, joyful evening as we illuminate our festive tree and switch on the Christmas lights around the church. There will be hot cocoa, hot cider, and Christmas music! Come as you are, bring family and friends, and help us welcome the season with warmth, fellowship, and a little sparkle. All are welcome!

The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for candidates for elders, deacons, and the nominating committee for terms beginning **April 1, 2027.** You may scan the QR code to complete an online form, send nomination names via email to office@tuckahoepres.org., or complete a printed copy, which can be found in the Resource Center (by the nametags). **Please send nominations by Sunday, December 6.**

Please note: The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving Pastor Keli's 2027 Terms of Call. This will take place at the end of worship on December 6.

Thank you all for your generous support of Tuckahoe throughout this year. As of the end of October, **your gifts and other income totaled $475,400 and our expenses totaled $518,070.** This deficit of $42,670 is largely due to several exceptional, unexpected, and unbudgeted repairs and remediation that the church has had to incur to the building and grounds. I will provide further updates in December, and, as year-end approaches, I ask that you consider whether 2026 might allow you to exceed your planned giving and/or make a new gift to help Tuckahoe defray these unexpected costs. We are, as ever, thankful for all you do to support the church!

Need a little time for Christmas shopping, wrapping presents, or simply taking a break during the busy holiday season? **We invite you to our FREE Parents' Morning Out!** On **Saturday, December 5, from 9am-12pm, children ages 6 months-12 years** are invited to enjoy a fun-filled morning of holiday crafts, stories, games, snacks, and time with friends, all while being cared for by our wonderful volunteers. **Need a place to wrap those Christmas presents away from curious little eyes?** We'll also have a dedicated space available for parents who would like to stay and wrap gifts while their children enjoy the morning activities! **Space is limited, so be sure to register using the QR code!**

We'd love your help making Parents' Morning Out on December 5 a fun and welcoming experience for our children and families—**please consider signing up via the QR code** to volunteer for all or part of the morning!

We will be joining Trinity United Methodist Church again to provide **Holiday mini loaves for Oak Grove-Bellemeade teachers and staff.** Disposable loaf pans and labels are available in the church pantry. *Quick bread recipes and mixes will make 3 mini loaves!* **Each loaf must be labelled CONTAINS NUTS or NO NUTS using the labels provided with the loaf pans.** If you bake early, you may leave loaves in the church freezer (marked "Oak Grove") any time before December 9. **All bread should be dropped off to the church kitchen by Wednesday, December 9, to be delivered on December 10.** Please contact Hilary Robinson with any questions.

Christmas Pageant Sign-Ups Are Open! All children are invited to participate in Tuckahoe's Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 20, during our 10:30am worship service!** We will have one rehearsal **that morning at 9:15am,** when children will also receive their costumes. No advance preparation is needed! Whether it's your child's first pageant or they've participated before, we'd love to have them join us as we share the Christmas story.

Ho Ho Ho! It's time to clean out your version of the North Pole! Santa Claus is a big fan of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, so please bring in your gently used Christmas decor for the Holiday Upcycle Sundays **beginning December 6 and running through December 20. Items may be brought to Duntreath beginning today.** Questions? Please contact Jeanne Webster at 703-801-5130.

Now is the time to order poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary for the Sunday before Christmas and the Christmas Eve services! Plants are $13.00 each, and your dedication helps defray the costs of fresh flowers throughout the year. If you'd like your dedication listed in the church bulletin, please see the order form in your bulletin, or scan the QR code. Forms can also be found on our website, in the Resource Center, and on the office counter. **The deadline is Monday, December 14.** *You may pick up your plant following the Christmas Eve service.*

Did you know? The gorgeous chancel flowers are arranged each week by a member of Tuckahoe's Flower Committee. This talented group of volunteers purchases and arranges flowers for each worship service throughout the year, except for Christmas and Easter, when we have our special flower dedications, and in August, when the committee takes a "vacation"! **We would love to have new members for our committee!** We rotate duties throughout the year, and each member only has to arrange about 4-5 Sundays during the year. Uncertain whether you can do it? Just let us know you are interested, and we will mentor you to make sure you feel comfortable. Contact Mary McGee at mmcgee@tuckahoepres.org or 804-539-6517. We are putting together the 2027 calendar in the next few weeks.