

Session will meet on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:00 PM.

Presbyterian Women will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 13, at the manse.

Prayer Group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00. All are invited to participate.

Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00.

On Sunday, December 16 the **Youth Group** will present a Christmas pageant. Please plan to stay after church for a light lunch provided by the Christian Education Committee.

December 21 is the deadline for applications for the **Lucille Bogart Scholarship** for the spring semester.

The **lectionary readings** for Sunday, December 16 are: Zephaniah 3:14–20; Isaiah 12:2–6; Philippians 4:4–7; Luke 3:7–18.

Elder – Byron Beard

Bulletins –

Nursery – Kristi & Kylee Hensley

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting, we are pleased to have you share in our worship and invite you to consider membership. Please sign a GREEN visitor's card and then place it in the offering plate. Following the service, the pastor will be happy to speak with you about any concerns. Prayer requests are welcomed by all.



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December 9, 2018
2nd Sunday in Advent

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Stan Webster, Minister

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome & Concerns of the Congregation

Prelude “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Cheryl Wissmann, Organist

Introit

*Responsive Call to Worship

Luke 1:68-75

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people,
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hand of all who hate us;

**to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath which he swore to our father Abraham,
to grant us that we,
being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him
all the days of our life.**

*Hymn "Joy to the World!" *Red Hymnbook, #161*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *(By All)*

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen. And now, dear Lord, hear the prayers deep within the silence of our hearts

Silent Prayer

Declaration of Forgiveness

* "Glory Be To The Father" *Red Hymnbook, #546*

*Apostles' Creed *Red Hymnbook, page 12*

Lighting of the Advent Candles
Joe, Caralyn, Jay and Carleigh Snyder

Congregational Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple;
the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight,
behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

**But who can endure the day of his coming,
and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;**

he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the sons of Levi
and refine them like gold and silver,
till they present right offerings to the Lord.

**Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
will be pleasing to the Lord
as in the days of old and as in former years.**

Prayer of Supplication & Intercession
The Lord's Prayer *Red Hymnbook, page 12*

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*The Doxology *Red Hymnbook, #544*

*Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Christmas Cantata
Mike Reese, Keith Whitson
Readers

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand, as you are able.*