



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

9:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	"Cranham' In the Bleak Midwinter"	arr. Pamela Decker
Invitation to Attentiveness		Allison Maus
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Lucy Wagner
Guided Reflection		John Porter
	"He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." Luke 19:40	
	"Silence is not the absence of sound, but the presence of a deeper listening" Barbara Brown Taylor	
	Image: Simeon's Moment by Ron Dicianni	
Introit Hymn No. 90	"Wait for the Lord"	
*Hymn No. 94 v. 1&3	"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"	
Prayer of Preparation		Don Hartzell
	Hearing the Word	
First Scripture Reading	1 Chronicles 16:23-34	Don Hartzell
Anthem	"African Noel" arr. Andre J. Thomas and Cathy Moglebust LOGOS, Handbells, and Chancel Choir	
Children's Time		Deannine Shipman
Song After Children's Time Hymn No. 378 v. 4	"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"	
Second Scripture Reading	John 3:1-8	John Porter
Sermon		John Porter
	Responding to the Word	
*Hymn No. 106	"Prepare the Way, O Zion"	

***Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: God is calling us, inviting us, what is your answer?

All: Like our sister Mary, we say yes

Yes to your favor, your presence, your blessing.

Yes that we are enough just as we are, where we are.

Yes to your calling and the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon us to fulfill it

Yes to bearing and birthing your Word and your Promises and your Kingdom in this time and place. Yes to all things being possible with you.

Like our sister Mary we say

Here I am, the Lord's humble servant.

Let it be done to me, in me, through me.

Like our sister Mary we sing and celebrate you O God,

For though we are your humble servants you have noticed us.

Announcements

Minute for Mission—Christmas Day Dinner

Reed Dressler
Sharon Ambrose

Call to Offering

Please place your written reflections in the offering plate.

Offertory Anthem

“Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Doxology No. 605

“Praise to God the Father”

***Prayer of Dedication**

Don Hartzell

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Allison Maus

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Allison Maus

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.

***Hymn No. 105, v. 1,4,5**

“People Look East”

***Charge**

***Choral Response**

“Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

***Benediction**

Allison Maus

Postlude

“Come Thou Almighty King”

arr. Dr. Anthony Leach

Gifts for the Christ Child



Our Christmas collection to help children & communities impacted by disasters and violence in the United States, and around the world



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

December 17th @6pm
Fireside Room

Enjoy a great movie with even better discussion!

WATCH PARTY

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For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at scpresby.org.

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is: 833-234-1326. To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.



Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Reed Miller

Ushers: Sharon Ambrose, Scott Banfield, Curt Dell, and Betty Macdonald

Information Desk: Jenny Van Hook

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Rick Bryant

Parking Lot: Mary Hartzell

Coffee Hour:

Hosts: Jerry Sawyer

Assistants: Marti Sawyer and Amy Elliott

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers in memory of our mother, Betty Castner Bryant, and our aunt and uncle, Doris Thomas and H. Meade Nehrig given by Rick and Carolyn Bryant

The rose is in honor of the birth of Jameson Michael Cline, son of Michael and Katelyn Cline and brother of Kendyl and Thea.

Sunday Membership Opportunity—Today!

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service today at 10:15 am. You'll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact Martha Trout at (marthascpc@gmail.com).

Christmas Candlelight Service - Tonight at 4:00 pm

The Candlelight Choir and Orchestra will present a service of Lessons and Carols including traditional songs and new compositions from European, Appalachian, and African-American composers. (Child care provided)

2023 Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Day Dinner will take place this year with in-person dining in the Social Hall from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Reservations can be made online or by calling the church office, beginning December 1. Meal delivery, between 1:30 and 2:30 pm, is available only for those who are physically unable to attend in person. Please call the church office at 814-238-2422 to request delivery. The deadline for all reservations is December 17. Walk-ins will be accepted on a space-available basis.

make a
RESERVATION



sign up to
DONATE FOOD



sign up to
VOLUNTEER



Flowers for 2024 Sunday Worship

For anyone wanting to supply flowers for 2024 Sunday worship services, the flower chart is posted in the hallway between the sanctuary and the church office. You may sign up on the chart or call the church office at 814-238-2422.

Adult Education—Today at 10:15 am

Please join Chris Calkins for Adult Education in Westminster Hall for “Choosing Empathy for Yourself and Others”. He will talk with us about how to navigate the US healthcare system and discuss techniques for caregiving for yourself and others during illness.

Connect - Room 10 is another adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

Advent Attentiveness Art with Pastor Allison

During Sunday morning worship throughout Advent we will be paying attention to the ways God is preparing us and the world around us. We'll have a congregational offering each Sunday that will be incorporated into our candle banners at the front of our sanctuary. Help us add some paint to our candle banners each Wednesday of Advent (12/13,12/20) 7-8pm in the Social Hall. All skill levels and ages are invited to help create and reflect.

Study Space

Study Space available 12/10 (noon-9pm) 12/11-13 (9am-9pm) in the Fireside Room. If you would like to support study space feel free to bring a snack to share with our students during their finals week studying.



Sunday, December 10th—2nd Sunday of Advent

Angel Tree Gifts Due

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Children, Worship, & Song during worship—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Rm
- 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm
- 1:30 pm Youth Advisory Team Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm Candlelight Service

Monday, December 11th

- 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm
- 4:00 pm Stay and Play Snack with Santa—Social Hall
- 6:30 pm SJMT—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Christmas Dinner Planning Meeting—Martin Rm
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Scouts Den Meeting—Rm 10 & 11
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, December 12th

- 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm LOGOS—Geckos
- 4:30 pm Membership Meeting—Martin Rm
- 5:15 pm LOGOS—Chrysalis
- 7:00 Personnel Ministry Unit Meeting—Martin Rm
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 13th

- 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm
- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom/Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 6:00 pm PNC Meeting—Rm 10
- 7:00 pm Advent Attentiveness Art—Social Hall
- 8:00 pm Women's Bible Study—Martin Rm

Thursday, December 14th

- 7:00 pm Adult Ed Committee—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting—Zoom

Friday, December 15th

PresbyPost Deadline

Saturday, December 16th

Sunday, December 17th—3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Dinner Sign Up Deadline

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Children, Worship, & Song during worship—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways and Oasis Christmas Party
- 10:00 am to Noon Directory Photo Session
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 5:00 pm Deacon Christmas Caroling
- 6:00 pm Watch Party—Fireside Rm

Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 102 throughout the morning.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade, are welcome to join **Children, Worship & Song** which meets in Room 11 on the lower level.

Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of worship.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Age 3 to grade 5) - From 10:00 am to 11:00 am, in room 210 on the upper level. This multi-age class is made to teach and accommodate all needs/ages. A pre-packaged snack will be served.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) - From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in the Fireside Room on the lower level. Oasis is a loving place where youth from grades 6-12 can have fun, feel accepted, and grow.

YoPro Bible Study—From 10:15 am to 11:15 am, in the Tower Room above the Sanctuary. We're a group of grad students and early career folks that are exploring the what's next season of life. We do some formal programming, but mostly we're a group of friends laughing, learning, and figuring out faith together.

Adult Education—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Adult Ed is a rotation of different offerings from our community.

Connect—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Room 10 on the lower level. This is an adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.