

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD		
"Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign. Behold the virgin shall conceive and shall bear a son, and shall call His name <i>Immanuel</i> !"		
– Isaiah 7:14		
November 29, 2020	First Sunday in Advent	10:40 a.m.

"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord.

Prelude	Prepare the Royal Highway Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Held
Welcome		
Call to Worship		
* Hymn	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel;  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai’s height,  
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse free Thine own from Satan’s tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav’nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	

\* Prayer of Adoration

"If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

New Testament Lesson	Galatians 3:10–14
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	

General Prayer of Confession  
Almighty God, Father of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ, we bow before Your holiness and confess that we are unclean, unworthy sinners, undeserving of Your grace and favor. We are truly sorry for our many sins, known and unknown, sins of commission and omission. Have mercy upon us and blot out our iniquities in the shed blood of Your Son who was accursed for us that we might live by faith and be saved by Your grace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness	Pastor Heath Cross
* Hymn	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear.  
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear.  
O’er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:  
“Go to Him, your praises bringing: Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;  
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder: Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king.  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone.  
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

"Bring an offering and come into His courts."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings	
Offertory	Let All Mortal Flesh Stephens Valley Church Choir
Mrs. Mary Margaret Culpepper, solo, and Mr. Jerry Jennings, solo	

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most High!"

"A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel."

Prayer for Illumination		
Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 3:1–24	
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.		
Sermon	Christmas Power	Pastor Jim Bachmann
Prayer of Supplication		

"On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness."

Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	Veni Emmanuel Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	arr. Moore
Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	Joy to the World	ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room and heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing; and heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

* Benediction		
* Postlude	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	arr. Sowerby

\* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

**Greetings:** Welcome to our time of worship. We are thankful for your presence with us! Please silence your cell phones and any other electronic device you may have with you. We continue to encourage social distancing and wearing masks.

**Mask Required Room:** The elders have designated the Solid Rock Café as a room where masks must be worn during the worship service. Masks are strongly recommended but not required in the Fellowship Hall and Rutherford Room.

**SVC Women's "Each One Bring One" Christmas Breakfast:** Join us on Thursday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. and bring a friend to our delicious breakfast and time of fellowship featuring SVC member and speaker Annette Valentine. The cost is \$15/person but guests eat free. Childcare is provided for ages 0-5 but requires a reservation. Register and pay online via the church website or with a SVC Women's volunteer in the lobby today.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Elder Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday morning, December 13, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of voting upon the following officer nominees: Elder—Dave Jones and Mike Miller; Deacons—Scott Parnell, Jerry Raymer, and Mark Thomas.

**Recital:** Ana and Maria Manning will be presenting a violin and piano recital on Sunday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Because of COVID, they are unable to demonstrate their semester of work at their respective schools. Come and enjoy the culmination of their efforts and support our young musicians.

**Christmas Eve:** Bring your friends and family to our Christmas Eve family candlelight service from 4:30–5:15 p.m. There will not be a nursery but your children are welcome to join us as we worship our newborn King.

**End-of-the-Year Stock Gifts:** The church has a licensed broker enabling us to accept gifts of stock. The church's policy is to receive the stock, immediately sell it, and add the proceeds to the church's bank account. If you wish to make a stock gift, please have your broker contact Joe D. Comer, Pinnacle Bank, 615-773-6618, or joe.comer@pnfp.com.

## ADVENT Dinner

**Advent Dinner:** Our annual Advent Dinner will be held at the church on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. This festive evening will include dinner and a short program. The menu is a choice of beef tenderloin or salmon, red potatoes, roasted carrots and asparagus, yeast rolls, fresh fruit and a dessert bar. All COVID precautions will be observed. The recommended donation is \$25/person. Half portions for children ages 6 and up are available for \$9.50/child. Childcare is provided for ages 0-5 and reservations are required. (Food will not be provided for this age; feel free to pack a meal for a nut-free environment.) Reservations can be made through the church website and must be made no later than this Thursday, December 3.

– THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR –

Today, 9:00 a.m.	Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship service
Today, 5:00 p.m.	DivorceCare (online via Zoom)
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible study (Café)

### Financial Report

November 22 General Fund Offering	\$24,832
Weekly Offering needed	\$35,164
November 22 Building Fund	\$50,150
YTD deficit through November 22	\$175,248

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Stephens Valley Church (SVC) cleans regularly with products designed specifically to neutralize COVID-19, including weekly cleaning of all public spaces used during worship, and more frequent cleaning of common areas used intermittently during the week. In addition, SVC conducts temperature checks upon entry, provides hand sanitizer and masks, and encourages social distancing, handwashing, and other means of personal protection. We have also restructured our communion, offering, and attendance pad process to avoid person to person handling. Davidson County lists an exception to its mandatory mask requirements when attending a worship service by referring to Governor Lee's voluntary guidelines. Based on the Governor's recommendation to wear a face covering, we recommend wearing a mask as well, but this is a recommendation for voluntary compliance, which is a decision to be made by each individual. Despite these efforts, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place or meeting where people are present as well as other inherent risks and dangers associated with public meetings. By your presence at SVC, you knowingly and voluntarily, accept, and assume responsibility for, each of these risks and dangers, including but not limited to COVID-19, and all other risks and dangers that could arise out of, or occur during, your use of the facilities at Stephens Valley Church.

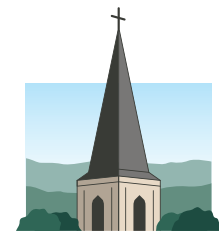
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## Christmas Power

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