

**ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD**  
"Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'" – Luke 14:21

December 6, 2020	Second Sunday in Advent	10:40 a.m.
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**"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord.**

Prelude	Of the Father's Love Begotten Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	arr. Blackwell
Welcome		
Introit	Ding, Dong, Merrily on High/He Is Born Ms. Nancy Allen and Mrs. Patricia Roberts, duet Mr. Brent Roberts, piano, and Miss Maria Manning, violin	arr. Page
Call to Worship		
* Hymn	Once in Royal David's City	IRBY

**Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed;  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was the mother mild; Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all.  
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love.  
For that child so dear and gentle is the Lord in heav’n above.  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him, but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high;  
When like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.**

\* Prayer of Adoration

Choral Praise	Angels from the Realms of Glory Stephens Valley Church Choir Mr. Brent Roberts and Ms. Lisa Barry, piano	arr. Forrest
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Angels from the realms of glory wing your flight o'er all the earth. Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth. Come and worship Christ the newborn King! Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. Come and worship Christ the newborn King! Sages, leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar. Seek the great Desire of Nations, ye have seen His natal star. Come and worship Christ the newborn King! All creation join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son. Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One! Come and worship Christ the newborn King!

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

Old Testament Lesson	Daniel 4:28-33
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This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

General Prayer of Confession  
**Our gracious God and Father, author of every good and perfect gift, who so loved the world that You gave the unspeakable gift of Your only begotten Son to save us from our sins, have mercy on us. None of us is righteous, for we have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We are lost and undone, O Lord, and without hope save in Your sovereign mercy. Please forgive us of our many sins, cleanse us of our unrighteousness, save us and bless us, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. 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	Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Choir only:*  
Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He.  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore!

**O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore!**

**This is He whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord,  
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
Now He shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord,  
Evermore and evermore!**

**O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;  
All dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore!**

**Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore!**

**"Bring an offering and come into His courts."**

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory	Baby, What You Goin' to Be Stephens Valley Church Choir Ms. Nancy Allen and Mrs. Patricia Roberts, duet Mr. Brent Roberts, piano	Sleeth
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Baby, lyin’ in the manger, slumberin’ so sweetly, what You goin’ to be? Baby, all the world is watchin’, all the world awaits to see. Baby, sleepin’ in a stable, underneath the heaven, what You goin’ to say? Baby, did You bring the Good News? Did You

come to light our way? Baby, gazin’ at the cattle, lookin’ at the shepherds, what You goin’ to do? Baby, will you be the Master? Will You bring the Kingdom too? Baby, Hope of all the people, what You come to do here? What You come to say? Baby, can You be the Savior, come to save the world one day? Baby, lyin’ in a manger, will You save the world one day?

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson	Luke 1:46-56
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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 Praise	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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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	Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming	arr. Hayes
	Miss Maria Manning, violin, and Mr. David German, piano	

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn	All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord	CANONBURY
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**All praise to Thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;  
Choosing a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.**

**Once did the skies before Thee bow; a virgin’s arms contain Thee now;  
Angels who did in Thee rejoice now listen for Thine infant voice.**

**A little child, Thou art our guest, that weary ones in Thee may rest;  
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth, that we may rise to heav’n from earth.**

**Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light,  
To make us, in the realms divine, like Thine own angels round Thee shine.**

**All this for us Thy love hath done; by this to Thee our love is won:  
For this we tune our cheerful lays, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.**

\* Benediction

* Postlude	On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry	arr. Thiman
	Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	

\* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

**Greetings:** Welcome to our time of worship on this second Sunday in Advent. Please register your attendance at one of the entrances as you arrive or depart. We welcome Ms. Nancy Allen, voice instructor and coordinator of the musical theater program at Belmont University. Remember to share our worship service by clicking the "share" icon below the YouTube video of our service. This is an easy and effective way to spread the good news and expand our ministry.

**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.

**Christmas Decorations:** Many thanks to Lu Miller, Jerolyn Smith, Marion Wheeler, Pat Pingry, and David German for their hard but fruitful service adorning our facility with beautiful wreaths, trees, and nativity scenes!

**Thank You:** "To my church family, thank you with all my heart for the outpouring of love to Ted while he was ill, and to me after his death. I know that there were many prayers being prayed for us. The cards and the messages meant so much and were greatly appreciated. The messages really showed the love. With Christian love, Patsy Potter"

**SVC Women's "Each One Bring One" Christmas Breakfast:** Today is the last day to sign up for our breakfast and time of fellowship this Thursday, December 10, at 9:30 a.m. 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 next 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.

**Corporation Meeting:** Immediately following the congregational meeting on December 13, we will hold a very brief corporation meeting for the purpose of electing the following officers: John Avery, president; Dale Lewelling, vice-president; Ron Kimery, secretary; Steven Moore, treasurer.

**Recital:** Ana and Maria Manning will be presenting a violin and piano recital next 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.

**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.

## Christmas Eve

AT STEPHENS VALLEY CHURCH

**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.

### Financial Report

November 29 General Fund Offering	\$14,434
Weekly Offering needed	\$35,164
November 29 Building Fund	\$400
YTD deficit through November 29	\$186,381.08
Income needed by December 31	\$327,054.74

– 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
Monday, 6:00 p.m.	Advent Dinner
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.	SVC Women's Christmas Breakfast

### SVC COUNCIL

Pastor Jim Bachmann, Moderator  
John Avery, Administrator

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Louis Joseph	Keith Day	Dick Speece
Dale Lewelling	Bill Kenny	Walt Valentine
	Terry Warren	

#### Other Elders

Mike Bishop, Danny Hale, Ron Kimery,  
Cullen Smith, Tom Smith, William Tice

#### Elders Emeriti

Joe Eades, Charlie Fentress,  
Jim Spann, Clarence Sutherland

### SVC DIACONATE

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Ron Hamilton	Dick Baxter	Kevin Burr
Carlos Lara	Steven Moore	Will Powell
Mike Miller	Caleb Raymer	

#### Bill Serie

#### Other Deacons

Bill Clark, Jesse Mayo, Roy Pearson,  
Vernon Prevatt

### Corporation Officers

President: John Avery  
Vice-President: Dale Lewelling  
Secretary: Ron Kimery  
Treasurer: Steven Moore

### SVC Council Committees

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Bill Kenny, chair  
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Tom Smith  
Terry Warren

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Keith Day

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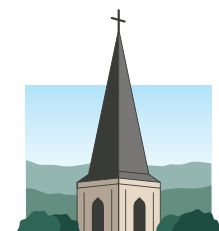
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## Christmas Praise

December 6, 2020



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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.