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"She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." – Matthew 1:21

December 13, 2020	Third 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.

			Assurance of Forgiveness
Prelude	Tidings of Joy! Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, o	arr. Larson	
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Welcome			
Call to Worsh	lip		Introduction of New Mem
* Hymn	Hark! the Herald Angels Sing herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn Kin	MENDELSSOHN	Virginia Anderson Susie Bayne Chuckles Collins
Peace on o	earth and mercy mild, God and sinners recond	ciled!"	Membership Vows
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"		Do you acknowledge y deserving His displeas	
Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,			Do you believe in the L and do you receive and gospel?
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	eav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Rig life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His w		Do you promise to sup your ability?
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Hark! the * Prayer of Adc	herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn Kin pration	ıg!"	* Affirmation of Faith I believe in God, the Jesus Christ, His only
Choral Praise	As the Dark Awaits the Dawn Stephens Valley Church	Cherwien, Aspaas	born of the Virgin Ma and buried. He desce dead. He ascended ir
As the dark awaits the dawn so we await Your light. O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone. As the blue expectant hour before the silv'ring skies, we long to see Your day arise, whole and wise, O lucent			Father Almighty; from dead. I believe in the of saints, the forgiver

Morning Star. As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease, may we Your healing light release, living peace unto Your holy dawn. Shine Your future on this place, enlighten ev'ry guest that through us stream Your holiness, bright and blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace. We await Your light.

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

Old Testament Lesson This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 40:1-5

General Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, who so loved the world that You gave Your only begotten Son, we humbly confess our sins and ask Your forgiveness. We are truly sorry for the many times and different ways in which we have broken Your law and grieved Your Spirit. Cleanse us of our unrighteousness, remove our transgressions as far as the east is from the west, and grant us everlasting life, through our Savior Jesus Christ who died for our sins and rose for our justification. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Offertory

Pastor Heath Cross

"I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

ntroduction of New Members

Virginia Anderson Ralph and Virginia DeMarco Susie Bayne Stephan and Vicki Kivett **Chuckles** Collins Charlie and Edna Smith **Gospel Lesson** lembership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save for His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel?

Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becometh the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the worship and work of the church to the best of your ability?

Do you respect the government and discipline of the church and promise to promote its purity and peace?

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

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;

Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;

Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by Thine eternal plan.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

* Hymn

everlasting. Amen.

* Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Apostles' Creed

QUELLE EST CETTE

Breaking the

Sermon

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming Thy royal degree; But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth, and in great humility. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—there is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set Thy people free; But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn they bore Thee to Calvary. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—there is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what Thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.

"Bring an offering and come into His courts."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

O Holy Night Mrs. Mary Margaret Culpepper, solo Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

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

Prayer for Illumination

Luke 1:67-80 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.

Christmas Prophecy

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

e Bread	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	arr. Near
	Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

MARGARET

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me

But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—there is room in my heart for Thee.

Adam

When the heav'ns shall ring and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory, Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room—there is room at My side for thee."

My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when Thou comest and callest for me!

* Benediction

* Postlude

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne arr. Matthews Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Greetings: Welcome to our time of worship on this third Sunday in Advent. Please register your attendance at one of the entrances as you arrive or depart. 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.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Hannah (Choi) Park in the recent loss of her mother.

Congregational Meeting: The Elder Council has called a congregational meeting for today 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 today, 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. We will also vote on the addition of Cullen Smith and Tom Smith to the Council.

<u>Recital</u>: Ana and Maria Manning will be presenting a violin and piano recital today 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: 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.

Our Daily Bread: Devotional booklets for January through March are available in the lobby. They are free, postage paid and in large print!

- 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, 11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting and Corporation Meeting
Today, 2:00 p.m.	Ana & Maria Manning Recital
Today, 5:00 p.m.	DivorceCare (online via Zoom)
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Monday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Board Meeting (Café)
Monday, 1:00 p.m.	SVC Women's Ministry Chair meeting (Café)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal

Financial Report

December 6 General Fund Offering	\$35,755
Weekly Offering needed	\$35,164
December 6 Building Fund	\$2,800
YTD deficit through December 6	\$185,790
Income needed by December 31	\$291,282

Our Missionaries

African Christian Training Institute Chosen People Ministries Larry and Mary Warren–Leadership International Paul and Rachel Snider-MK2MK David and Robin Dillard–Servant Group International Peter and Gracie Rosenberger-Standing With Hope Trans World Radio-Multimedia evangelism Radooga–Ukraine Voice of the Martyrs–supporting persecuted Christians Andy and Bev Warren–Ethiopia, Africa Confex and Mwai Makhilira-Malawi, Africa Pete and Ruth Mitchell–France Dr. Nabil Costa-MEBO-Lebanon Ale and Lynn Aho-Tonga Matt and Deborah Stanghelle-Norway Perry and Betty Husemann–Southern Europe Guy and EJ-East Asia (sensitive area) Lewis and Elsbeth Codington-Korea

SVC Missions Committee

Bill Kenny, chairman Dick Speece, vice-chairman Dick Baxter Lisa Hanley Tammi Hollis Tom Smith Susan Sutherland Terry Warren Alva Wolfe

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 encourage 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 nandatory 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 nherent 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 Prophecy

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