

| ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD  |                        |            |
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| “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” |                        |            |
| – James 1:5  |                        |            |
| December 1, 2019   | First Sunday of Advent | 10:00 a.m. |

| God Calls Us to Worship |  |          |
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| Welcome                 |  |          |
| Prelude                 | Veni Emmanuel<br>Ms. Lisa Barry, organ   | Bairstow |
| Call to Worship         |  |          |
| * Responsive reading    | Psalm 24:3–9<br>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?<br><b>He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.</b><br>Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.<br><b>Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.</b><br>Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!<br><b>Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.</b> |          |
| * Hymn                  | Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!   | TRURO    |

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| <b>Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold the King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.</b>    |  |  |
| <b>A helper just He comes to thee; His chariot is humility. His kingly crown is holiness; His scepter, pity in distress.</b>                       |  |  |
| <b>O blest the land, the city blest where Christ the Ruler is confessed. O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes.</b>    |  |  |
| <b>Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart From earthly use for heav’n’s employ adorned with prayer and love and joy.</b> |  |  |
| <b>Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide. Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal.</b>           |  |  |
| <b>So come, my Sovereign, enter in. Let new and nobler life begin. Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on until the glorious crown be won.</b>               |  |  |

\* Prayer of Adoration

| God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin |   |  |
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| New Testament Lesson            | Luke 2:40–52<br>This is the word of the Lord.<br><b>Thanks be to God!</b> |  |

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| General Prayer of Confession   |  |  |
| <b>Gracious God, we confess that we are sinful people. We confess that our sin burdens us, confuses us, and, apart from Your grace, would undo us. Help us to find ease for our burdens, answers for our confusion, and healing for our pain. Help us to find our comfort in the One who was tempted in every way that we are, yet never sinned. Grant us greater knowledge of, and a deeper relationship with, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.</b> |  |  |

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| Silent Prayers of Confession |                         |               |
| Prayer of Intercession       |                         |               |
| Assurance of Pardon          | Pastor Jim Bachmann     |               |
| * Hymn                       | O Come, O Come Emmanuel | VENI EMMANUEL |

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| <b>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.</b>                                 |  |  |
| <b>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.</b>       |  |  |
| <b>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.</b>          |  |  |
| <b>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.</b> |  |  |
| <b>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.</b>               |  |  |

| God Calls Us to Give and Serve                        |  |            |
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| God’s Tithe and Our Offerings                         |  |            |
| Anthem  | Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation<br>Stephens Valley Church Choir | Neale/Wood |
| Mrs. Kathleen German and Mr. Jerry Jennings, soloists |  |            |

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone; chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants what they ask of Thee to gain, what they gain from Thee forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in Thy glory evermore with Thee to reign. To this temple where we call Thee come, O Lord of hosts, today; with Thy wonted loving-kindess hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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| * Presentation of Gifts | REGENT SQUARE<br><b>Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.</b><br>(Children ages 4–6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church, room #38.) |  |
| * Prayer of Dedication  |  |  |

| God Calls Us to Study His Word |  |                    |
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| Prayer for Illumination        |  |                    |
| Old Testament Lesson           | Isaiah 9:1–7<br>All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.<br><b>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.</b> |                    |
| Sermon                         | Wonderful Counselor  | Pastor Heath Cross |
| Prayer of Supplication         |  |                    |

| God Calls Us to His Table |   |           |
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| Words of Institution      |   |           |
| Breaking the Bread        | At the Cross/Near the Cross<br>Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ | arr. Good |
| Sharing the Cup           |   |           |
| * Hymn                    | Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  | HYFRYDOL  |

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| <b>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.</b>                  |  |  |
| <b>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.”</b> |  |  |
| <b>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.</b>              |  |  |
| <b>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.</b>                            |  |  |

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| * Benediction           |   |         |
| * Postlude              | The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns<br>Ms. Lisa Barry, organ | Johnson |
| * congregation standing |   |         |

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

**Greetings** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We warmly welcome you this morning and invite you to the cafeteria following the service for refreshments and fellowship.

**Building Update:** The bathroom fixtures and flooring as well as the ceiling grids on the second floor have been installed. The prime and first coat of painting is complete. Exterior stone and brick work and interior drywall installation is nearing completion. Curbs, sidewalk work, and window installation will start this week. The gas meter and line are scheduled to be installed this week. Permanent power is scheduled to be available on December 11. The elevator installation is scheduled for December 16. Our scheduled occupancy is estimated to be at the end of January.

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** Make plans to join our new neighbors in the Stephens Valley community for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting this Thursday, December 5. We will gather in Meriwether Park for music and mingling at 5:45 p.m., the tree lighting takes place at 6:00 p.m., and cookies and caroling will follow.

**SVC Women:** All women are encouraged to participate in one or more ministry committees in the new year. Please visit the table in the lobby in order to sign up. There are six options: Grief & Mercy, Prayer, New Members, Widows, Fellowship, and Meals to New Moms. Please prayerfully consider which ministry you would like to serve—you will definitely be blessed!



**Advent Dinner:** Make plans to be with us on Thursday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Advent Dinner at the Richland Country Club. We look forward to excellent food, delightful fellowship, and the ministry of the Nashville Singers at this happy celebration. The suggested donation is \$55 per person. Please make your reservation on the church website.

**Advent Dinner Reservations**

(as of the bulletin printing on 11/27/19)

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Andrews, Bill     | Compson, Jim     | Kimery, Ron       |
| Andrews, Lin      | Compson, Linda   | Lara, Anne        |
| Avery, John       | Crim, Joy        | Lara, Carlos      |
| Avery, Sarah      | Crim, Wayne      | Lewelling, Brenda |
| Bachmann, Jim     | Dorsa, Diane     | Lewelling, Dale   |
| Bachmann, Kristen | Eades, Joe       | Mayo, Jesse       |
| Bachmann, Stewart | Eades, Vernon    | Mayo, Kim         |
| Barry, Lisa       | Edwards, Betsy   | Meyers, Touria    |
| Bates, John       | Edwards, Bob     | Monger, Carol     |
| Bates, Kaki       | Evelt, Jan       | Monger, Lyle      |
| Baxter, Dick      | Ferrell, Bobby   | Morin, Margaret   |
| Baxter, Jane      | Ferrell, Brenda  | Myrick, Jim       |
| Bishop, Leslie    | German, David    | Myrick, Mary      |
| Bishop, Mike      | German, Kathleen | Nichol, Bob       |
| Brownlee, Denny   | Hamilton, Ron    | Nichol, Prudy     |
| Brownlee, Sandy   | Hamilton, Sue    | Parnell, Scott    |
| Burr, Kevin       | Hutton, Eddie    | Pearson, Edna     |
| Burr, Melissa     | Hutton, Linda    | Pearson, Roy      |
| Burton, Andy      | Jennings, Jerry  | Poteet, Ann       |
| Burton, Carolyn   | Jennings, Nancy  | Potter, Patsy     |
| Carpenter, Chris  | Jones, Dave      | Potter, Ted       |
| Carpenter, Paul   | Jones, Karen     | Potts, Carolyn    |
| Clark, Bill       | Keaton, Susan    | Powers, Theresa   |
| Clark, Susan Ann  | Kimery, Donna    | Roche, Charles    |

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

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| Today, 8:20 a.m.     | Officers’ prayer meeting, Room 18   |
| Today, 9:00 a.m.     | Sunday School for all ages  |
| Today, 10:00 a.m.    | Worship service   |
| Monday, 9:00 a.m.    | Sabbatical Search Career Group, Panera Bread at Green Hills Mall                    |
| Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.  | SVC Women’s Christmas Luncheon (2202 Crestmoor Rd.)                                 |
| Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.   | Deacons’ Meeting (Bill Serie’s office)  |
| Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.   | Sweet Half Hour of Prayer, 5031 Hillsboro Pike, in the St. Paul Chapel, first floor |
| Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. | Choir rehearsal (Julia Green auditorium)  |
| Thursday, 5:45 p.m.  | Christmas Tree Lighting in the Stephens Valley community (441 Union Bridge Rd.)     |

**ELDERS**

| <u>Class of 2019</u> | <u>Class of 2020</u> | <u>Class of 2021</u>            | <u>Emeritus</u>     |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| *Mike Bishop         | *John Avery          | *Keith Day                      | Joe Eades           |
| *Ron Kimery          | *Bob Edwards         | Danny Hale                      | Charlie Fentress    |
| *Jim Spann           | *Louis Joseph        | *Bill Kenny                     | Clarence Sutherland |
|                      | *Dale Lewelling      | Dick Speece                     |                     |
|                      |                      | William Tice                    |                     |
|                      |                      | Walt Valentine                  |                     |
|                      |                      | Terry Warren                    |                     |
|                      |                      | <i>* denotes Council member</i> |                     |

**DEACONS**

| <u>Class of 2019</u> | <u>Class of 2020</u> | <u>Class of 2021</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Bill Clark           | Ron Hamilton         | Dick Baxter          |
| Jesse Mayo, Chair    | Carlos Lara          | Steven Moore         |
| Roy Pearson          | Mike Miller          | Bill Serie           |
| Vernon Prevatt       |                      | Caleb Raymer         |

**Corporation Officers**

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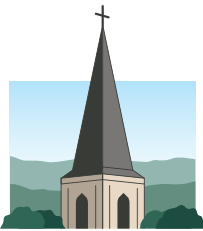
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