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“Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”
– Hebrews 5:8–9

December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m.

God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome

Choral Introit Four Recitatives and Glory to God Handel
Ms. Angie Thomas, soprano
Stephens Valley Church Choir and Orchestra

Call to Worship

* Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.**

**O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above.
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n.
Word of the Father late in flesh appearing.**

* Prayer of Adoration

Anthem One Small Child Meece/Hayes
Stephens Valley Church Choir and Orchestra

One small child in land of a thousand, one small dream of a Savior tonight, one small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small city of life. One king bringing his gold and riches, one king ruling an army of might, one king kneeling with incense and candlelight, one King bringing us life. See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him; see Him smiling in the stall. See His mother praising His Father; see His tiny eyelids fall. One small light from the flame of a candle, one small light from a city of mighty, one small light from the stars in the endless night, one small light from a face. See the shepherds kneeling before Him; see the kings on bended knee. See His mother praising His father; see the Blessed Infant sleep.

God Calls Us to Repent

New Testament Lesson Revelation 12:1–6
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession
Merciful Lord and God, we ask Your forgiveness of our many sins. You are the author of every good and perfect gift, especially the gift of Your only

begotten Son. For His sake we ask that our iniquities be pardoned, our sins be atoned, and our scarlet sins be washed whiter than snow. Have mercy upon us, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Pastor Heath Cross

* Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains;
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

God Calls Us to Give and Serve

God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem How Great Our Joy arr. Courtney
Stephens Valley Church Choir

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright. How great our joy. There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a Child today. How great our joy. There shall a Child lie in a stall, this Child who shall redeem us all. This gift of God we’ll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill. Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high. How great our joy.

* Presentation of Gifts QUELLE EST CETTE

**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.**
(Children ages 4–6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church, room #38.)

* Prayer of Dedication

God Calls Us to Study His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:13–18
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 The Christmas Calamity Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

God Calls Us to His Table

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread Silent Night! arr. Forrest
Stephens Valley Church Choir and Orchestra

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heav’nly peace. Silent night! Holy Night! Son of God, love’s pure light, radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth. Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing “Alleluia to our King, Christ the Savior is born.”

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn Festival First Nowell arr. Forrest

**The first noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter’s night that
was so deep;
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.**

Women only:
They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far:
Men only:
**And to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and
night.**
Choir only:
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.

Congregation joins:
**Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heav’n and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind
hath bought
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.**

* Benediction

* Postlude In Dulci Jubilo Vivien
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

Stephens Valley Church Orchestra

Violin: David Davidson, David Angell, Conni Ellisor, Karen Winkelmann, Maria Manning
Viola: Elizabeth Lamb
Cello: Anthony LaMarchina
String Bass: Craig Nelson
Trumpet: Steve Patrick, Mike Casteel
French Horn: Beth Beeson
Trombone: Matt Jefferson
Tuba: Paul Carpenter
Timpani: Sam Bacco

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We warmly welcome you on this fourth Sunday in Advent and invite you to the cafeteria following the service for refreshments and fellowship. We also welcome our guest musicians this morning. Merry Christmas to everyone!

IN MEMORIAM

Virgil Walter Francis III

May 3, 1938—December 12, 2019

Sympathy: We express sympathy to Carole Francis in the loss of her husband, Bud, and to Travis Lamb in the loss of his mother.

New Building Needs: Thank you for your donations to the youth room. We are looking for one last item: a PlayStation 4 Slim with 3 additional wireless controllers. The church will also be in need of a **golf cart** to shuttle older members from the parking lot to the church building. Please contact Lu Miller with questions.

New Sunday School class: Pastor Heath Cross begins a Sunday School class series today on the topic of discovering God’s will for your life. He will share his testimony of reading Genesis 3 as a non-believer and how it led him to seek God’s will for his life. The class meets in Room 37.

Christmas Eve service: Join us at Chaffin’s Barn Dinner Theater (8204 Hwy 100) on Tuesday evening for a 45-minute candlelight service from 4:30–5:15 p.m. Invite friends and family to join you!

Mercy Offering: Our elders have approved a special mercy offering for Tuff Slate, 14-year-old grandson of Phil Slate who is the superintendent of our construction project. Tuff was recently run over by an SUV and is hospitalized at Vanderbilt Hospital facing numerous surgeries and a very long road to recovery. This offering will be collected at our Christmas Eve service and administered by our Benevolence Committee. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Congregational Meeting: The Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 19, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of voting upon the following deacon and elder candidates: deacons, Mr. Kevin Burr and Mr. Will Powell; elders, Mr. Cullen Smith and Mr. Tom Smith.

SVC Men’s Bible Study: Mr. Craig Valentine has offered to lead a men’s Bible study after the first of the year. If you are interested in participating please speak to Craig or sign up in the school lobby. Details regarding the day, time and location for the study are forthcoming.

Carpooling: If you are currently carpooling to church on Sundays, please confirm that your arrangement will continue in our new church home. If you need a ride now or when we move to the new church building, please contact Roy Pearson.

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

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
Tuesday	Church office closed
Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve service, Chaffin’s Barn Dinner Theater (8204 Hwy 100)
Wednesday	Church office closed
Thursday	Church office closed
Friday, 10:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast, Corner Pub (8058 Hwy 100)

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
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		William Tice	
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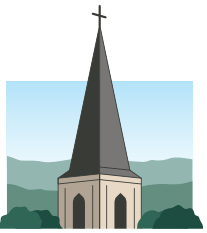
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