



SYCAMORE
PRESBYTERIAN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Committed to Christ & His Word

To know Christ personally

To mature spiritually

To build community

To show God's love faithfully

December 9, 2018

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00AM

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WELCOME TO SYCAMORE!

Thank you for worshipping with us at Sycamore Presbyterian Church! It is exciting to be a part of what God is doing in our community, and we look forward to getting to know you.

We want to be a church that is committed to Christ and His Word, and to be a church that really loves one another. We want to provide a good environment for those who are just becoming interested in Christ to learn and grow without feeling the pressure to pretend to be more “spiritual” than they are, as well as provide opportunity for those who are experienced and committed to serve.

We would love to have you join with us as we seek:

- ◆ **To know Christ personally** – Faith begins with a personal commitment to Christ, trusting in Him as Savior and Lord.
- ◆ **To mature spiritually** – Faith grows through commitment to His Word, studying and applying the Scriptures, transforming every area of life.
- ◆ **To build community** – Faith is evident in our love for one another. Jesus said, “By this the world will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.” This involves commitment beyond Sunday morning to small groups in which we pray and care for one another.
- ◆ **To show God’s love faithfully** – Faith is expressed through witness and mercy. As God’s love is shown for us in Christ, who gave his life for us, we are to show God’s love to others, giving ourselves to share Christ with them, and serving in our community, our city, and our world.

That others might know Christ personally...

Harry D. Long
Senior Pastor

Prayer of Belief:

“Lord Jesus Christ, I know I am a sinner and do not deserve eternal life.

But, I believe You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for me.

Lord Jesus, come into my life; take control of my life; forgive my sins and save me. I repent of my sins and now place my trust in You for my salvation.

I accept the free gift of eternal life. Amen.”

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME *(please silence cell phones)*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

HYMN OF PRAISE*

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#218

PRAYER OF ADORATION

MINISTRY MOMENT

REACH Campaign

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-13

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

**But made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself
and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

All:

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

HYMN OF PURPOSE*

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

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PRAYER OF PETITION & THANKSGIVING

8:30 Don Boone

11:00 Phil Rohrer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Sussex Carol

Sanctuary Carol

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gloria Patri #734

Glory be to the Father, And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

BENEDICTION*

CLOSING REFRAIN*

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

POSTLUDE

*Be sure to introduce yourself to someone that you don't know
and welcome them to Sycamore.*

**Congregation please stand*

SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon Series

Advent 2018
Son of David, Son of God

Harry Long

Week 1: A Shepherd
Week 2: A Servant
Week 3: A Savior
Week 4: A King

Sermon: A Servant

"...and you will find him wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

1. A servant is a low position

"...you will find a baby...lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

- David entered Saul's service 1 Samuel 16:14-23

- Jesus left glory to become a servant Philippians 2:6-8a

2. A servant does his master's bidding

1 Samuel 17:34-37

"they found...the baby, who was lying in a manger" Luke 2:14

- David pleased Saul 1 Samuel 16:21-22

- Jesus became obedient to death Philippians 2:8b

3. Jesus served by giving his life as a ransom for many

Matthew 20:28

"...a Savior has been born to you." 1 Samuel 17:35-37

-- Jesus did his Father's will in everything John 6:38

- Jesus became obedient – even to death on a cross Philippians 2:8b

- He prayed in anguish, "Thy will..." Matt. 26:39

Application: "Your attitude should be the same..."

Philippians 2:5

Matthew 20:25-28

John 13:12-15

Distinction: Position/Responsibility

PRAYER

MISSIONS:

Phil and Nora Gelston, Christ Church of Wiesbaden, Germany. Last Sunday marked the 7th anniversary of our first worship service in Wiesbaden. God has been very good to bless us over the years. While we still have many challenges before us, there are many good developments to report. First, after being hit by a larger than normal exodus of US families last summer (due to their relocating back to the US), our attendance in worship and in midweek programs has either stayed the same or grown somewhat! Second, a growing number of local Wiesbadens have begun attending or joined our church this year. This is key to our stability as a fellowship because these locals don't move away nearly as often as the Americans. Third, our German Hauskreis (small group) is healthy and moving forward. This group's health and growth is crucial to the long term goal of beginning a German language worship service. One goal that remains before us is being able to have our own meeting space for worship, mid-week meetings and fellowship events. We are also in need of church officers. Please pray that God would raise up qualified men to serve in the offices of elder and deacon in 2019. Concerning us a family, the Gelston's continue to be well! We ask that you continue to pray for us as a family and as a church! May the Lord bless and keep you all!

OUR DENOMINATION:

Committee on Discipleship Ministries

OUR CONGREGATION:

VIP Ministry (Seniors)

OUR COMMUNITY:

Young Life Chesterfield County, Matt & Erin Bouknight

OUR CITY:

We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For persons who are lonely or have persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

In our Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving, we rotate praying for the various ministries and needs of our denomination, congregation, community and city, as well as praying for the personal needs within our congregation.

He Shall Reign Forevermore

1. In the bleak mid-winter all creation groans
For a world in darkness frozen like a stone
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne

Chorus:

(And) He shall reign forevermore forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore
Unto us a Child is born; the King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

2. If I were a wise man I would travel far
If I were a shepherd I would do my part
But poor as I am I will give to Him my heart

Bridge:

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice: Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears the Savior of the world appears
The promise eternal years: Christ the Messiah

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Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa
and Stuart Townend



1. Sing we the song of Em - ma - nu - el, this the Christ who was long fore - told.
2. Come we to wel come Em - ma - nu - el, King who came with no crown or throne.
3. Go spread the news of Em - ma - nu - el, joy and peace for the wea - ry heart.



Lo, in the sha dows of Beth - le - hem, pro mise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.
Help less He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble, Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's Son.
Lift up your heads for Your King has come. Sing for the Light o - verwhelms the dark.



God Most High in a man - ger laid. Lift our voi - ces and now pro claim:
Oh, what wis dom to save us all. Shep herds, sa - ges, be - fore Him fall.
Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see. Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.



Great and glo - ri - ous love has come to us! Join now with the host of hea - ven.
Grace and ma - je - sty, what hu - mi - li - ty. Come on ben - ded knee a - dore Him.
God has made a way, He will have the praise, tell the world His name is Je - sus.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

*By taking note of Advent,
we focus our hearts on the Glory
of the Incarnation of Christ.*

Advent is a season of preparation before Christmas. Sometime after the sixth century, the church designated the four Sundays before Christmas as Advent.

The word “advent” means “coming” and refers to the coming of Jesus. The wreath symbolizes the meaning of the Advent Season as a visual reminder of the coming of Christ.

The Advent candles contrast darkness and light. Darkness symbolizes sin and separation from God, and light symbolizes the rich Messianic promise that God’s people will see a “great light.” The four Advent candles on the wreath are lit successively. One candle the first week, two candles the second week, and so on. This tradition of increasing the number of candles each week sharpens our anticipation as it reminds us that we are getting closer and closer to the celebration of Christ’s birth.

*The flowers in the foyer
are given in memory of
Bob Williford,
by his friends.*

THIS WEEK AT SPC



Sunday:

Sunday Worship 8:30 and 11:00 am

Hispanic Worship Service: 11:15 am

Adult Sunday School 10:00 -10:50 am

Youth Group: *Middle School 5:00-6:30 pm*

High School 6:30-8:00 pm

Monday:

12:00 pm Prayer Meeting room 25

Tuesday:

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:45 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am ESL

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

6:00-7:30 pm MS Boys Bible Study / MS Girls Bible Study

7:30-8:30 pm HS Boys Bible Study / HS Girls Bible Study

Wednesday:

6:30 pm Christmas Youth Choir

6:30 pm Christmas Adult Choir

7:30 pm Men's Choir

Thursday:

3:00 pm Knitting His Love

Friday:

6:00 am Men's Bible Study (*contact Brian Kaman for details*)

5:30 pm High School Night of Fun!

Christmas Concert This Weekend!

Join us for an evening of Christmas worship and celebration....

- *Saturday, December 15, at 7:00pm:* Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, and Christmas Youth Choir.
- *Sunday, December 16, at 4:00pm:* Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Men's Choir, and Sycamore Ringers.



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Michael Breakall, Music Director
Grace Keen, Youth Intern
Sheree Coy, Bookkeeper
Kate Maguire, Administrative Assistant
Margarita Wallace, Administrative Assistant

Elders:

Jim Bates - Rob Cross - Peter Martin - Stephen Righter
Trevor Roberts - Jim Shefferly - Jim Ulmer - Gene Whitehead

Deacons:

Tyler Burgess - Brian Gabriel - Greg McCarthy - Pat Murphy
Steve O’Brien - Scott Shefferly - Frank Stokes - John Vick - Chris Wells

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

November 2018 – Year to Date

ACTUAL

Income \$730,733
Expenses \$739,562

BUDGET

\$702,240 (over budget (\$28,493))
\$726,396 (over budget (\$13,166))

December’s offering goal: \$140,000

December’s offering: \$22,818 – 16%

REACH CAMPAIGN:

Giving To Date: \$145,066

Total Goal: \$495,000