

Order for the Worship of God

11 A.M.

The Prelude

The Welcome & Exhortation to Worship

The Introit *Sing We Now O Christmas* French Noel

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *The Light of Hope*
Evelyn Smit

* **The Call to Worship** – Luke 1:46-49

* **Hymn of Praise No. 218** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

* **The Prayer of Invocation & Gloria Patri**

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.

* **The Confession of Faith** – Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response *Hear Our Prayer, O LORD*

The LORD's Tithes and Our Offerings

(Please sign & pass the registration pad)

The Offertory

* **The Doxology** Old Hundredth
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **The New Testament Reading** – Matthew 1:18-25 (pg. 807)

The Anthem *O Come, O Come Immanuel* arr. John Rutter
O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from the depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. 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. O come, thou key of David, come, and open wide our home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

* **Hymn of Preparation No. 213** *What Child Is This*
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church)

* **The Old Testament Reading** – Isaiah 7:1-17 (pg. 571-72)

The Sermon *Isaiah's Christmas: God with Us* Rev. Joel Smit

The Private Confession of Sin

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Father, we gather before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, Whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O LORD, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our LORD.”

Hymn of Preparation No. 193 (1-2) *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Fencing the Table
The Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 193 (3-4)** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

* **The Benediction**

* **The Congregational Chorus Psalm 23:6** CRIMOND
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Bill Stevenson Fund Offering Rear of Sanctuary

* **The Postlude**

* The congregation stands.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

<i>LORD's Day</i>	-	9:15 A.M.	-	Prayer Time
		9:45 A.M.	-	Adult & Children Sunday School
		10:30 A.M.	-	Fellowship Time
		11:00 A.M.	-	Worship of Almighty God
		6:00 P.M.	-	Evening Worship Service
<i>Tuesday</i>	-	10:00 A.M.	-	Love Circle meeting
		7:15 A.M.	-	Gentleness Circle meeting
<i>Wednesday</i>	-	5:30 P.M.	-	Spaghetti dinner
		6:30 P.M.	-	Adult Bible study, King's Kids, FACT, Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i>	-	10:00 A.M.	-	Faithfulness Circle meeting
<i>Saturday</i>	-	8:45 A.M.	-	Kindness Circle meeting
<i>Sunday</i>	-	12:15 P.M.	-	Congregational meeting

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL: On Wednesday, December 5th we will have spaghetti, a salad bar, garlic bread, and dessert for dinner. The cost is \$4 per person with a \$12 cap per family. After the meal, we will gather for a time of prayer & Bible study. We look forward to seeing you all there.

DECEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 4th—10:00 A.M.

Love Circle - Will meet in the church parlor. Nursery is provided.

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Gentleness Circle - Will meet at the home of Page Whitfield.

Thursday, December 6th—10:00 A.M.

Faithfulness Circle – Will meet in the church parlor.

Saturday, December 8th—8:45 A.M.

Kindness Circle - Will meet in the church fellowship hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We will have a congregational meeting immediately following morning worship on Sunday, December 9th for the purpose of electing officers. Elder nominees are Rob Hines, John Milberger, David Stallings, and Dwight Thomas. Deacon nominees are Wayne Hughes and Spencer King.

CHOIR CONCERT: The Choir will present Handel's oratorio **MESSIAH** on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m. A reception immediately following in fellowship hall.

KEENAGERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 18th. We will meet at the home of the Ogburns beginning at 11:30 a.m. for a catered Christmas luncheon. Please let the Ogburns know if you plan to attend.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY: The youth group will have a Christmas pizza party on Wednesday, December 19th from 5:30- 8:00 p.m. We will be playing holiday games and exchanging gifts. We ask each student to bring a wrapped Christmas gift valued at not more than \$15 that can be exchanged with anyone else in the group. We hope to see you there!

CRAFTS & CAROLS: Crafts and Carols will be held Sunday, December 23rd beginning at 3:30 p.m. followed by a soup dinner. We need volunteers to assist with crafts. Please contact Jenny Powell @ 678.596.1399. Following the dinner, the children of SPC will present “A Christmas Pageant.” Rehearsal for the pageant will be on Saturday, December 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All costumes are provided. Please encourage your children to participate. Contact Jim Ogburn @ 678.296.9056.

BABY SHOWER: All ladies are invited to attend a baby shower for Britta (Jordan) Lee hosted by the Love Circle on Saturday, January 5th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Brunch will be provided. Britta & Jordan are expecting a baby boy and are registered at Amazon.

ANNUAL HATS & GLOVE TREE: The Missions Committee will be sponsoring our annual Hats and Gloves Tree to benefit Smyrna MUST Ministries again this year. The tree will be up through New Years. We are collecting new adult and children sized hats, gloves, scarves and socks. If you have any questions, please contact Mark or Pat Jackson. These items have always been joyfully received by the staff at MUST for distribution as there are individuals in our community who do not have heat in their homes. Let us give generously.

NORTON PARK: Norton Park Elementary is an at-risk school in our community, where 99% of students qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch due to family economic hardship. When school is out of session, i.e. fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, winter, spring and summer breaks, many of these children go without food. SPC has committed to filling the pantry at Norton Park so that these children are fed during these times. In anticipation of the holiday, our next shopping date will be December 10th and we need your help! To fully stock the pantry each break, it takes from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00. It is important to note that this is not a line item in the SPC budget, but rather a faith-based giving opportunity. To ensure that students have food through the holiday, we need to come together as a Church to raise the funds needed for the students at Norton Park. Please prayerfully consider donating to this important ministry. Any amount you can give will make a difference in the lives of these children in our community. Thank you so much for your support.

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

December 2nd

Church Wing— Dan & Donna Hall
 School Wing— David & Gail Stallings

December 9th

Church Wing— Jill, Gina, & Stella Fogarty
 School Wing— Howard & Jean Campbell

UPCOMING NURSERY WORKERS

If you have a conflict, change your date with someone else and contact the staffing coordinator. Please note: You may request a CD for the message preached during your time of service; see the audio team in the sound booth for a copy.

December 2nd

Infant— Crystal Katrek/Page Whitfield
 Toddler— Smadja Hart/Dwight Thomas
 2's & 3's—Tansy Ridings/Rose Zang
 Extra—Danny Powell
 Floater—Paige Crooks
 Children's Church—Paris Garrett/Eryn Ridings

December 9th

Infant— Amy Stiles/Kelly Becker
 Toddler— Jean Campbell/Howard Campbell
 2's & 3's—Anh Phan/Ruth O'Neal
 Extra—Max Thelen
 Floater—Ella Becker
 Children's Church—Britta Lee/Adam Crooks

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Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

- The Prelude
- The Words of Welcome
- * The Call to Worship
- * The Psalm – 117A CHRISTMAS CM
- The Prayer of Invocation
- The Hymn – 228 *Saw You Never, in the Twilight*
- The Psalter Reading Westminster Shorter Catechism 26-28 (pg. 871)
- The Offering & Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory
- The Evening Prayer
- The Hymn – 216 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
- * The Reading of God's Word Hosea 9:1-17 (pg. 755-56)
- The Sermon *From Fruited Plains to Forsaken Wilderness* Rev. Joel Smit
- * Hymn of Thanksgiving – 221 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
- * The Benediction
- The Postlude

Elders

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

~ I Timothy 5:17

<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Rob Hines	Rob MacGregor	Dan Hall
John Milberger	David Owen	Bill Pruett
David Stallings		

Elder Emeritus

Gene Hall Chip Howell Don Wilkes

Deacons

For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. ~ I Timothy 3:13

<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>	
Dervon Douglas	Mike Becker	Matt Ramsey
Danny Powell	Andy Fogarty	James Wesley
	Buddy Kelly	



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The First Sunday of Advent

The ministry of Smyrna Presbyterian Church exists to worship the triune God by preaching, praying, singing, and living the Holy Scripture so as to know Christ as a covenant community of believers and to make Him known in our community and world.