

## Order for the Worship of God

11 A.M.

“And Mary said, “my soul magnifies the LORD...”  
~ Luke 1:46

**The Prelude** “Come Now, Savior of the Nations” J. S. Bach  
BWV 659

### \* The Welcome & Exhortation to Worship

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath** *The Light of Hope-* Colossians 1:27  
(Acolyte-Paige Crooks)

**The Introit** *Sing We Now O Christmas* French Noel

### \* The Call to Worship – 1 Samuel 2:2-3 (ESV)

\* **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 – Isaiah 9:2, 3, 6, 7

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**

Pastor: You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy;

**People: They rejoice before You, as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

Pastor: For to us a child is born; to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

**People: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom.

**People: To establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness**

Pastor: From this time forth and forevermore.

**ALL: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

### 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** “Come Now, Savior of the Nations” D. Buxtehude  
*BuxWV 211*

\* **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 Anthem** *Come to the Manger, Emmanuel* Carl Fischer  
*Emma Hovey ~ Flute*

*Come to the manger, Emmanuel, come to the manger on earth to dwell, shepherds and wisemen await Your birth, now bring us Your peace to all the earth. Come to the manger as child and King, O LORD, to You we sing. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little LORD Jesus shall lay down His head. The stars in the sky shall look down where He lay, the little LORD Jesus asleep on the hay. Be near us LORD Jesus, we praise Your name, stay by us forever. Come to the manger Emmanuel, come to us, LORD, Your name we proclaim; a song from our hearts we sing on high. LORD we angels announce that Your birth is nigh. Glory to God with joyful voice, all gather together to sing and rejoice; prepare for the Savior so meek and mild, and follow the star to the holy Child. Come to the manger, Emmanuel, come to the manger on earth to dwell; glory to God Who reigns above, O holy Child come in peace and love.*

\* **Hymn of Preparation No. 213** *What Child Is This*  
(Children K4-1<sup>st</sup> grade dismissed to children’s church)

### \* The New Testament Reading – Luke 1:46-55 (pg. 856)

**The Sermon** *Christmas Playlist: Mary’s Song* Rev. Joel Smit

### The Private Confession of Sin

#### The Corporate Confession of Sin

**Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before You; our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. But You, O LORD, have mercy upon us; who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from secret faults; and forgive our sins; for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; help us, we ask You; to live in Your light and walk in Your ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our LORD. 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 (v. 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 (v. 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.*

**Offering of Stevenson Scholarship Contributions** Rear of Sanctuary

\* **The Postlude** “Toccata on ‘Come Now Savior of the Nations’” Paul Manz  
*Op. 5, No.10*

\* The congregation stands.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

*LORD’s Day* - 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 of Almighty God

*Tuesday* - 10:00 A.M. - Love Circle meeting  
7:15 P.M. - Gentleness Circle meeting

*Wednesday* - 5:45 P.M. - Chinese chicken dumplings dinner  
7:00 P.M. - Adult Bible study, King’s Kids  
PYF, Choir Rehearsal

*Thursday* - 10:00 A.M. - Faithfulness Circle meeting

*Saturday* - 8:45 A.M. - Kindness Circle meeting

*Sunday* - 12:15 A.M. - Congregational meeting

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> we will have Chinese chicken dumplings, stir fry veggies, fried rice, fruit, and dessert for dinner. The cost is \$4 per person with a \$12 cap per family. If you plan to eat dinner, please sign the sign-up sheet.

### DECEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Tuesday, December 5th—10:00 A.M.**

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

**Tuesday, December 5th—7:15 P.M.**

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

**Thursday, December 7th—10:00 A.M.**

Faithfulness Circle – Will meet in the church parlor.

**Saturday, December 9th—8:45 A.M.**

Kindness Circle - Will meet in the church fellowship hall.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A congregational meeting has been called and set by the Session of Smyrna Presbyterian for Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> following morning worship for the purpose of selecting officers for the 2020 class. The following have been approved by the session – Elders: Dan Hall & Bill Pruet; Deacons: Mike Becker, Andy Fogarty, Buddy Kelly, Matt Ramsey, & James Wesley.

**SHEPHERDING LUNCH:** There will be a Shepherding group lunch at the home of Bill & Linda Pruet after church next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already RSVP’d, please speak with Bill or Linda today.

**KEENAGERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** The Keenagers Christmas luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Jim & Lisa Ogburn. Please let Jim or Lisa know if you plan to attend.

**HATS & GLOVES TREE:** It’s the fourth annual hats & gloves tree to benefit Smyrna MUST Ministries. The tree will be in the foyer through Christmas. Please donate hats, gloves, scarves, and socks to the tree. This is sponsored by the SPC Missions Committee. Please see Scott Holland or Mark & Pat Jackson for details.

**TENTH ANNUAL CRAFTS & CAROLS:** Our annual Crafts & Carols will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Children K-4 through sixth grade are invited to come and make Christmas crafts with their parents. This will be followed by a church-wide soup and sandwich dinner at 5:00 p.m. Please see Pat Jackson for details.

**SPC CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The SPC Christmas Pageant will be held following the Crafts & Carols dinner on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have rehearsals on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., and Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Questions? See Kelly Becker.

**FEED NORTON PARK:** We will refill the pantry for the Christmas holiday break on December 7<sup>th</sup>. It typically takes about \$1,600 to fill the pantry. Please provide donations or goods towards this outreach ministry.

**UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

**December 3rd**  
Church Wing— Rose Zang  
School Wing— Jim & Janice Pitts

**December 10th**  
Church Wing— Dan & Donna Hall  
School Wing— David & Gail Stallings

**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 3rd**  
Infant— Amy Stiles/Page Whitfield  
Toddler— Caroline Wesley/Shirley Hovey  
2's & 3's—Tansy Ridings/Scott Holland  
Extra— Scott Crooks  
Floater—Denise Phan  
Children's Church—Mary MacGregor

**December 10th**  
Infant— Jill Fogarty/Freida Breazeal  
Toddler— Leah Thomas/Michele Crooks  
2's & 3's—Susan Holland/Wayne Hughes  
Extra—Buddy Kelly  
Floater—Adam Crooks  
Children's Church—Lucy Katrek

**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 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Dan Hall	Rob Hines	Rob MacGregor
Bill Pruett	John Milberger	David Owen
	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 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Mike Becker	Dervon Douglas
Matt Ramsey	Danny Powell
James Wesley	

**Evening Worship  
6:00 P.M.**

*“When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed.”*

~ Joshua 5:8

- The Prelude
- The Words of Welcome
- \* The Call to Worship
- \* The Psalm – 70A NOEL NOUVELET
- \* The Prayer of Invocation
- \* The Hymn – 211 *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*
- Psalter Reading Psalm 37:23-40 (pg. 798)
- The Offering & Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory
- The Evening Prayer
- The Hymn - 217 *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*
- \* The Reading of God's Word Joshua 5:1-9 (pg. 180)
- The Sermon *Celebrating the Sacrament – Circumcision/Baptism*  
Rev. Joel Smit
- \* Hymn of Thanksgiving – 219 *All Praise to Thee, Eternal LORD*
- \* The Benediction



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