

## Order for the Worship of God

11 A.M.

**The Prelude** *Pastoral Symphony* G. F. Handel

### The Welcome & Exhortation to Worship

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

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Light of Faith**  
Acolyte Caden Hughes

### \* The Call to Worship – Luke 1:78-79

*“The tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

\* **Hymn of Praise No. 208** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

### \* The Prayer of Invocation

### \* 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.**

\* **Hymn of Assurance No. 215** *While by the Sheep We Watched at Night*

### 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** *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J. S. Bach

\* **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** – John 1:1-18 (pg. 886)

**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. 211** *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*  
(Children K4-1<sup>st</sup> grade dismissed to children's church)

\* **The Old Testament Reading** – Isaiah 9:1-7 (pg. 573)

**The Sermon** *Isaiah's Christmas: To Us a Child is Born* Rev. Joel Smit

\* **Hymn of Affirmation No. 194** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### \* 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.*

\* **The Postlude** *Noël Suisse* Louis-Claude Daquin

\* 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  
12:15 P.M. - Congregational Meeting  
6:00 P.M. - Evening Worship Service  
*Monday* - 8:00 P.M. - Men's Bible study  
*Wednesday* - 5:30 P.M. - Glazed meatball dinner  
6:30 P.M. - Adult Bible study, King's Kids, FACT, Choir Rehearsal  
*Saturday* - 8:30 A.M. - Men of the Covenant  
*Sunday* - 6:00 P.M. - Choir Concert

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** On Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> we will have glazed meatballs, rice, green beans with bacon, rolls, 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** We will have a congregational meeting immediately following morning worship today 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.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Men's Bible study will meet tomorrow evening, Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Matt Hammond.

**MEN OF THE COVENANT:** The men of Smyrna Presbyterian Church will gather for our Bible study & a season of prayer on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served.

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

**KEENAGERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9th**

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

**December 16th**

Church Wing— Smadja Hart  
School Wing— Crystal & Lucy Katrek

**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 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

**December 16th**

Infant— Hortense Bediam/Kelly Becker  
Toddler— Gail Stallings/Caroline Wesley  
2's & 3's—Julie Ramsey/Wayne Hughes  
Extra— Scott Crooks  
Floater—Gina Fogarty  
Children's Church—Micayla Clark/Stella Fogarty

**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
Danny Powell	Andy Fogarty
	Buddy Kelly
	Matt Ramsey
	James Wesley

**Evening Worship**

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude  
The Words of Welcome  
\* The Call to Worship  
\* The Psalm – 70A NOEL NOUVELET  
The Prayer of Invocation  
The Hymn – 229 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*  
The Psalter Reading Westminster Shorter Catechism 29-31 (pg. 871)  
The Offering & Prayer of Dedication  
The Offertory  
The Evening Prayer  
The Hymn – 227 *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*  
\* The Reading of God's Word Hosea 10:1-15 (pg. 756-57)  
The Sermon *The Vine – Spiritual Fruitlessness or Fruitfulness*  
Rev. Joel Smit  
\* Hymn of Thanksgiving – 217 *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*  
\* The Benediction  
The Postlude



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*The Second 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.*

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