

## Order for the Worship of God

11 A.M.

**The Prelude** *Prelude on the Coventry Carol* W. S. Lloyd Webber

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Light of Joy**  
Acolyte Nathan Hughes

### The Welcome & Exhortation to Worship

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

#### \* The Call to Worship – John 1:1, 4-5

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

**People: and the Word was God.**

Pastor: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**People: The light shines in the darkness,**

**ALL: and the darkness has not overcome it.**

\* **Hymn of Praise No. 214** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

#### \* The Prayer of Invocation

#### \* The Confession of Sin

Pastor: O promised Christ:

**People: We are a world at war.**

Pastor: Our peace depends on Your coming.

**People: We are a sinful people.**

Pastor: Our pardon depends on Your coming.

**People: We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;**

Pastor: our only hope of doing God's Will is that You should come and help us do it.

**People: LORD Christ, Word made flesh,**

Pastor: We praise You that You have come and now are one with our blood forever.

**People: You are our Mediator, Intercessor, and Savior.**

Pastor: Our world waits for Your eternal peace, for Your everlasting pardon, and for Your abounding grace.

**ALL: Even so: Come, LORD Jesus. Amen**

#### Assurance of Pardon – Ephesians 5:8

*“For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the LORD. Walk as children of light.”*

\* **Hymn of Assurance No. 201** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#### 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** – Luke 2:8-16 (pg. 857)

**The Anthem** *Rejoice and Sing This Christmas Morn* Eleanor Daley  
*Shepherds, arise! Behold the star brightly shining from afar. Run to the manger, seek the Child born today of Mary mild. Rejoice and sing this Christmas morn, for Jesus Christ the Babe is born. Alleluia, Christoparemus cantica, in excelsis Gloria. Shepherds, announce the Saviour's birth; angels are singing "peace on earth." God in His love has sent His Son down to earth. Wisemen have journey'd from afar guided by the eastern star, bearing their gifts as the prophets foretold, frankincense, and myrrh, and gold. Rejoice and sing this Christmas morn for Jesus Christ the LORD is born.*

\* **Hymn of Preparation No. 216** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
(Children K4-1<sup>st</sup> grade dismissed to children's church)

\* **The Old Testament Reading** – Isaiah 9:6-7 (pg. 573)

**The Sermon** *Isaiah's Christmas: Name Above All Names* Rev. Joel Smit

\* **Hymn of Affirmation No. 196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#### \* 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* 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  
6:00 P.M. - Choir Concert  
7:30 P.M. - Reception  
*Tuesday* - 11:30 A.M. - Keenagers Christmas luncheon  
*Wednesday* - 5:30 P.M. - Taco bar dinner  
- Youth Christmas party  
6:30 P.M. - Adult Bible study, King's Kids,  
Choir Rehearsal  
*Sunday* - 3:30 P.M. - Crafts and Carols  
5:00 P.M. - Soup dinner  
6:00 P.M. - A Christmas Pageant

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> we will have a Taco bar 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.

**KEENAGERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** On 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. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship with one another.

**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. To fully stock the panty 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 16th

Church Wing— Smadja Hart

School Wing— Crystal & Lucy Katrek

#### December 23rd

Church Wing— Tom & Maxine Miller

School Wing— Ralph & Evelyn Canup

**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 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

**December 23rd**

Infant— Susan Holland/Jill Fogarty  
Toddler— Joy Douglas/Josh Stevenson  
2's & 3's—Amanda Stevenson/Mary MacGregor  
Extra— James Wesley  
Floater—Lily Becker  
Children's Church—Ruth O'Neal/Lucy Katrek

*Choir Concert*

*The Choir will present Handel's oratorio*

*Messiah*

*at 6:00 p.m.*

*A reception immediately following in the*

*fellowship hall.*



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*The Third 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.*

**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

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