

Order for the Worship of God

11 A.M.

The Prelude *Chorale Prelude on 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen'* J. Brahms

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *The Light of Peace*
Acolyte Livi Powell

The Welcome & Exhortation to Worship

The Introit *Sing We Now O Christmas* French Noel

* **The Call to Worship** – Luke 2:29-32

* **Hymn of Praise No. 195** *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

* **The Prayer of Invocation**

* **The Confession of Faith – The Word Made Flesh**

We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our LORD. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things. Jesus Christ is LORD; we praise His holy name forever. Amen.

* **Hymn of Faith No. 203** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

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 *Aria 'Schlafe, mein Liebster'* J. S. Bach

* **The Doxology No. 214** *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verse 3)
Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the LORD, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* **The New Testament Reading** – Matthew 1:1-17 (pg. 807)

The Anthem *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Michael Praetorius
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Saviour, when half spent was the night. This flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us and lightens every load. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming.

* **Hymn of Preparation No. 207** *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church)

* **The Old Testament Reading** – Isaiah 11:1-9 (pg. 575)

The Sermon *Isaiah's Christmas: Tender Shoot of the Stump*
Rev. Joel Smit

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

* **The Benediction**

* **The Congregational Chorus No. 211** *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*
(verse 1)

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

* **The Postlude** *Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo"* Johann M. Bach

* The congregation stands.

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
3:30 P.M. - Crafts & Carols
5:00 P.M. - Soup dinner
6:00 P.M. - Christmas Pageant
Monday - 6:00 P.M. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday - - Christmas Day

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL: There will be no Wednesday night meal on Wednesday, December 26th or Wednesday, January 2nd. We will resume with our normal Wednesday night meal and activities on Wednesday, January 9th.

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. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend.

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.

BETHANY SOUP LUNCHEON: The Women in the Church will host a Bethany Soup Luncheon on Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 20th immediately following morning worship in the fellowship hall. Stay tuned for additional details regarding this event.

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

SERMON NOTES

Crafts & Carols

*This evening beginning at 3:30 p.m.
Followed by a soup dinner at 5:00 p.m.*

Following the dinner, the children of SPC will present

“A Christmas Pageant”

*Please come and see our Covenant Children as they portray the birth of
Christ and the Nativity*



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The Fourth 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	Matt Ramsey
Danny Powell	Andy Fogarty	James Wesley
	Buddy Kelly	

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