

Order for the Worship of God

11 A.M.

“..a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to Your people Israel.”

~ Luke 2:32

The Prelude “Sussex Carol” arr. Dale Wood
Based on a traditional English Carol

The Welcome & Exhortation to Worship

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath *The Light of Joy- Luke 2:15-20, John 10:11*
Acolyte-Peter Smit

The Introit *Sing We Now O Christmas* French Noel

* The Call to Worship – John 1

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word.

People: And the Word was with God and the Word was God.

Pastor: In Him was light.

People: And the light was the life of all people.

ALL: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

* **Hymn of Praise #1. 203** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

* **Hymn of Praise #2. 207** *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

* 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. 216** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

The Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response *Almighty Father*

The LORD’s Tithes and Our Offerings

(Please sign & pass the registration pad)

The Offertory

* **The Doxology** *What Child Is This (vs. 3)*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

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, Alleluia, Christo paremus 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 the Promised One. Wise men have journey’d from afar guided by the eastern star, bearing their gifts as the prophets foretold, frankincense, and myrrh, and gold.

* **Hymn of Preparation No. 208** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children’s church)

* **The New Testament Reading** – Luke 2:25-35 (pgs. 857-58)

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

* **Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 195** *Joy to the World! The LORD Is Come*

* 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** “Carillon” on a Ukrainian Bell Carol G. Near

* 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
6:00 P.M. - Christmas Eve Candlelight service

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: We welcome to our church family Charles & Kristin Soileau. Please welcome the Soileaus at the end of the service with the right hand of fellowship.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & ACTIVITIES: There will be no Wednesday night dinner or Bible study on Wednesday, December 27th. We will resume with our activities on Wednesday, January 3rd.

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.

BABY SHOWER BRUNCH: The Love and Gentleness Circles will be hosting a baby shower brunch for Smadja Hart & Meg King on Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited to attend.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: Praise the LORD for SPC’s faithful teachers of our covenant children. Some have served the Lord as teachers for more than ten years, and some without a break. What love of Jesus this shows. Would you consider helping to share in this growing work? We need more teachers, as well as some who can substitute or help with the administration of our Children’s Discipleship Ministry. Whether Sunday School, King’s Kids or PYF, and from toddlers through teens, there is room in this harvest field for both men and women. Interested? See Bill Pruett or call him at 404-277-0067.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: The offering envelopes for 2018 are available in the Narthex across from the men’s restroom. At the end of December, please discard any remaining 2017 envelopes you may have. **Please remember to write your name on your envelope.** Thank you!

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

December 24th

Church Wing— Tom & Maxine Miller

School Wing— Ralph & Evelyn Canup

December 31st

Church Wing— Dervon & Joy Douglas

School Wing— Randy & Page Whitfield

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 24th

Infant— Crystal Katrek/Margaret MacGregor

Toddler— Linda Pruett/Jordan Lee

2’s & 3’s—Amanda Stevenson/John Ridings

Extra– Max Thelen

Floater—Ella Becker

Children’s Church—Paige Crooks

December 31st

Infant— Hortense Bediam/Ruth O’Neal

Toddler— Ellen Milberger/Jamie Hughes

2’s & 3’s—Rose Zang/Andy Fogarty

Extra– Dwight Thomas

Floater—Lilli Hovey

Children’s Church—Henry Katrek

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
beginning at 6:00 p.m. this evening.



~ Established 1914 ~

Presbyterian Church in America

December 24, 2017

3130 Atlanta Road
Smyrna, Georgia 30080
www.smyrnapres.org

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	

Smyrna Presbyterian Church

Phone: 770-435-2251 – Fax: 770-435-2256

Office hours: 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday

8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on Friday

www.smyrnapres.org

Covenant Christian School

Phone: 770-435-1596

Office hours: 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday

www.ccssmyrna.org

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.