

December 11, 2005

“Third Sunday of Advent”

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Gathering Around the Word

This time of preparation is offered so that you may ready your heart for the worship of God. Prayer, silence, or reverent and quiet greeting of one another in Christ are all appropriate during these moments. May God bless you as you enter His presence.

The Chimes (11:00)

Prelude “Lo, How a Rose” (11:00) Praetorius

Welcome and Announcements Shari Dobyns

Prayer of Preparation

God of peace, when Your Son Jesus was born of Mary, tyrants ruled and the people were afraid. But You love justice. You bring Your peace in the midst of great trouble and strife. Free us from fear, bring us joy. Hear our prayers and accept our thanksgiving. Make us ready for the coming of Christ Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Choral Introit “Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child” arr. Lloyd Larson
(11:00) *Men’s Chorus*

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord. Let God’s deeds be known in all the earth.

People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in Your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Leader: As the earth brings forth its shoots, and as what is sown springs up in a garden, so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations.

People: We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, we will praise God with our whole being.

All: Let us worship God.

Lighting the Advent Candle “Joy”

Elder Tom Reider and Deacon Jay Moffett (8:30)

Elder Gerry Hamilton and Deacon Anne Reed (11:00)

Leader: May God free us from fear and bring us to His Joy.

People: Come, Lord Jesus. In Your light we will trust and not be afraid.
(Repeated response)

* **Hymn #245** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *(see insert)*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of love, we have not always used our gifts for the common good. We have been impatient. We have grumbled against others. We have often failed to hold fast to what is true. We have neglected to share all we have with those in need. Restore us, O Lord, and make us instruments of Your peace. Keep us mindful of our baptism with Your Holy Spirit into the communion of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray... *(Worshippers continue in a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God who is faithful will hear and forgive us.

People: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* **Glory Be to the Father**

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.

Anthem “O Come, O Come on Christmas Day” arr. Patrick Liebergen
(11:00) *Adult Choir with Grace Bells*

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Brian Andrew Whitener

The Apostles' Creed

Baptismal Song "Welcome to the Family"
Adult Choir

Following the pastor's statement, the congregation shall respond:

"With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Brian into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support him, to share the good news of the gospel with him, and to help him know and follow Christ."

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Lauren Scharstein

* **Hymn #259** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" *(see insert)*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

New Testament Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Olin Whitener, Jr.

"Rejoicing, Praying Without Ceasing, And Giving Thanks Always"

Responding to the Word

* **Affirmation of Faith** Taken from the Shorter Catechism
What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" arr. Lloyd Larson
Men's Chorus (8:30)
"I Saw Three Ships" (11:00) arr. Joseph Martin
piano: Austine Perrow

* **Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bearing the Word Into the World

* **Hymn #271** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" *(see insert)*

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Response #256** "Love Has Come!" *(see insert)*
(3rd verse)

* **Postlude** "Joy to the World" arr. Fletch Wiley
trumpets: Rick and Matt McKibben

* Those who are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Dr. Olin Whitener, Jr., father of Jason Whitener. Rev. Whitener is serving as the Interim Pastor of the Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

The Rose, Dutch Cradle Cross and Bible on the chancel today are in celebration of the birth of Logan Thomas Hostetter, to Tom and Tamara Hostetter on Tuesday, December 6, 2005. The proud big brother is Spencer Hostetter, proud grandparents are Roy and Nancy Groah and proud great-grandmother is Edgar Hailey. May God bless their family as they grow to love each other in Christ.

The Middle and High School Youth Group will meet today following the 11:00 worship service for lunch and a mission event. The youth will help residents of the Avante Nursing Home in Waynesboro write Christmas cards. We will also sing some Christmas carols. Please bring one unopened box of Christmas cards. We will return to the church around 2:45 p.m. Next Sunday, December 18th, the High School youth will meet at Craig and Shari Dobyns' for dinner and a Christmas party. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift. Next Sunday, December 18th, the Middle School Youth will meet to see the movie, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". We will go to the afternoon showing of the movie at the Staunton Mall. The exact time will be announced next Sunday.

LOGOS, Wednesday, December 14th: A volunteer is needed for snack. Angie Norman and Hilda McClain assist in the LOGOS nursery.

The LOGOS Finger Food Buffet: The congregation is invited to the annual Finger Food Buffet this Wednesday, December 14th at 6:15 p.m. in Spring Hall. Please bring your favorite finger food and join us for fellowship and fun!

LOGOS 5th-8th grade caroling: This Wednesday, December 14th, our C.L.A.Y. Choir and R.O.C.K. Singers will travel to Birch Gardens Retirement Home to sing and share some Christmas cheer. Please be on time for LOGOS as we need to leave promptly at 4:30 p.m. We will return by 5:30 p.m. The children will be traveling in vehicles driven by their playtime and worship skills leaders.

LOGOS, C.L.A.Y., R.O.C.K. and F.I.S.H. will break for Christmas, December 21st-January 4th. We will resume on Wednesday, January 11th. If you would like to register your child for the second semester, parents must attend one of the Parents' Meetings on January 11th. The meetings will take place in Room #211 at 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. Contact Laura Boward or Judy Kauffman if you have any questions.

Praise Music will be offered next Sunday, December 18th before the Prelude in the 11:00 a.m. worship. Come early if you would like to listen or sing along.

LOGOS SONshine Singers and C.L.A.Y. Choir (3rd-6th graders) will sing during the Choral Introit next Sunday, December 18th for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please meet in the Adult Choir room at 10:30 a.m. to rehearse.

Mitten Tree: Once again this year the congregation is invited to bring new mittens, gloves, scarves, socks and any other warm clothing items and place them on the mitten tree in the parlor. Shenandoah Presbytery will deliver all of these items to a homeless shelter (Zacchaeus' Kitchen) in Washington D.C. We will collect items through Sunday, December 18, 2005.

Nursery Needs: Both the crib and toddler nursery are in need of several items including small crib sheets (port-a-crib size), two plain diaper pails, two changing pads, and one changing table. If you have any of the above items and would be willing to donate them to the nursery, please speak to Cheryl Moffett, Lara Marcum, or Nicole Hutchinson.

Two Nurseries for 8:30 Worship: As of January 1st there will be a crib (0-2 years) and a toddler (2-4 years) nursery for the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

Nursery volunteers are needed for the Christmas Eve worship services. Call Lara Marcum or Nicole Hutchison if you would be willing to volunteer.

Week's Schedule (December 11th – 18th)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Today	12:00 p.m.	High School & Middle School Youth	
Today	3:00 p.m.	Adult Praise Band	Spring Hall
Today	5:00 p.m.	Grace Bells	Bell Room
Today	6:30 p.m.	Joint Officer Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Today	7:30 p.m.	Session	Fellowship Hall
Today	7:30 p.m.	Deacons	Room 215
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Kitchenette
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Senior Citizens	F.U.M.C.
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Tinkling Belles	Room 213
Wednesday	4:15 p.m.	LOGOS 5 th -8 th caroling	Birch Gardens
Wednesday	4:15 p.m.	LOGOS/C.L.A.Y./R.O.C.K.	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	F.I.S.H.	
Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	LOGOS Finger Food Buffet	Spring Hall
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Room 207
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Christmas Program	Spring Hall
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	Young Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall

Nursery Attendants

	<u>Today</u>	<u>December 18th</u>
8:30:	Kevin & Sandra Bell	Joe & Robbin Miskell
Sunday School:	Gerald & Leah Showalter	Cindy & Latany Bell
11:00 Crib:	Angie Norman & Gail Byrd	Sharon & Kayla Estes, Ginny Moss
11:00 Toddler:	Betsy Conyers & Daniel Quillen	Darrell & Ginger Byrd, Lynsey Wheeler, Kaitlyn Ambler

*All nursery attendants are asked to arrive promptly to allow parents and Sunday School teachers to attend Sunday School and worship.

Our Stewardship Report (2005 Budget \$557,980)

Needed per week:	\$9,522.69	Year to date:	\$466,611.81
Received last week:	\$13,764.75	Year to date:	\$469,834.94

Attendance, December 4th

8:30 Worship:	92	11:00 Worship:	265
Sunday School:	202	Sunday School Offering:	\$120.73

Prayer List

Health Concerns

Jim Achterhof	Clara Annison	Danny Blye*	Marianne Cashatt
Wilson Coffey	Willard Compton	Jan Deitz	Stanley Doyle
Herbie Eavers	Alan Foster	Rev. Francis Funk	Justin Harris
Alice Holland	Al Holsinger	Coolidge Hise	Roger Jarrell
Kristina Jette	John Koogler	Anna Longley	Maria Longley
Mary Evelyn McChesney		Hannah McNeal	James Mehfoud
Donna Miller	Carol Jo Mills	R.W. Moffett	Ryan Moneymaker
Thomas Morgan	Henry Myers*	John Nicora	Birdie Parker
Melissa Patrick*	T.J. Richardson	Bart Rowe	Rudy Shaver
Joyce Slechta	Rick Suyes	Mary Wheeler	

In Special Care

Faye Armstrong	Vera Brown	Lorraine Caldwell	Maxine Francis
Violet Gochenour	Bernyce Layman	Frances Ann Lucas	Minnie Sorrell
Homer Weaver	Laura Weaver		

Special Concerns

Armed Forces	Hurricane Victims	Earthquake Victims	
Andy Cunningham	Jason Davis	Ken Elliton	Mark Houff
Capt. Elijah Ward			

In Bereavement

Family of Mary Ann Price*

*New to Prayer List



Christmas Poinsettias

In Loving Memory Of:

T. Henry and Thelma B. Conyers
Mary Jane (Hevener) Kiser
Tabatha Renae Brown
Stanley Seacord, Loa & Joe Demarchi
Aimee Langouet
Jean Marie Astrie
Marthe and Paul Robert
Francoise Astrie
Chesley and Marie Gregory,
 Ramon and Iris Tobias
Elizabeth "Bibbuf" Wick
Alice Gordon
Mary Lomma, Lucille Lawskowski and
 Robert Riley
Barbara Arehart
Granville Mawyer
Jerry and Christine Wiseman
Melvin and Phyllis Koogler
J. Thurman Hailey
Stephen Allen Van Fossen
George and Withers Andrews
Melissa (Andrews) and Keith Pearson
B.E. Beckner
George Hutchens
Jean Brodwater
A.P. and Rachel Boxley, Jr.
Morris R. Snead

In Honor Of:

Maxine "Memaw" Yancey
Bill and Janette Gordon
Bill and Gloria Shaver

Virginia Snead
The TSPC Music Ministry
The TSPC Staff

Given By:

The Caldwell and Conyers Families
The Paxton Family
Lucy and Hunter Brown
Elizabeth, Christopher & Joseph Demarchi
The Langouet Family
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The Gregory & Bosserman Families
Sharon Shumate
Cindy Carpenter

The Ray Family
The Craft Family
Linwood and Ellen Wiseman
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Gary and Jennifer Koogler
Edgar Hailey
Carl and Diane Van Fossen
Billy and Becky Conyers
Billy and Becky Conyers
Ann Hutchens
Ann Hutchens
Charlie Brodwater
Al and Dale Boxley III
Al and Dale Boxley III

Given By:

Lucy and Hunter Brown
Cindy Carpenter
Allen, Kristen, Luke, Bobby, Will and
Markus Strecker
Al and Dale Boxley III
Anonymous
Anonymous

