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We welcome each person who is visiting with our congregation and extend a special invitation for you to make The Presbyterian Church of Radford your home. Members and visitors, please sign the friendship pads and note any pastoral needs or concerns. Hearing devices are available in the Narthex. If you wish to use one during worship, please let one of our ushers know. Kindly remove the batteries after use.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, JS Bach
Soohyun Yun, Organist and Music Director

Welcome

Good morning! **Good morning!**
The Lord be with you; **And also with you.**

Congregational Life Shared

*Call to Worship**

from Philippians 2

Have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus:

**Who did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness.... All praise to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Lighting of Advent Candle

Karen and Hugh Miller

**Hymn O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

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Please use blue hymnal

ASTERISK * indicates rise in body or spirit. BOLD indicates congregational response.

Announcements

The coffee, tea and chocolates continue on sale in the fellowship hall. If you wish a particular flavor please note that on a list on the coffee cabinet.

Bill and Nancy Hudson send grateful thanks to this caring church family who has provided comfort and support to them during Bill's stay in Roanoke Memorial Hospital. The cards, texts, visits, food, good wishes, and prayers have been much appreciated.

Thank you, PCR, for surrounding me with your beautiful cards and kind words after the passing of my dear mother, Marjorie Beets. Your support gives me strength and is much appreciated. Love, Becky Covey

There is no session meeting in December.

We will be the support congregation for St. Judes who is hosting To Our House for the week of Jan.20-Jan.26. Our responsibility will be dinners and someone to serve as a host person during the evening hours. Call Ginny Jones (540-230-6920) or email her at ginnygjones@hotmail.com

The Hendrickson Family has donated the chair lift that Doris used on their stairs here in Radford. They had hoped that PCR could use it to transport people from one level of our church to another. However, because we are a public building, we are not allowed to use chair lifts designed for a home. So, if you know anyone in our church or someone in the community who has need of this wonderful piece of equipment, please contact Glenn Young (382-0393). The only cost will be the installation in a private home.

The session would like to thank our church members for the strong support of the new hymnal project. Donations have made possible the purchase of 50 new Glory to God (purple) hymnals for our church services. We will indeed gain many years of inspiration and joy from these new hymnals. The church still needs approximately 50 additional hymnals in order to serve our congregation adequately. Donations to help purchase the additional hymnals will be accepted through January 15. Make a donation now and you can add a dedication to remember or honor someone important in your life. (See attached list)

Calendar and Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 17	9:45am	Sunday School - decorating Gingerbread house. Bring can of icing & something to help decorate
Sunday, Dec. 17	11:00am	Worship – Tupper Garden
Sunday, Dec. 17	After worship	Called Session for the purpose of examining the elders for the Class of 2020 and also to fill the vacancy for class of 2018
Sunday, Dec. 24	11:00 am	Worship Joy offering
Sunday, Dec. 24	7:00PM	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, Jan. 7	11:00	ordination and installation of new elders for the Class of 2020 and one filling the vacancy for 2018.
Sunday, Jan. 7	11:00am	Worship - Communion

Head Usher for December 17, 2017 – Robin Troxel
Assistant – Carol White

Head Usher for December 24, 2017 – Gary Collier
Assistant – Bob Whisonant

Lectionary Readings for December 24, 2017

Isa. 9:2-7; Ps. 96
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20) Titus 2:11-14

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Great God, You have come to us in Jesus Christ and are present with us even now. You promise that You will always and ever be with us, and that one day we and all creation will know Your love in all its fullness.

Yet we, Your people, walk through the world in faithlessness. We do not live as a people who embody the good news of Your coming. Our world needs us to exhibit hope, faith, and love, but we often have too little to share. Forgive us we pray.

Silent Confession

By Your Spirit, help us to believe in our hearts the news of Christ. Come to us and give us a full measure of Your love in Christ. Send us forth as those who live in hope and humble assurance of Your kingdom. Help us to give to others the light of your gift given us in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

(1 John 1)

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.

If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* R. Willis
Featuring Mack Hilton, saxophone

Children's Sermon Georgeanne Lavery, D.C. E

Reading of Scripture

Epistle Reading: Tupper Garden

Philippians 2:5-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bibles - Large Print Pgs. 240-241, Standard Print Pg. 186)

Gospel Reading Tupper Garden

Matthew 1:18-25

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of the Lord endures forever. **AMEN.**

(Pew Bibles - Large Print Pgs. 1-2, Standard Print Pg. 1)

Sermon: "Best Supporting Actor" Tupper Garden

***Hymn** *Angels We Have Heard on High* 23
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***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (traditional)* 14

***Gloria Parti** 579

Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Grieg Notturmo, op. 54, no. 4

***Doxology**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Robin Troxel

Go in God's Name

***Hymn** *What Child Is This?* 53

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***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude *Carol Medley.*

M. Hayes

Remember the Following in Your Prayers

Congregation: *Mary Beth Greer (daughter of Lura Alice and Richard Robertson), Annyce Levy, Adrienne Harvey (daughter of Steve and Vanessa Harvey), Katie Shipe, Barbara Bostic, Ted Bostic, Bill Hudson, Richard and Lura Alice Robertson, Mabbot Warren (the Crossings), Marj Lyle, Franklin Jones, Randy Ogden*

Friends of the Congregation: *Mary Etta Morris (sister of Helen Harvey) Yulia Slone (daughter of Noel & Sharon Slone), Family of Marjorie Beets (mother of Becky Covey), Bob Guffey (brother of Wilma Allen), Wayne Guffey (cousin of Wilma Allen), Carol Brenner (Patsy Dickerson's cousin), Jamie Hall (niece of Cindy Stone), David and Ann Dedrick (Missionaries, Africa), Bill and Cynthia Garrett (Missionaries, Africa)*