

Session

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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. Please take a visitor's card from the pew, fill it out and place it in the offering plate. Hearing devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you wish to use one during worship, please let one of our ushers know. Kindly remove the batteries after use.

Presbyterian Church of Radford

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

(asterisk * indicates rise in body or spirit. BOLD indicates congregational response)

PRELUDE “*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*” c. T. Olivers Joey Harrington

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Karen & Hugh Miller

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are waiting for the dawn of God’s incarnation. Teach us to keep alert as we wait.

People: We are like clay awaiting the potter. Restore us, O God. Let us see your face.

Leader: Praise the One who grants us the gift of life. Give thanks for God’s continuing faithfulness.

People: Make your ways known to us, O God. Sustain us this day as we worship you.

Leader: We light the candle of hope this first Sunday of Advent, opening our eyes for signs of God’s presence.

People: With hearts full of gladness, we act with hope. With great joy, our lives will show forth our faith!

*HYMN # (purple)

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKING IN WORSHIP - Masking in worship and Sunday school will be optional. This policy is subject to change if there is another surge in COVID-19 cases.

Christmas Dinner-Sunday December 3, 6 pm-Join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, fun, and food in this special season of the year. Turkey, ham, dressing, and bread will be provided by the Fellowship and Recreation Committee. This will be a potluck meal so please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. See you there! **If you need a ride**, call the Lyerlys at 540-731-1707

The Necessities Pantry will once again distribute **gloves and warm hats for adults**, and **hats and mittens for children** of all ages at the **December pantry**. We welcome donations from the congregation. The community members and Ridgewood seniors that we serve will appreciate being able to stay warm this winter.

The Angel Tree Please remember to sign your name on the clipboard next to any angels you choose. This allows us to call you if a reminder is needed. All wrapped and tagged gifts are due by December 17th, so they can be delivered to the Recovery Center. Thank You.

Sesquicentennial Committee(150th Anniversary) 2024 Sesquicentennial Committee is being put together for the **150th Anniversary in October 2024**. If you would like to be part of this committee please contact: **Becky Covey**.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Congregation: Pastor Nominating Committee, Marj Lyle, Randy Ogden, Richard Robertson, Linda Coyle, Ron Stockhoff, Brian & Sylvia Atkinson, George & Jimmie Parish, Maureen Thomas, Sherry & Ty Oxley, Sylvia Wright, Jim Coulthard, Ginny Jones, Barbara Bostic

Friends of the Congregation: Al Harris (friend of Ginny Jones), Marge Rasheff (Karen Miller’s mother), April Collins Salvant (friend of Annyce Levy), Trey and Christina Wall (son & daughter in law of Dot Wall), Wanda Rose (friend of the Whisonants), Bob Herndon (John Herndon father), Bob Sumski (friends of Wilma & Charlie Allen), Holly Moore (daughter of Sylvia Atkinson), Dawn Cox (friend of Jordan Robertson), Elizabeth Klein (Friend of Steve Willis), John Simmons (friend of Charlie & Wilma Allen) , Family of Casey McIntyre,

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Head Ushers for December are:

December 3,10 Diane Bibb
December 17, 24, 31 David Young

December 3rd- 1st Sunday of Advent, Christmas Dinner

December 6th- Lunch Bunch Wed at noon: Program by Annyce Levy and Gail Fei: **Christmas in Appalachia**. Desserts will be provided by Barbara Newcomb.

December 8th- Decorate sanctuary for Christmas

December 10th- Communion

December 10. Christmas Crafts Gathering, The Christian Education Committee will be sponsoring a **Christmas Crafts Gathering** again this year for the congregation. This will be on **Sunday, December 10** immediately following the worship service. We will serve **pizza** and have lots of fun creating all sorts of Christmas Crafts, including **Gingerbread houses**. Please plan to join us! We are looking for **volunteers to set up stations with crafts too**. We had such a good variety last year and hope to expand on that this year. If you would be willing to lead a station please contact **Patty Oakley** or one of the members of the CE Committee.

December 17th- Children’s Pageant during Worship

No Session Meeting in December

December 24th – No Christmas Eve Night Service

December 24th and 31st – No Children’s Sunday School or Children’s Church

December 25th – Christmas Day (Monday) the Church Office will be Closed.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules; we rush about. Captivated by technology, seduced by the lure of consumer goods, we do not remain alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, in the world. We do not try to draw closer to you; instead we lash out—against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray. Make us better doorkeepers of our lives, watching for you attentively. Awaken us to your surprising power, glory and peace, so we do not miss how near you are to us. Be gracious to us, and restore our hope. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. We pray in the name of Christ, who was, and is, and is to come. AMEN

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear this good news: in Christ there is strength and wisdom, expansive love and everlasting grace. **We are forgiven and transformed to go and proclaim the wonder of the one who comes to be with us and makes us new!**

Thanks be to God.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 64: 1-9
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 13: 24-37
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON “**Hurry Up and Wait**” Rev. Rachel Vogado

***HYMN # (purple)**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed -Pg 35 in Purple Hymnal—. I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only**

Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN

OFFERING “ *A Change to Keep I Have*” c. Lowell Mason Joey Harrington

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Pg **606** in Purple Hymnal

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place and for the gift of hope. Strengthen our witness and our spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation. **AMEN**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

We now join our voices together to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN # (purple)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“the king Shall Come when Morning Dawns”* c. J. Grotenhuis
Joey Harrington

NOTES