



Morning Worship Service



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Responsive Call to Worship Rev. Wayland

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

People: *With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.*

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

People: *With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.*

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

People: *With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.*

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

People: *by hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.*

Leader: For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God. We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice and peace for all of creation.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

* Opening Prayer Mrs. Lyn Hansen

Advent Hymn:

We light the Advent candles against the winter night, to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world's True Light, to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world's True Light.

We light the second candle, and hear God's holy Word, it tells us, cling to Jesus, prepare to meet your Lord, it tells us, cling to Jesus, prepare to meet your Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Candle Tammy, Nat and Jacob Hylton

The Meaning of the Service Elder Brenda Carper

* Hymn #347 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Unison Prayer Rev. Wayland

Heavenly Father, as we decorate this building, adorn our hearts and minds with your love and peace. Help us to focus with joy on the true meaning of Christmas. May the hope, peace, and joy of this season adorn us in your bountiful grace and love as we witness to the world your gift of salvation through the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Meaning of the Advent Wreath Elder Kate Lewis Brown

* Hymn #85 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

God will send a righteous King [cedar] Mrs. Lyn Hansen

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 23:5-6

* Hymn #104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

The prophet declares a child will be born [evergreens] Elder John Brown

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*Hymn #140 "Once in Royal David's City"

The Meaning of Poinsettias

Responsive Reading Rev. Wayland

Leader: The desert and the parched land will be glad;
People: *The wilderness will rejoice and blossom.*
Leader: Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
People: *It will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.*

The fourth servant song [holly] Mrs. Crystal Mason

Scripture Reading Isaiah 53:1-6

The Meaning of the Nativity Scene JR Sloan

Responsive Reading Rev. Wayland

Leader: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from ancient times.
People: *Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth.*

Leader: He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

People: And he will be their peace.

* Hymn #115 "Away in a Manger"

The mystery of the incarnation [Christmas Tree] Rev. Wayland

Scripture Reading John 1:1-5, 9-14

*Hymn "O Christmas Tree" See insert

The History of the Chrismon Tree Elder Diana McKinley

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer #91 "Come, Come Emmanuel"

Prayers of the People

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 our daily bread. 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.

Call for Offering Four Cents a Meal Ellie Sloan

Offertory "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Arr. Lucy Ann Warriner

* Doxology to tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*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.*

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #83 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response #136 "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

**Postlude "Angels from the Realms of Glory" arr. John Innes

* You are invited to stand.

Participants in today's service:


Greeters: Ruth Berg, Gwen Noll, Brenda Carper

Nursery: Anna and Adam Collis

No Children's Church today.

Announcements

Welcome to Falling Waters Presbyterian Church. On this Second Sunday in Advent we eagerly welcome all who have joined with us in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this time of worship be encouraging and inspirational to all. **Please join us following worship for a coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.**



Please be sure to fill out a **visitor's card** and wear the **visitor's tag** so people will know you are new to the church. **Visitor Bags** are in the vestibule. If you are a first-time visitor, please take one. A **Nursery** is provided downstairs for children, infants through four years old. There are **hearing aides** on the table in the vestibule for the use of those who have difficulty hearing the service. They are easy to operate.

Please keep the following folks in your hearts and prayers:

Mary Hodges, Waneda Bowers, Joan Chambers, Billy Berg, Pam Arvon, Ethel Bovey, Sherry Manor, Jimmy Dunham, Jimmy Cloud, Ted Largent, Virginia Snyder, Bill Zombro, Paula Tobin, Steve Bucklew, Mtn. Chapel, our Session, our President, the nation at large and our armed forces, our sister churches in Ethiopia and Shenandoah Presbytery and our missionary, Nadia Ayoub in the Ukraine.



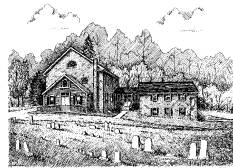
Today is the last Sunday to donate to **Warm the Children, Amazing Grace Fund and poinsettias.**

2015 **Advent Devotionals** "Proclaiming the Good News of God's Peace" and the November-December edition of *Presbyterians Today* are available in the vestibule. Please take one per family.

During Advent two **Angel Trees** will be placed on the landings to the balcony. Please feel free to decorate the trees with an angel of your own in memory or honor of a loved one

Donations are still needed for the **gifts bags for our shut-ins.** Items may be placed in the church office.

A **Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for December 13 immediately following worship to elect Elders and the Nominating Committee.



Falling Waters Presbyterian Church was established in 1745 just south of the ford of the Potomac River at Falling Waters, Virginia. In 1796 the place of worship was moved from the bend of the Potomac to Spring Mills. The present brick structure was built in 1834 after a fire had destroyed the original wooden edifice.

☛ The Session ☛

Ruth Berg, Clerk of the Session

Class of 2015

Paul Peach

Kelsey Shipper

Kate Lewis Brown

Class of 2016

Kathy Goodell

Ron Hansen

Jessica Ruqus

Class of 2017

Steve Aulabaugh

Renee Campbell

☛ The Trustees ☛

Sam Tobin Tink Manor Ron Hansen Diana McKinley
John Fleagle Becky Hawthorne

☛ Church Staff ☛

Fawn Fleagle, Secretary
Custodians, Bill and Barbara Cole
Amanda Lewis, Supply Organist

☛ Church Activities ☛

Worship Service Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study Second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of every month following Worship
Session Meeting Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Church Office Hours Tuesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Pastor's Study Hours Monday and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

☛ Falling Waters Presbyterian Church Vision Statement ☛

Because God first loved us, we are called to love, serve and witness.

Mission Statement

We, as members of the body of Christ and Falling Waters Presbyterian Church, strive to be an extended family--- reaching out to one another, our community and the world.

In offering ourselves to this sacred mission, we will show the way of Christ so that the community and the world in which we live may learn "to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with God."

- - Micah 6:8

FALLING WATERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." -Westminster Catechism



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December 6, 2015
10:00 a.m.

"Second Sunday of Advent"

The Rev. Dr. Rose Wayland, Interim Pastor

O Christmas Tree

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging.
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Not only green when summer's here,
But also when its cold and drear.
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How often has the Christmas tree
Afforded me the greatest glee!
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Thy candles shine so brightly.
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From base to summit, gay and bright
There's only splendor for the sight.
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How richly God has decked thee!
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